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22 July 2021

A MEETING of the **CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE** will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.00pm at the Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road, BS36 2LQ. All Committee Members are summoned to attend.

Kind Regards

*Daisy Finniear*

Daisy Finniear  
Community Project and Research Officer

#### AGENDA

**1 APOLOGIES**

MOTION: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

With reference to items on the agenda Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare interests and to update their register of interests as required.

**3 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

MOTION: to appoint a chair and vice chair for the climate and nature committee.

**4 TERMS OF REFERENCE (p3-4)**

MOTION: to approve the draft terms of reference for the climate and nature committee.

**5 OPEN MEETING**

Public participation: Members of the public will be invited to speak and/or question the Parish Council on issues relating to this agenda or raise issues for future consideration. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders shall not exceed 15 minutes, max. 3 minutes per person, and will be under the direction of the chairman of the meeting.

**6 MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 (p5-7)**

MOTION: to approve recommendations made at the climate and nature working group meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 regarding BBQ signage at the Centenary Field. Quotes to follow **and wording to be confirmed.**

**7 MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 (p8-12)**

MOTION: to approve the recommendations made at the climate and nature pre discussion meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Updated 3-year plan (p13-14)

Nesting bird policy and inspection sheet (p15-21).

Pesticide Policy (p22-24)  
Centenary Field Tree Map (p25).

**8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. The agenda pack can be collected from the Bockeridge Centre or on [framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk](http://framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk).**



## Climate & Nature Committee - Terms of Reference

### 1. Quorum

The quorum of the Committee shall be 3 voting members. Voting members are FCPC Councillors.

### 2. Scope of work

The Climate & Nature Committee will discuss and make recommendations to Council on matters pertaining to Climate & Nature. The Committee will consider and respond to all Climate & Nature proposals, ideas, and communications.

The Committee will engage with the community and raise the profile of the Climate & Nature Committee work carried out by the Parish Council. Opportunities will be made available to the public to share skills and contribute to the Committee.

The Climate & Nature Committee will have full Delegated Powers and Responsibilities for the following:

- Tackling carbon emissions.
- Biodiversity management/enhancement.
- Creation of documents such as the Climate Emergency.
- Influence planning applications where possible.
- Outreach to charities/groups such as Wildlife Trusts, Winterbourne Environmental Group.
- Map the environmental achievements of the Parish e.g. energy efficiency, carbon reduction.
- Climate emergency Action Planning.
- Research and apply for grant funding e.g. green Britain eccentricity, EMR 327, Perenpit Solar Farm Grant (community benefit).
- Creation and maintenance of a Climate and Nature blog page on FCPC website.
- Climate & nature projects.
- Climate & nature community events.

This list is not exhaustive and the Committee will be responsible for anything climate and nature related.

### 3. Public recruitment

Members of the public to be invited to committee meetings regularly via platforms such as Facebook, Parish Council website, and the Frome Valley Voice newsletter. All meetings should be publicised. Members of the public be a member of the Committee but will not have voting rights.

### 4. Delegated powers

Full delegated powers to deal with any Climate & Nature applications or correspondence. Minutes of all meetings to be ratified at the next full Council meeting.

### 5. Meeting schedule

Meetings to be arranged as and when required depending on Climate & Nature work. Where possible, a schedule of meetings and project topics to be scheduled and circulated to members and public.

## 6. Group Membership

There is to be a minimum of three FCPC Councillors in the Committee. Five members should be involved to ensure a quorum and a range of skills and experience. There is no limit of non-Councillors being part of the Committee but in order to have efficient and effective meetings no more than 5 is recommended.

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## Climate and Nature Meeting Notes 5th May 2021

Held online via zoom.

Councillor Membership: Tristan Clark, David Goodwin, Dave Hockey, Pat Hockey, Linda Williams.

Councillors present: David Goodwin, Dave Hockey, Pat Hockey.

Public attendance: 6.

