



COLEHILL PARISH COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Under Standing Order 4 the Council may set up advisory committees that consist of Councillors and members of the public.

1. Name

The name of the advisory committee shall be the Biodiversity Working Group.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Group is to co-ordinate the Parish's overall response to biodiversity and sustainability.

The Group shall recommend action/decisions to the Council who will vote on any proposed actions at the next relevant meeting. The Group has no budgetary or spending powers – if expenditure of any kind is expected as a consequence of the Group recommendations, it must be referred to the Council.

The Group's main function is to monitor, advise, engage and promote environmental matters by the sharing of ideas and expertise, with the aim to implement change which reduces the Parish's overall impact on the environment.

The initial objective is to ask the question 'How can what an individual or organisation is doing in our Parish be done in such a way that it reduces its impact on the environment?' To be robust, there will be a need for the Group to make recommendations to the Council through the production and monitoring of a BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN in order to achieve effective results. For sound implementation, there will be a need to engage with the whole Parish community.

3. Membership

The Working Group shall comprise of at least 3 nominated members of the Parish Council. Additional members can be added by nomination at any council meeting. The Working Group shall be open to non-council members. A quorum shall be 3 members of the Working Group, at least one of whom must be a Parish Councillor.

4. Officers

At the first meeting the Group will elect a chair.

5. Meetings

The Working Group shall meet as required. Copies of the draft notes of the meeting shall be circulated to all members of the Council.