



Statement on Duties Related to Biodiversity and Crime & Disorder

Biodiversity

Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity. Rodington Parish Council's aim is to care for the environment through its own policies and practices and by encouraging others to do the same.

- The Parish Council will endeavour to be as conscientious as possible about biodiversity, conservation and use of resources.
- The Parish Council will regularly monitor the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure that its legal obligations are met.
- The Parish Council will communicate this policy to Councillors and officers through channels such as meetings, emails and regular communications through its media channels, and it will encourage suggestions of ways to provide a positive environmental impact.

Rodington Parish Council practices and initiatives to improve biodiversity include:

- Assessing chemicals, if used by contractor carrying out the environmental maintenance contract a qualified person is used to ensure the chemical is used in an appropriate manner, stored correctly and disposed of correctly.
- Composting and recycling of all waste that arises from its owned sites.
- Developing a climate and nature action plan for the parish in conjunction with residents.
- An annual review of schemes to plan and management of trees and shrubs on parish council owned land.

Crime and Disorder

People want to live in a safe environment. The Parish Council values working in partnership with the Police, and Community Safety Initiatives have helped forge a close working relationship. Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Rodington Parish Council has a duty to consider the impact of its functions and decisions on crime and disorder in its area.

- Rodington Parish Council seeks to represent the views of its community and ensure that local crime reduction strategies represent those views.
- As an integral part of this policy Rodington Parish Council will regularly review the ways in which it carries out its functions and duties to help reduce crime and disorder.



Rodington Parish Council's Community Safety initiatives include the following elements:

- *At least quarterly written newsletter from The Safer Neighbourhood team be shared with Councillors and the public.*
- *Police are invited to report to all Full Council meetings.*
- *The Parish Council has successfully rolled out the "We Don't Buy Crime" scheme across the parish.*
- *Regular communications are shared with residents through the quarterly parish magazine regarding crime statistics and how to report issues to the police.*
- *Rodington Parish Council is actively involved with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team developing a Community Speed Watch Group and responds to the Parish Police Charter.*
- *Rodington Parish Council provides two defibrillators at The Bull in Rodington and the Tayleur Arms in Longdon upon Tern.*

Raising awareness of this statement

Councillors are reminded of their duties regarding biodiversity and crime and disorder when making key decisions on Parish Council services and functions. This includes commenting on planning applications and when considering grant applications.