



ELSTON

PARISH COUNCIL

Est: 1894

TERMS OF REFERENCE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

Purpose:

The aim of the Working Group is to provide the Council with recommendations and ideas on ways to protect and enhance the environment within Elston Parish.

And to ensure that relevant Council decisions regarding the environment are implemented or where such actions are beyond the competence of Council, engagement with other local authorities is undertaken to effect a solution.

- Promote positive opportunities for the environment.
- Identify more sustainable approaches and help address wider negative impacts on the environment including those caused by development pressures, pollution and climate change.
- To identify further opportunities for enhancement of natural assets including potential for tree planting and hedgerow improvement
- To raise public awareness of the principles and opportunities offered through the Environmental Policy and seek their support in these issues.
- Explore the opportunities offered by the Lengthsman Scheme
 - incorporating conditions of roads, footpaths, signs, lighting, drainage and security impacting the Elston environment
- Liaise with local community groups on infrastructure issues - Village Hall, Allotments, the Church and its cemeteries and others as issues arise
- To ensure that Parish Council assets are in a good state of repair and safe to use with particular attention to the Play Area.
- To regularly inspect the defibrillator, ensuring it is in good working order
- To progress plans agreed by Council regarding development on the Recreation Field and ensure that operations on the Field are safe to visitors
- To beware of issues raised by residents and assist in developing solutions for consideration by Council
- To make recommendations which fall beyond our capabilities, via the Council, to District and/or County.

Membership:

Councillors appointed via nomination from the Parish Council with a minimum of 3 members. Non Council Members may be invited to join this WG where they have a specific interest or expertise only in matters under consideration by the WG.

Chair appointed at the first meeting of the Working Group

- (Chair) – Councillor
- - Councillor
- - Councillor

The Chair of the Parish Council is an ex-officio member.

Meeting arrangements

Meetings to be held throughout the year on a bi monthly basis or as determined by the WG
Meetings should not be held on public.

Reporting

The Working Group will report progress to the Parish Council.

Resources and budget

None

Deliverables

- Regular updates to Council
- Exchange of relevant information to the F&GP WG especially if there may be budgetary
- To provide suitable communication drafts for communication with residents

Review

Annual Meeting of the Council (May)