

Pelton Parish Council

Statement to ensure the Parish Council meets its duties in relation to Biodiversity and Crime and Disorder

Crime and Disorder

The Parish Council acknowledges its duty to consider crime and disorder implications when exercising its various functions and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area, in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Pelton Parish Council agreed to a Service Level Agreement for a Neighbourhood Warden to work an additional 4.5 hours per week throughout the parish area. With success in receiving match funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner in 24/25 and 25/26 the total hours worked are 9 hours weekly. The Neighbourhood Warden provides monthly reports and regular updates to the parish council and attends the monthly meetings. In addition, the local Police Community Support Officer attends meetings of the Parish Council to provide updates when requested by the Parish Council.

Biodiversity

Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 places the following biodiversity duty on Pelton Parish Council-

“Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity.”

The Parish Council leases woodland of approximately 0.47 hectares. The Parish Council were successful in receiving 420 trees for the Newfield Allotment tenants communal areas to improve the site. The aim is for it to be a wildlife corridor and haven for pollinators. The council also recently agreed permission for a 2nd beekeeper to look after bees at Newfield allotments.

There are around 250 allotment plots within the Parish which are made available to local residents and are subsidised by the local precept payment. The Parish Council looks after the maintenance and upkeep of the allotments taking into account annual and forward budget planning for these works.

Planning applications are reviewed and comments are submitted to the Planning Authority if the Parish Council agrees that the environment may be harmed by the proposal itself or the work required in delivering the proposal.

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Next Review by 31.3.27