Meeting start: 6pm

### 13. Agenda Item 1: Apologies for absence.

Cllr Williams, Cllr Clark.

### 14. Agenda Item 2: Introductions

New participants thanked for coming and introduced. Range of backgrounds, skillsets and interests. It was reiterated that no time commitment needed, and any help welcomed on any Climate and Nature projects.

### 15. Agenda Item 3: Centenary Field

#### 15.1 Woodland and Grassland Management

- Frampton Cotterell Parish Council have created a new woodland and grassland management plan for the Centenary Field.
- Quotes to undertake the management to be approved at Council on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

#### 15.2 Local Nature Reserve Designation

- The investigation into declaring the Centenary Field as a Local Nature Reserve is in process. The Parish Council has announced its support for the declaration. Nature Reserve status would raise awareness about protecting nature, highlight the Council's stance on protecting the environment and allow consideration within South Glos Council's Phase 2 Local Plan. LNR bylaws can also be decided on and implemented at the Parish Council's discretion to protect the environment and wildlife within the LNR.
- Concerns over the impact on the Frampton Festival were raised. LNR declaration would not prevent the festival from happening, this will remain the decision of the Council/committee. However, the council/committee may wish to work with the festival to make it more wildlife friendly if given permission to proceed with the event after LNR declaration.

**ACTION: Project officer to contact other Parish Councils with nature reserves for advice on potential conflicts and preventing loss of LNR declaration.**

**ACTION: Another session will be held to discuss the LNR declaration before it is made official.**

#### 15.3 BBQ usage

- BBQs are not being used correctly at the designated locations at the Centenary Field.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: that Council purchase signage stating correct usage of BBQ bench at the banqueting bench near the wheel at the Centenary Field (including metal plates instruction and discouragement of untidiness).**

#### 15.4 Pond

- The group agreed that the pond was overall a good idea for the site. A pond would be a good place for schools to undertake outdoor education sessions and provide a habitat for amphibians. If project goes ahead, the pond will not be created until next year.
- Concerns were raised for further investigation. This included maintenance of the pond, avoidance of disturbing amphibians, controlling rushes, contamination, controlling fly tipping and health and safety (such as at Frampton Festival).

**ACTION: Project Officer, to speak with other Parish Councils who have had ponds installed. and to contact on idife r t and reated organi tion for ad ice. Any further volunteers to help with the pond project to contact Daisy on [projectofficer@framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:projectofficer@framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk).**

#### 16. Agenda Item 4: Locations for trees

- The Park on School Road has potential for more trees around the borders, all group members in favour of this idea to be explored.
- South Glos Council have a programme for tree planting with the Woodland Trust, offering free trees.
- The idea of speaking with farmers who are willing to have trees planted on parts of their land was discussed. Trees can be presented in a positive way to farmers, offering better drainage, shelterbelts, flood protection and wind protection. Nesting birds can also reduce the need for pesticides.

**ACTION: Cllr David Goodwin to contact Globe Trotters to see if they have farmer contacts. Winterbourne Environment rep happy for email to be given to farmers to put them in contact with the farmer liaison officer. Other communications to go through Project Officer (Daisy: [Projectofficer@framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Projectofficer@framptoncottesrell-pc.gov.uk)).**

#### 17. Agenda Item 5: Ideas Session for Climate & Nature Action Plan

It was recommended that the following items be considered for the Councils 3 year plan:

- Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan, declaration, and policy.
- Community involvement (schools, businesses, churches and create volunteer group).
- Storage Batteries at Bockeridge Centre (capture excess solar).
- Community electric vehicle charging points.
- Creation of bug hotels/wildlife habitats.
- Climate & Nature events (BioBlitz, Nature QR treasure hunt, Festival stalls, nature walks etc).
- Wildlife competitions (e.g photography).
- Buglife's B-Line pollinator projects.
- Species monitoring volunteer projects.
- Local Nature Spotting app – volunteers.
- Collaboration with Plastic Free Frampton Cotterell: events, teracycle, recycling, waste.
- Mental health and nature campaigns.
- X3 Water fountains – bottle refill only. Explore Wessex water grant option.
- Traffic slowing through the village to reduce emissions and for safety.
- Environment audits/carbon calculator for Council buildings, businesses, and residents.
- Work with allotments: food waste, community sharing.
- Community engagement: promotion of Climate/Nature campaigns, events, tips.

