



BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Biodiversity Policy

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Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, public authorities (including Parish Councils') have a duty to show regard for conserving biodiversity in all their actions.

Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth and includes all species of plants and animals and the natural systems that support them. Biodiversity is a core component of sustainable development, underpinning economic development and prosperity, and has an important role to play in developing locally distinctive and sustainable communities.

Conservation of biodiversity is vital in our response to climate change and in the delivery of key ecosystem services such as food, flood management, pollination and provision of clean air and water.

This Act and duty also means that parish councils can spend funds in conserving biodiversity.

Aims and Objectives:- The object of this policy is to work towards enhancing and protecting the biodiversity of the Parish of Brize Norton. Brize Norton Parish Council (BNPC) will aim to improve the biodiversity of the Parish in the following ways:

- Manage its land using environmentally friendly practices that will promote biodiversity.
- support local businesses & Council operations in the adoption of low impact practices.
- support residents and local organisation activities to enhance and promote biodiversity.

Actions:-

All Committees of Brize Norton Parish Council (BNPC) will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when making decisions and will develop and implement policies and strategies as required and will: -.

- Consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity with regard to the management of its open spaces.
- Aim to develop environmentally friendly areas for residents.
- Help to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote conservation projects in conjunction with the appropriate bodies and residents.
- Consider sustainability and biodiversity when engaging with the planning system.
- Consider biodiversity issues and the implementation of changes when managing its buildings.
- Aim to engage with businesses and the public regarding biodiversity in the community and how members of the community can assist and make a difference.
- Manage its own operational duties to reduce its carbon footprint.