

## **Kirkburton Parish Council**

### **Biodiversity Action Plan / Aims & Objectives**

Kirkburton Parish Council aspires to see a high-quality environment for the benefit of all within the Parish. In this, the Council recognises that it only has direct control over the allotment gardens at both Shepley and Grange Moor, and has maintenance responsibility for the designated part of the closed churchyard at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Kirkheaton.

The Council notes that public land, including highway verges, within the Parish is the responsibility of Kirklees Council, and that Kirklees Council has over-arching responsibility for the environment within the Parish. The Council further notes that Kirklees Council has a comprehensive Environment Plan of its own, which the Parish Council supports, and that Kirklees Council is the local Planning Authority.

In furtherance of the above aspiration, Kirkburton Parish Council will:

- Monitor working practices, including the use of chemicals, on the land which it controls or maintains and may proscribe the use of certain chemicals;
- Encourage groups within the Parish to develop community action plans intended to maintain and improve the local environment and biodiversity, whilst noting that the consent of the relevant landowner or Council must be obtained before any works are done;
- Encourage such groups within the Parish, which meet the criteria of the various grants schemes, to apply for grant support from the Council for projects which are designed to improve the local environment and/or increase local biodiversity;
- Encourage individuals or groups within the Parish to apply for available grants offered by external bodies for environmental projects.

The above Action Plan and Aims & Objectives were adopted by the Council on 7 December 2023.