



Report ABPC/20/13

To: Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council.
Date: 8th February 2021
Status: Public Report
Subject: Tree Policy

1. SUMMARY:

This report brings to the Parish Council a new policy in order that a consistent approach will be made to the management of trees within the Parish.

2. Reason for recommendations:

Trees are a valuable asset for the Parish Council both in terms of their physical existence and the benefits to biodiversity. As a living structure trees need attention to ensure that they remain healthy and not a hazard to residents.

3. Recommendations:

1. To receive and note Report ABPC/20/13
2. To receive and adopt the tree policy
3. To request the Parish Clerk to establish a detailed tree register.

4. Introduction:

The Parish Council is responsible for all of the trees that are planted on its land, both at Quarry Field, Quarry Wood and Aldington Meadows. Whilst a tree survey was undertaken on Quarry Wood in 2019 regular inspections are required and need to be documented in case of any accidents that occur as a result of falling branches etc.

It has become apparent that the Parish Council does not have a definitive list of the trees on its land or any planned maintenance/inspection schedule.

5. Conclusion:

By adopting the Tree Policy the Parish Council will have established a procedure to be followed as well as having documentary evidence should it be needed at any time.

6. Contact officer and background documents.

If you have any queries about this report please contact the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council Tel.: 07928 453208 or email: clerk@abpc.org.uk prior to the meeting.