**ACTION: Project Officer and Cllr. David Goodwin to include these ideas in the 3 year plan and work out approximate budgets. Final copy to be shared with Clerk to Council.**

**ACTION: Volunteers to contact and work with Daisy (Project Officer) to research possible species monitoring project ideas.**

#### 18. Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

No other business.

19. **Agenda Item 7: Date of next meeting**  
Next meeting to be held in June 2021 (date tbc).

Meeting end: 20:10pm.

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## Climate and Nature Pre-Committee Meeting Online Zoom Meeting Notes

**Meeting start:** 6pm

**Members of the public in attendance:** 5

**Officers Present:** Daisy Finniear (Project Officer)

**Councillors Present:** David Goodwin (Chair), Linda Williams, Julian Selman, Peter Semenenko, Pat Hockey, Dave Hockey.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Tristan Clark.

### 2. Meeting set up explained

It was explained that this was a pre discussion meeting as committee meetings now must legally be held in person. Online pre discussion meetings will allow more members of the public to participate. All recommendations made at this meeting are to be taken for approval at the in-person committee meeting with voting councillor members. The public are welcome at the committee meeting however must contact Daisy first to ensure capacity at the venue.

### 3. Introduction from Frome Valley Growing Group

A representative from Frome Valley Growing Group (FVGG) provided a presentation. The growing group have 1.5 acres of land which they manage in a permaculture style. They have a “no dig” set up which increases biodiversity and improves the structure of the soil. FVGG aim to increase awareness of where compost is going and the content of plastic. They are promoters of zero waste cultivation and are creating an edible landscape which works in collaboration with nature. The group save seeds for Bristol Seed Swap. Cllr Goodwin asked whether FVGG could work with Floral Friends of Frampton to seed swap.

**Recommendation:** Frome Valley Growing Group and Project Officer to liaise and investigate opportunities to collaborate on seed swapping and information sharing.

**Recommendation:** to promote the issue of plastic in garden waste through the parish communication channels.



#### 4. 3- Year Project Plan Timeline

The purpose of the 3-year project plan was outlined, stating it will form the basis for a more detailed Climate and Nature Action Plan for the village.

Members of the public raised that the current plan felt like a random list of projects – no coherence to an outsider. As headings they need to be part of an overall plan. Need more species monitoring – Project officer and Cllr Selman explained this will be expanded upon over the coming months. Cllr Goodwin stated that some projects on this list are part of other Parish Council projects.

Cllr D Hockey suggested speaking with Yate Town Council about their experience with installing the pond at Kingsgate Park. Project Officer to investigate.

**Recommendation:** To change the timeline of Centenary Field management to be from 2021 for the next 3 years as agreed within contract and to change Centenary Field pond timeline to include investigations in 2021/22 and installation in 2022/23.

**Recommendation:** To approve the suggested timeline and prioritisation for the 3-year climate and nature plan and to work towards expanding this list into a detailed Climate and Nature Action Plan for the village.

**Recommendation:** add creation of climate and nature policy to 3-year project plan timeline.

#### 5. Hedge at The Park

**Recommendation:** To plant native hedgerow in front of the damaged fence near Park Row (which is to be replaced) at The Park to help encourage biodiversity.

