THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

Authority: The working group is appointed by and solely responsible to Thurston Parish Council. The Working Group's duties are defined and agreed by Full Council, which may vote, at any time, to modify the Working Group's powers. The Working Group is formed to take forward the drafting of a Biodiversity Action Plan.

Membership: The Working Group will consist of no fewer than two parish councillors, parish council officers and the tree warden and may invite other parties with relevant experience to contribute the Working Group.

Records of Proceedings: The Working Group will arrange all meetings to suit members, prepare written notes to record considerations and ensure amendments to the Action Plan are received by all councillors at the next available full council meeting.

Responsibilities of the working group:

- 1. To consider any actions/strategies to be implemented to ensure compliance with the council's duty to maintain, improve and enhance biodiversity.
- 2. To research available data and information relevant to biodiversity.
- 3. To create an Action Plan to record all considerations and actions that will help the council to achieve their duty to maintain, improve and enhance biodiversity.
- 4. To prepare recommendations to Full Council of any actions/strategies required.