

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

Preston Richard Parish Council have ownership of trees on the Jubilee Playing Field and as such need to protect the trees and ensure they are in good health. The trees on the field have been there for many years and many of them are protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's). A TPO is a legal protection that stops certain trees from being cut down or damaged without permission from the local authority. This helps preserve trees that add value to your community, environment, and heritage.

The Parish Council takes their ownership very seriously and as such the following policy is adhered to thus ensuring the safety of the public and the health of the trees.

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL TREE POLICY:

1. Our trees are inspected annually by qualified Arboricultural Surveyors who check their health and safety. A report is issued and acted upon if necessary. Further ad hoc checks are carried out throughout the year.
2. The council prioritises work according to the individual tree's health and the safety risk.
3. The council will consider any applications from private individuals to alleviate amenity reductions or nuisance problems on the basis that the individuals will fund the work and that the work has been approved with the council beforehand and that a suitable arborist contractor is appointed and that each case will be considered on its merit.
4. The council will carry out an inspection of any emergency tree related safety issues as soon as possible and deal with the problem, if appropriate they will inform the customer of our intended action.
5. The council will aim to carry out an inspection within 10 days for non-emergency tree related safety issues and will when appropriate inform the customer of our intended action
6. The council will not carry out work on trees or fell them unless it is necessary to do so. When work is carried out it will be on the advice of a qualified arborist and the reasons documented.
7. Any claims for allege damage attributed to the council owned trees must be made in writing to the council receipt of which will be acknowledged within 10 working days.
8. Where council owned trees are associated with criminal activity or anti-social behaviour, measures to alleviate the problem will be implemented in consultation with the police and community.

9. Any arisings (logs, branches etc.) from work on the trees by the council will be removed on completion of the work to ensure the safety of the public.

10. The council will not prune or fell a council owned tree simply because it is considered to be 'too big' or 'too tall' or to reduce leaf fall neither will they remove leaves from private property.