#### 6. To review draft Pesticide and Nesting Bird Policy

**Recommendation:** To approve the Nesting Bird Policy and inspection sheet after adding a section on ground nesting birds to, including the following information:

- Ground nesting birds shall be considered before mowing takes place in areas with long grass and where appropriate, such as the Centenary Field hay meadow, to allow areas of grass to grow throughout the breeding season to provide habitat for ground nesting birds. Where long grass is required to be cut during the breeding season, the nesting bird inspection sheet must be adhered to and a walkover of the site undertaken to check for evidence of nesting.
- When work needs to be undertaken by the River Frome, to consider birds nesting nearby and consider conservation work to enhance.
- Communication with members of the public, farmland owners and dog owners shall also be encouraged to raise awareness of ground nesting birds and to encourage responsible dog ownership during the breeding season.

**Recommendation:** to include Game act information in the nesting bird policy.

It was raised by a member of the public that there is more to hedgerow management than nesting birds to consider and the committee should consider an active hedgerow management policy.

**Recommendation:** to research and create hedgerow management policy for the parish council as part of the climate and nature policy, establishing the wildlife friendly way for managing hedges for wildlife and safety.

The pesticide policy was discussed and it was raised by Cllr. P Hockey that the Council resolved not to use pesticides on their land. Chair stated that comments in red are not proposed to go into the policy but are comments to consider from the Estates Officer.

It was raised by a member of the public that blanket bans are difficult to maintain.

**Recommendation:** to not allow weed killer at this stage at the car park at the Brockeridge Centre, instead to consider a volunteer day to remove weeds by hand with a call for volunteers in the Frome Valley Voice.

**Recommendation:** To approve the pesticide policy after removing the comments from the estates officer which have not been accepted and to add that the Clerk can have delegated power to approve use of pesticides for urgent issues and must report to the committee.

The access issue for contractors entering the Centenary Field was raised. Project Officer explained that the new contractors used small equipment and access was not an issue, therefore a new gateway does not need to be installed.

**Recommendation:** that a new access point does not need to be installed at the Centenary Field. This is to be communicated with Drews Yard.

## 7. Planting across the parish

### **The Park and Centenary Field Planting**

The issue of sexual predation where dense hedgerows are present was discussed. The committee was asked to consider if there are gaps to fill from ash dieback that could be infilled with new plantings.

**Recommendation:** For the Committee and interested volunteers to assess the corner of the Park by Park Row for conservation potential to consider if enhancement is required through planting native flowers and shrubs.

**Recommendation:** Project officer to seek cost for planting of hedge infill from current contractor at the Centenary Field and to research the costs and benefits of hedge laying.

**Recommendation:** For the climate and nature committee to review the management contract at The Park to investigate where conservation areas, flower, hedges and trees could be established and to seek advice prior to planting on suitable species and crime prevention associated with increased hedge coverage. Stakeholders including nearby residents, sports clubs to be engaged prior to final plan and to consider the impacts on the proposed accessibility pathway.

### **Covid-19 Remembrance Tree**

A member of the public proposed the idea of a COVID-19 remembrance tree to be planted at the Centenary Field.

**Recommendation:** To source 3 quotes to plant a native tree with a plaque in the November planting season at Centenary Field to reflect on positive togetherness of the pandemic using the £5000 Community Relief Fund. Wording for the plaque to be decided prior to purchase.

### **Sessile Oak Tree**

The oak tree location at the triangle was discussed. Cllr Semenenko highlighted the support from over 200 people on Facebook and suggested the tree would provide a focal point in centre of village and that there are trees throughout cities that do not prove an issue.

It was explained by the Project Officer that the tree could create visibility issues and tarmac damage from roots. Floral Friends of Frampton were advised not to plant anything over 2m on the triangle by South Glos Council. The tree could also make planting of flowers difficult for Floral Friends as it grows large.

Cllr Goodwin suggested that the tree could be used as the Covid memorial tree. This offer was not accepted by the owner of the tree who will pursue the issue with South Glos Council.

**Recommendation:** That no large trees will be considered for planting at the triangle for health & safety reasons, and following advice from SGC.

### **Scouts and Centenary Field Planting**

Frampton Scouts contacted the Project Officer asking permission to plant trees on Parish Council owned land as part of the Queens Jubilee.

