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BIODIVERSITY POLICY

Tingewick Parish Council
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1. Introduction

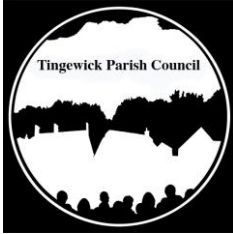
Biodiversity from “biological diversity” means “variety of life” and refers to the different species of plants, insects, animals and other organisms present in the Earth’s ecosystem. Conservation of biodiversity is vital in our response to climate change and in the delivery of key eco systems services such as food, flood management, pollination and provision of clean air. In order to keep and maintain a health and smooth functioning of the environment biodiversity must be maintained at a high level.

The Governments’ Environmental Act of 2021 requires town and parish councils to have a biodiversity policy. This document shows what Tingewick Parish Council (The Council) can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity. The Council is committed to working towards a sustainable biodiverse environment. This policy will help to work towards conserving and enhancing biodiversity in Tingewick Parish. It should be noted that the Act and duty will allow the Council to spend funds conserving biodiversity.

2. Background

The parish of Tingewick is a civil parish about 2.5 miles (4.0 km) west of Buckingham in the unitary authority area of Buckinghamshire, England. The parish is bounded to the north by the Great River Ouse, to the east by a tributary of the Great Ouse, to the west by the county boundary with Oxfordshire and to the south by field boundaries.

The village was formerly on the A421 but from 1998 has been bypassed by a dual carriageway.



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The parish comprises about 2,300 acres (930 ha) of mainly arable farmland and pasture with some woodland. Part of the village is a Conservation Area and a number of the 450 dwellings are listed buildings.

3. Aims and Actions

The Council, in its efforts to improve biodiversity in the Parish will;

Consider the potential impact of biodiversity when commenting on planning applications.

Where developments have been instructed to ensure biological net gain as a planning condition report any breach of planning conditions that it is aware of to Buckinghamshire Council and endeavour to support parishioners raising concerns.

Consider site and building design that benefits biodiversity through the conservation and integration of existing habitats or provision of new habitats.

Aim to engage and support residents, local businesses, and other organisations regarding enhancing and promoting biodiversity in the Parish and working in partnership where appropriate.

Aim to manage land and property using environmentally friendly practices that will promote biodiversity.

Seek advice in the pursuit of the above, where appropriate, taking advice on how to achieve improvements in biodiversity in the Parish.

This policy shall be reviewed annually.