

SANCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Tree Management Policy

This is a policy for the management of trees owned and looked after by Sancton Parish Council. The Parish Council has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to reduce the risk of death or injury to those on its land.

Any queries on trees belonging to or managed by Sancton Parish Council should be made to the Parish Clerk on 07907 792801 or clerk@sanctonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Trees situated on the public highway, adjacent to the road or on the roadside verges are generally the responsibility of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and they can be contacted on 01482 393939.

Sancton Parish Council will inspect its trees on a regular basis and if works are required will be programmed as necessary. Maintenance of the trees will include the removal of dead, dying and dangerous trees, and the removal of dangerous or damaged limbs. The Parish Council will consider all other maintenance works on a case by case basis.

Work **WILL NOT** be carried out to privately owned trees. If the tree has a TPO it will be the resident's responsibility to obtain the relevant permission to carry out the work from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

In common law, a property owner can cut back overhanging branches to the boundary of their property. The Parish Council has no objection to property owners carrying out the tree work or engaging a contractor at their own expense provided that the property owner notifies the Parish Council before the work begins. The property owner will collect, remove and dispose of any waste at their expense in accordance with any relevant regulations.

Parish Council Owned/Managed Land:

- Play Area
- Cemeteries and Closed Churchyard
- Village Field
- Gravel Pits
- Pond

This policy was adopted at the meeting on the 13th May 2019.

Next Review Due: May 2021