**Recommendation:** To work in collaboration with Frampton Scouts to:

- i) plant native mixed trees as part of the Queens Canopy scheme in celebration of the Jubilee.
- ii) to apply for free diverse native trees from the Woodland Trust and Forest of Avon Trust "Trees for Life" grant.

- iii) to give permission for the Scouts to plant a mix of native woodland trees at the Centenary Field to create a connecting woodland, providing a map of the approved tree locations (map). A small selection of fruit trees to be planted at the southern edge if they can be sourced.
- iv) to instruct the Centenary Field Management contractor to purchase tree spirals and stakes as part of the contract, to be used on the trees planted by the scouts.
- v) To work with the Centenary Field contractor to provide advice on tree planting.

**Recommendation:** for project officer and climate and nature volunteers to contact local businesses to encourage tree planting, grass growing and raising awareness of improving biodiversity. Volunteers interested in helping with this project to contact Daisy on [projectofficer@framptoncoterell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:projectofficer@framptoncoterell-pc.gov.uk).

### **Farmland and Trees Update**

Cllr D Hockey spoke to local farmers with a positive response on future tree planting on their land. Farmers have been put in contact with Winterbourne Environmental Group leaders to set up meetings with farm liaison officer.

### **8. Local Nature Reserve Update**

Deferred. An email update to be sent to the committee from Project Officer.

### **9. Any Other Business**

Member of the public present has knowledge on trees. It should be investigated to see if South Glos Council, the Tree Council and Forest of Avon still have tree warden paperwork and to investigate if training could be available for tree wardens.

**Recommendation:** to set up a climate and nature group session to form a joint response to south Glos Councils Green Plan consultation and local plan.

**Recommendation:** To create a task and finish group for investigating the issue of sewage in the River Frome. Project Officer to contact Winterbourne Environmental Group.

### **10. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting will be a committee meeting in person to approve recommendations from this meeting and will be held at 6pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Bockeridge Centre.

**Meeting closed 20:27.**

**FRAMPTON COTTERELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**CLIMATE AND NATURE PROJECTS FOR 3 YEAR PLAN 2021**  
**CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE**

Climate and nature project - completed	Person Responsible	Priority	Small, medium or large project	Approx timeline	Notes
New maintenance vehicle	David G, Steve	5	M	Summer 2021 yr1	Vehicle purchased and chargers installed.
Centenary Field - woodland & grassland management	Daisy	3	M	Yr 1 – yr3	Contractor now in place. Continue to monitor works
<b>PROJECTS - IN PROGRESS</b>					
Bin improvements	Kim, DW	3	M	Autumn 2021	Bin audit complete and replacements agreed
X3 additional water stations	Daisy	2	M	Autumn 2021	Quotes being obtained.
Airsource Heat pump - Pavilion	David G	2	M	Winter 2022	Investigated and costed. Report to be put to Council for approval.
Obtain Local Nature Reserve status for Centenary Field	Climate & Nature Committee	2	M	Autumn 2021	Investigations underway.
<b>PROJECTS - from EMRs - AGREED BY COUNCIL - To do</b>					
Suffragette Planter	Officers	2	S	Spring 2022	Plan for spring 2022 for flower display
<b>PROJECTS - from EMRs - NOT YET AGREED BY COUNCIL - To do</b>					
Poppy Day	Events Committee with input from Climate and Nature committee.	3	M	Autumn, yr1 -3	To be investigated and costed.
Climate and Nature Action Plan	Climate & Nature Committee	5	M	Autumn 2021	To be investigated.

