



Waldringfield

Parish Council

LOCAL POLICY

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THE OVERALL POLICY IS:

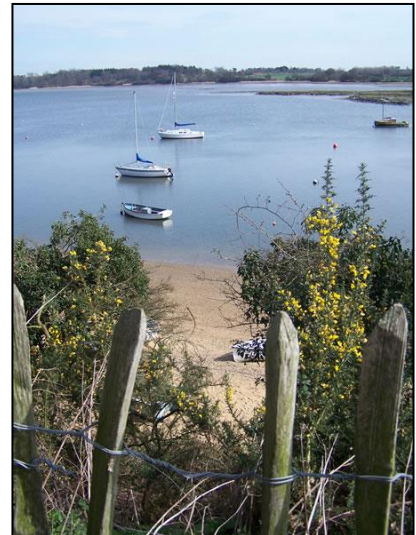
TO MAINTAIN WALDRINGFIELD AS AN ATTRACTIVE RURAL VILLAGE WITH A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS.

Policy – Landscape and Wildlife

The Policy is:

1. To discourage the removal of trees by:
 - Planning restrictions
 - Increasing Villagers awareness of the value of trees and hedges
 - Encouraging tree planting and support of replacement where cutting cannot be avoided
 - Encouraging existing trees over a certain age to be automatically planned around, rather than felled.
2. To provide support to local organisations associated with wildlife and the environment e.g. Church Field Trust, Waldringfield School, Waldringfield Wildlife Group, and publicise these activities.
3. To discourage loss of garden habitat by careful consideration of planning applications where in-fill is involved. Recommend hedges rather than fences – hedges provide food for insects and birds, absorb air pollution, and the ground at the base provides insect habitat for the protein foods all birds need for their chicks. If fences are used then it is recommended that hedgehog gaps should be included.

Discourage the use of hard surfacing where possible, as hard surfacing doesn't provide a suitable habitat for insects and other wildlife. Where hard surfacing is provided it is recommended that it should be porous (including the tarmac apron onto the road)
4. The Parish Council should recommend as standard in all new housing:
 - Built-in swift nesting bricks
 - Bat habitats in at least every fifth new house
 - Space for wall planting up the walls of houses (this reduces solar gain to the house and windchill in the winter, as well as providing a habitat for wildlife)



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5. To encourage the provision of motion activated lighting, not on continuously. Encourage the use of low level lighting - all creatures, including humans, have diurnal patterns for sleep which depend on natural light.
6. To minimise the impact to the Village environment due to the storage and spreading of organic matter; the main concerns being the smell and the nitrate run-off into the water supply and waterways. This could be achieved by:
 - Monitoring the situation
 - Enlisting help from environmental agencies as appropriate
 - Liaison with farmers
 - Support of local action groups if appropriate
 - Discussion with East Suffolk District Council the impact of their composting procedures
7. To encourage the preservation and development of wildlife habitats by:
 - Publicity of good practices
 - Attracting and providing funding for environment related projects

In this policy, the Parish Council will be guided by any “Recommendations for Action” arising out of the 2015 Parish Plan and its successors, to be found elsewhere on this website

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