

**POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
GREEN OPEN SPACES AND VERGES**

The Parish Council is concerned about the incremental loss of green open space in the village. Even small green spaces contribute to the character of a rural village and the loss of space can make areas look hard and urban.

Green spaces can also be important to wildlife and help to manage rainwater run-off and natural drainage.

As people expand their living accommodation and build onto their houses, garden fences and walls are often moved out and the adjacent verges and green areas become smaller and narrower and in some cases this may involve the loss of trees and hedgerows.

The Parish Council will take particular notice when reviewing Planning Applications to see whether green spaces and verges may be lost or narrowed down.

The Parish Council will try to prevent this happening and will comment on the Planning Application accordingly.

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