Bug hotel wood carving - 100 yrs of PC so call millenium - Centenary Field	Climate & Nature Committee	2	S	Spring or autumn 2022	To be investigated and costed.
Nature spotting app	Climate & Nature Committee	2	S	Spring 2022	Investigate use of iNaturalist
Plastic Free Frampton (competitions, workshops etc)	Climate & Nature Committee	2	M	Ongoing	To be investigated and costed.
Pond - Centenary Field	Climate & Nature Committee	2	L	Yr 1 investigate, yr2-3 install.	To be investigated and costed. Grant funding investigated.
Wild Frampton Cotterell' Group	Climate & Nature Committee	2	M	Summer 2021	To be investigated
Bioblitz	Climate & Nature Committee	2	M	Spring 2022	To be investigated.
Nature Treasure Hunt	Climate & Nature Committee	1	M	Spring 2022	To be investigated.
Wildlife Photography Competition	Climate & Nature Committee	1	M	Summer 2022	To be investigated.
Allotment produce share	Climate & Nature Committee	1	M	from Summer 2021	To be investigated.
Tree planting scheme	Climate & Nature Committee	1	M	from Summer 2021	To be investigated.
Information board Cent Field	Climate & Nature Committee	2	S	Spring 2022	To be investigated.
Enhancements Centenary Field	Climate & Nature Committee	3	L	Ongoing from Autumn 2021, yr1, y2,yr3.	To be investigated and costed.
<b>Projects - Grant funded – to do</b>					
Flower and Shrub planting Centenary Field and B-Line project	Climate & Nature Committee	4	M	Autumn/Winter 2021	To be investigated and costed.



# Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Nesting Bird Policy

## 1. Introduction

1.1 Hedge cutting and tree pruning needs to be undertaken with care to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

1.2 This policy explains the procedure for hedge cutting and tree works, in keeping with the Wildlife & Countryside Act.

## 2. Wildlife & Countryside Act

2.1 Under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, a wild bird is defined as any bird of a species which is resident in or is a visitor to the European Territory of any member state in a wild state.

2.2 The Wildlife & Countryside Act states that all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is thus an offence to:

- Intentionally or recklessly kill, injure or take any wild bird.
- take, damage or destroy the nest of a wild bird.
- take, damage, or destroy the nest of any wild bird listed in schedule 1 while that nest is in use or being built.
- take or destroy an egg of any wild bird.
- possess any live or dead wild bird or any part of, or anything derived from, such a bird; or an egg of a wild bird or any part of such an egg.
- disturb any wild bird included in Schedule 1 (appendix 2) while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young or disturb dependent young of such a bird.
- Use traps or similar items to kill, injure or take wild birds.

2.3 If any of the above acts take place, an unlimited fine can be imposed for criminal offences and up to 6 months imprisonment.

2.4 Game birds are not protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act but are protected by the Game Act 1831 which protect game birds from being taken or killed during the close season.

### 3. Conditions for Hedge and Tree cutting works.

3.1 Hedge cutting and tree cutting shall not be undertaken during the bird breeding season between 1<sup>st</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> August.

3.1 As the breeding season can be dependent on weather, birds may nest outside of the above dates. Therefore, observations must be made throughout the year before any hedge or tree work is undertaken.

3.3 If overgrowth or damage to vegetation poses a health and safety risk to the public, tree and hedge works may be undertaken during the breeding season providing no evidence of nesting birds is found upon inspection. In this instance, the habitat and species inspection sheet must be followed before any hedge or tree work is undertaken by employees, volunteers, or contractors of the Parish Council (appendix 1).

3.4 The proposed area requiring works during the breeding season must be monitored for a minimum of 30 minutes before work can begin. Nest building behaviour (carrying sticks to hedge/tree), physical nests, chicks, chick feeding behaviour and evidence of eggs must be assessed and noted on the inspection sheet. If any evidence is noted, work must not proceed, and findings reported to the Clerk.

### 4. Considerations for Ground Nesting Birds

4.1 Ground nesting birds shall be considered before mowing takes place in areas with long grass and where appropriate, such as the Centenary Field hay meadow, to allow areas of grass to grow throughout the breeding season to provide habitat for ground nesting birds. Where long grass is required to be cut during the breeding season, the nesting bird inspection sheet must be adhered to and a walkover of the site undertaken to check for evidence of nesting.

