

Ailsworth Parish Council
Nature Recovery & Re-wilding
Working Group
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adopted on (date)

Original signed (Chairman)

Date	Details of any revision
16/5/22	Added in reference to the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan

Schedule of review: reviewed May 2022

Next review due May 2023

Aims

This working group has responsibility for making recommendations and proposals to Ailsworth Parish Council on re-wilding an area of the Recreation Ground and other Nature Recovery Plan projects.

It aims to recommend projects and ideas to enhance and improve wildlife habitats in line with the Langdyke Trust Nature Recovery Plan aims and objectives.

Authority

These terms of reference set out the membership, remit responsibilities and reporting arrangements of the Ailsworth Parish Council Nature Recovery and Re-wilding Working Group.

The working group is appointed by, and responsible to, Ailsworth Parish Council. It has no delegated power to spend Parish Council funds and will make recommendations to Parish Councils and act on their instructions before implementing any project actions or changes. It has no delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of the Parish Council.

Membership

The working group will consist of:

At least 2 appointed Parish Councillors and up to 7 village residents.

Record of proceedings

Quorum of a meeting will be minimum 4 members which must include 1 Parish Councillor.

When a meeting is held, an agenda will be drawn up. Notes will be taken and agreed and a copy of the minutes will be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council to be included with associated paperwork for Parish Council meetings.

Clear and concise formal resolutions are required at all times to avoid ambiguity in the minutes and to ensure that the intention of the resolution is conveyed to the members for them to vote on.

Responsibilities, to include but not limited to;

1. To discuss Nature Recovery Plan issues in the village and suggest proposals to the Parish Council.
2. To look at existing projects elsewhere and consider their validity in Ailsworth.
3. To look at working with Castor Parish Council where appropriate on a joint project.
4. To investigate different ideas to promote bio-diversity and nature recovery, in conjunction with the Langdyke Trust Nature Recovery Plans.
5. To look at areas in the village that would benefit from more tree planting and other nature- friendly measures.
6. To look at verges and greens to enhance the wildlife habitats with wildflowers and plants.
7. All members of the working group will consider the rules and guidelines followed by the Parish Council and endeavour to follow the Parish Council Code of Conduct in its dealings.
8. The actions and decisions made by the group and the Parish Council must always consider the Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan policies and any impact thereupon.