



Church Crookham Parish Council Tree Management Policy

as adopted by Council on 8th July 2013

This policy states the Council's approach to the management of trees on land owned by the Parish Council. It is intended to act as a point of reference for the public, Councillors and Council employees to ensure a clear, consistent and structured approach to the management of trees.

1. As a landowner the Council has a duty of care to ensure that all of the trees on its land are kept in an acceptable condition and will endeavour to:
 - a) Maintain them in a healthy condition;
 - b) Take such action as it deems necessary to protect the safety of persons and nearby property.
2. The Council will ensure that inspections of trees are carried out by a qualified tree surgeon on all land owned by the Parish Council. These inspections will be carried on a 3 yearly basis unless the need arises for more frequent inspections as advised by the tree surgeon. Only dead, diseased or dangerous trees will be removed or made safe whichever is deemed necessary.
3. A prioritised programme of tree work will be maintained based on the inspections, consideration will be given to the impact of any tree pruning or felling on local wildlife and tree work will be scheduled to take place in periods where the impact on wildlife will be minimised.
4. The Council will allocate sufficient resources to ensure that it is able to manage the trees that it owns.
5. The Council will request that any tree surgeons carrying out work on trees on Council owned land should provide the Council with a copy of their public liability insurance certificate and that they adhere to appropriate standards. Tree pruning will only be undertaken where there is sound justification for the work. Attempts will be made by the tree surgeons to notify affected residents prior to commencement of the works.
6. The Council will not fell or prune trees on council owned land:
 - a) solely to alleviate problems caused by natural and or seasonal phenomena;
 - b) for reasons of light;
 - c) solely for the reason that the trees are causing problems with television or satellite reception, unless complainants have taken other measures to improve reception without success and it can be proven that pruning will improve reception. In considering any action the Council will take account of the amenity value of the trees concerned.

The Council will give consideration to any complaints requests regarding trees on Council owned property, taking into account its tree management policy and/or advice from a qualified tree surgeon.



7. The Council does not accept responsibility for the maintenance or care of trees that are not in its ownership.
8. The Council will consider replanting to replace removed trees.
9. The Council will expect other property owners to maintain their trees in good condition, so as not to pose risks to person or other property. Where this does not appear to be happening the Council will initiate the appropriate action.
10. Trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order are to be maintained by the owner in accordance with any terms of that Order.