4.2 When work needs to be undertaken by the River Frome, to consider birds nesting nearby and consider conservation work to enhance the possibility for nesting birds.

4.3 Communication with members of the public, farmland owners and dog owners shall also be encouraged to raise awareness of ground nesting birds and to encourage responsible dog ownership during the breeding season.



# Nesting Bird Inspection Sheet

All nesting bird inspections are to be carried out before hedge, long grass meadow, or tree works commence in keeping with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and Frampton Cotterell Parish Council's Nesting Bird Policy.

**Site Location:**

**Date:**

**Description of Works:**

**Reason for Works / HS:**

**Start Time of Inspection .....**

**Upon a minimum of 30 minutes inspection, has evidence of nesting birds, including nest building behaviours, nests, eggs, feeding young or chicks been found? (if evidence is found then works are to cease and reported to the Clerk):**

**Signed Inspection: .....**

**Options to defer works or deduction in impacts?**

**Completed Works Undertaken:**

**Operations Start time: ..... finish time: .....**

**Signed Operative: .....**

# Schedule 1 – Species List

Birds and their young, for which it is an offence to disturb at intentionally or recklessly, on or near an 'active' nest:

Avocet

Bee-eater

Bittern

Bittern, little

Bluethroat

Brambling

Bunting, ciril

Bunting, Lapland

Bunting, snow

Buzzard, honey

Capercaillie (Scotland only)

Chough

Corncrake

Crake, spotted

Crossbills (all species)

Divers (all species)

Dotterel

Duck, long-tailed

Eagle, golden

Eagle, white-tailed

Falcon, gyr

Fieldfare

Firecrest

Garganey

Godwit, black-tailed

Goshawk

Grebe, black-necked

Grebe, Slavonian

Greenshank

Gull, little  
Gull, Mediterranean  
Harriers (all species)  
Heron, purple  
Hobby  
Hoopoe  
Kingfisher  
Kite, red  
Merlin  
Oriole, golden  
Osprey  
Owl, barn  
Owl, snowy  
Peregrine  
Petrel, Leach's  
Phalarope, red-necked  
Plover, Kentish  
Plover, little ringed  
Quail, common  
Redstart, black  
Redwing  
Rosefinch, scarlet  
Ruff  
Sandpiper, green  
Sandpiper, purple  
Sandpiper, wood  
Scaup  
Scoter, common  
Scoter, velvet  
Serin  
Shorelark  
Shrike, red-backed

Spoonbill  
Stilt, black-winged  
Stint, Temminck's  
Stone-curlew  
Swan, Bewick's  
Swan, whooper  
Tern, black  
Tern, little  
Tern, roseate  
Tit, bearded  
Tit, crested  
Trecreeper, short-toed  
Warbler, Cetti's  
Warbler, Dartford  
Warbler, marsh  
Warbler, Savi's  
Whimbrel  
Woodlark  
Wryneck



## Chemical Pesticide Policy

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The term 'pesticides' is intended as a generic term to include herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.
- 1.2 It is the policy of Frampton Cotterell Parish Council to reduce and aim to eliminate the use of chemical pesticides in the management of all public spaces for which the Council is responsible.
- 1.3 Its employees, contractors and all those responsible for the maintenance of open spaces owned by the Council are required to use non-chemical and mechanical alternatives wherever applicable.
- 1.4 To date, the Parish Council have used chemicals at its open spaces to remove species considered weeds. The increased use of chemical pesticides, herbicides and fungicides can be linked to contaminating water supplies, a reduction in biodiversity and may cause problems with public health.
- 1.5 The Council is dedicated to significantly reducing with the aim to eliminate the use of pesticides on Council owned land and to encourage the reduction of its use across the entire parish.

