

Stillington Parish Council

Pond Policy

The aim of this policy is to ensure that Stillington Pond is a safe place for the community's enjoyment and a haven for Wildlife.

Stillington Parish Council ('The Council') will:

1. Maintain the footpath around the pond.
2. Cut the grass throughout the cutting season (March - October).
3. Manage the vegetation Growing around the edge of the pond and either side of the path.
4. Take any necessary action to mitigate trip hazards.
5. Manage the trees growing around the pond.
6. Provide a rescue/floatation aid at the pond, to be used if someone falls in.
7. Ensure signage is maintained if appropriate and requested from North Yorkshire Highways to warn of the presence of Wildlife in the area.
8. Monitor the presence of blue-green algae. Should any appear, the Council will work with North Yorkshire Council and the Environment Agency to remove it.
9. Seek professional advice regarding the pond's biodiversity whenever the Council is required to undertake major works to the infrastructure, vegetation and/or landscape. Whenever possible, this advice will be sought in advance of the work being undertaken.
However, the Council recognises health and safety concerns may require emergency work which cannot wait for an environmental assessment.
10. Set an annual budget to ensure that any emergency work required can be undertaken.

No flora or fauna, or domestic bird or or animal, shall be permitted to be placed in or around the pond without the express prior permission of the Council.

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