



Newick Parish Council

Tree Policy

The Parish Council is responsible for any trees on its land and has a duty of care towards anyone on Parish Council land and to persons and property on neighbouring land. Therefore, the Parish Council must take care to avoid acts or omissions which any reasonable person could foresee would be likely to cause harm. If the Parish Council fails to take any necessary action or undertakes any action which results in harm to people, animals or property and, if that harm could have been foreseen, then the council may be found to be negligent.

- Newick has a large number of trees within the Parish, many of which are subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) or are located within a designated Conservation Area.
- The Parish Council arranges for an inspection of the trees on its land to be carried out by a suitably qualified arboriculturalist every three years and carries out any recommended remedial work within a reasonable time scale.
- The oak tree at Powell Road/Oldaker Road (TPO 30 1997 – T4 of the order) is inspected annually in view of its size and age.
- The inspections reports should any identify works to be carried out in the interests of public safety and/or following good arboricultural practice, and should give specific reasons for any recommendations made.
- The position, tag number and condition of the Parish Council's trees was last updated in April 2014. The tree tag numbers are plotted on a Google Earth map, a copy of which can be obtained from the Clerk.
- The Parish Council appoints a Tree Warden to act on its behalf

Role of the Tree Warden

- I. To follow guidance for the protection of trees as outlined by Lewes District Council.
- II. To make comments on tree works applications notified by Lewes District Council within the agreed timescales (normally 14 days from the date of notification).
- III. To organise the annual/three yearly tree inspections
- IV. To ensure that any work recommended in the annual/three yearly reports is carried out within a reasonable timescale by suitably qualified contractors with appropriate insurance.
- V. To ensure that tree works applications are submitted to Lewes District Council where this is required.
- VI. To consider tree replacement as and when necessary
- VII. To react to any concerns reported to the Parish Council which may occur outside the usual monitoring process.

Approved by Newick Parish Council 28th July 2015

Signed(Chairman)