

# LYMINGE TREE POLICY

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Lyminge Parish Council is responsible for the trees on its land and has a duty of care towards all people on its land, and property and persons on adjacent land. The trees must be kept in an acceptable condition and not cause unreasonable risk to persons or property.

- Lyminge parish has a large number of trees, a fair number of which have TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPO's.)
- The Parish Council will appoint a tree warden.
- The Parish Council will allocate sufficient resources to maintain its trees in a healthy and safe condition.
- The Parish council will arrange an inspection of its trees every three years, to be carried out by a suitably qualified arboriculturist, who will provide a report detailing any work needing to be carried out and by when it should be done. Additionally, in the event of a major storm or other major meteorological occurrence, another inspection should be carried out.
- All work shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified arboriculturist, working to the latest British Standards for tree work.
- The report of the inspection should identify works to be carried out in the interests of public safety, and/or where it would be good arboricultural practice to ensure the long term amenity value of significant trees. Otherwise, only dead, dying, diseased or dangerous trees will be removed or made safe.
- A programme of work will be undertaken, with emphasis on planned rather than reactive tree maintenance. This work will be done when it has least impact on wildlife. Reuse of the waste wood shall be undertaken wherever possible.
- The Council will not fell or prune trees on Council owned land solely to alleviate problems caused by natural or seasonal phenomena, including reasons of light.

Tree Warden's duties:

- i. To follow guidance for the protection of trees as given by Shepway Council.
- ii. To comment on tree works applications notified to Shepway Council within the given timescale.
- iii. To keep an up-to-date list of all trees in LPC's ownership, and a separate list and map, of all TPO trees and ownership, within the parish.
- iv. To organise the three-yearly tree inspections.
- v. To ensure that works recommended in that report are carried out to the correct standards, by a suitably qualified contractor, within the recommended timescale.
- vi. To report any dangerous trees on private land to KCC.
- vii. To consider tree replacement when necessary.
- viii. To deal with any concerns raised by members of the public, about trees which are not in the scheduled programme of work.