



Parish Council Tree Policy

POLICY

Yalding Parish Council (“the Council”) recognises that it has a duty of care to ensure that all trees (“the trees”) growing on land belonging to the Council are maintained in a safe condition. The Council will take all reasonable precautions to maintain the safety of the public and of property within the Parish. The trees will be inspected in accordance with the schedule set out below and any remedial work required will be carried out as soon as reasonably practicable taking into account the nature of the work to be undertaken and the likely danger to the public. Where the Council needs to fell a tree it will be replaced by replanting a new tree as and if appropriate, but not necessarily in the same location. The exception will be where the Council has undertaken new planting and thinning out is required.

IDENTIFICATION OF TREES INCLUDED IN POLICY

All trees growing on Council owned land or planted on other land by the Council.

INSPECTION SCHEDULE

The following inspections will be undertaken:

1. A three year inspection will be carried out by an Arboricultural Consultant appointed by the Council.
2. An inspection will be carried out by the Councillor responsible for each piece of land and/or The Clerk at least quarterly. This inspection will be a visual inspection from ground level only.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. The three year inspection will be commissioned in April of that year and the subsequent survey will be considered by the Council at its meeting following receipt. All remedial work identified in the survey and subsequently authorised by the Council will be undertaken in accordance with the priority indicated in the survey.
2. Any problems identified by members of the Council in the regular inspection will be reported to the next meeting of the Council. If deemed appropriate, estimate(s) will be obtained for the remedial work to be undertaken, such estimate(s) to be considered by the Council at the following meeting.
3. If any problems identified at 2 above or which are reported to the Clerk by a member of the public, are considered by the Chairman or the Clerk to require urgent attention, the matter will be dealt with under a Scheme of Delegation.

Please note that this is a living document and can be updated and modified by the Council at any time to reflect changes in policy or legislation.

Re-adopted on 5 November 2024.

To be reviewed at least annually at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (see minutes of that meeting).