### 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 To reduce public exposure to the potentially harmful effects of chemical pesticides in all public spaces owned by the Parish Council.
- 2.2 To reduce the harmful effects of pesticides on biodiversity across the parish.
- 2.3 To improve habitats for wildlife across the parish through chemical reduction/elimination.
- 2.4 To reduce, with the aim to eliminate, the use of pesticides on Council owned land.
- 2.5 To communicate with parishioners, landowners and organisations to encourage use of alternatives to pesticides across the parish.

### 3. Pesticide Use Conditions

- 3.1 Blanket spraying of pesticides shall not be undertaken on any open space owned by the Parish Council.
- 3.2 Areas around posts, bins and fence lines are to be controlled by strimming. A full health and safety check must be undertaken prior to strimming to ensure no stones or objects are hidden within the vegetation.

- 3.3 All staff, contractors, sub-contractors or volunteers to the Council shall not use pesticides on Council owned land without prior permission and reasoning.
- 3.4 Hand pulling of weeds will be the preferred method of weed control. Where hand pulling is not possible, alternative measures to pesticides should be trialled where budget allows, including hot foam, vinegar, heat control, wire brush and any other alternatives.
- 3.5 Chemical herbicides are not permitted in open spaces for vegetation clearance prior to planting wildflowers. Areas for wildflowers must be harrowed/cleared by machine or by hand in order to clear bare ground for planting.
- 3.6 Where time and budget allow, alternative measures will be trialled and reviewed by Estates Officer and Project Officer. Successful alternatives shall replace any limited pesticide use currently used by the Council with the aim to become pesticide free.
- 3.7 Any contracts involving open spaces must include reference to this policy and contractors to be made aware of the Council's stance on reduction and elimination of pesticides.
- 3.8 Weeds on sports pitches are to be regularly reviewed and hand pulled to reduce infestation.
- 3.9 The Council should consider alternatives to pesticides with the aim to fully eliminate chemical control. The most successful alternative trialled by Glastonbury Town Council is hot foam. As the equipment is expensive, the Council should consider engaging with neighbouring Town and Parish Council to joint purchase and share equipment with the collaborative aim of becoming pesticide free.

#### 4. Exceptions for Pesticide Use

- 4.1 If weeds are not controllable via hand pulling/stimming on sports pitches and alternatives to chemicals are not viable, spot treatment permission may be sought from the Climate and Nature Committee as a last resort if weeds are causing health and safety and quality issues for sports use. If urgent, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to authorise the use of pesticides but must inform the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 4.2 At the discretion of the Climate and Nature Committee, spot treatments of weeds on hard standing surfaces, including car parks and pavements where budget and time does not allow for alternative methods may be permitted.
- 4.3 This policy will not affect the Council's obligation to eliminate the presence of Japanese knotweed or other invasive species where there is a duty to do so and where there is no other known means of control. In this instance only stem injection or targeted spot application will be permitted to avoid wider contamination. Prior permission must be sought from the Climate and Nature Committee.
- 4.4 Where alternatives to chemical control are not applicable, chemical control may only be permitted as a spot treatment, stem injection or controlled flat nozzle, such as on hard surfaces in car parks and pavements where weed overgrowth could pose a health and safety risk and permission from the Climate and Nature Committee must be sought prior to application.

## 5. Community and Stakeholder Engagement

- 5.1 The Council staff shall share content on reducing and eliminating the use of pesticides on social media, the Council website and within the Frome Valley Voice newsletter to encourage residents to reduce pesticide use across the parish.
- 5.2 Councillors and office staff shall engage with local organisations and businesses to encourage them to reduce and/or eliminate pesticide use.
- 5.3 Communications with the community shall state how many weeds are wildflowers that are beneficial to pollinators and biodiversity.
- 5.4 Communications highlighting the Council stance on pesticides to be shared online and via the Frome Valley Voice.



# Map of proposed Trees Centenary Field

## KEY

Green – Mixed native woodland species

Yellow – orchard fruit trees (apple and Frampton Plum)

