

BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HERBICIDE POLICY
FOR THE CONTROL OF UNWANTED VEGETATION ON
PARISH COUNCIL OWNED & MANAGED LAND AND PROPERTY

Barby & Onley Parish Council (BOPC) does not generally approve of the use of herbicides but recognises that it is an essential requirement for the maintenance of some of the community facilities which it owns and manages.

Any herbicide used must be used at the minimum effective dose and should only be used when non-chemical methods have been considered and would be impractical

This policy

- covers both selective and non-selective herbicide and seeks to ensure that their use is kept to a minimum.
- applies to all sub contractors working on behalf of BOPC, to BOPC tenants and sub-contractors that BOPC's tenants appoint.
- covers all work that is carried out on land owned or managed by BOPC.

POLICY

1. Any herbicide used must be approved for use, under UK law, in public areas.
2. Anyone applying herbicide must be appropriately trained and utilise any required personal protection equipment (PPE).
3. Signage and barriers (as applicable) must be positioned to advise members of the public to stay out of the area to be treated at the time of application (or such longer period that may be advised by the herbicide manufacturer).. Additionally, signage should advise pet owners of any risk to their animals. Herbicides can only be applied in areas at times least likely to affect members of the public
- 4 Herbicide can only be applied by persons that hold relevant NPTC or equivalent pesticide application qualifications (e.g., PA1/PA6).
- 5 Those applying herbicides must comply with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002, including preparing risk assessments and follow statutory conditions of herbicide use, including buffer zones near water.
- 7 Contractors must: provide evidence of training, certification, and insurance before commencing work if requested to do so by the Clerk.
- 8 Anyone (or the organisation contracting them) applying herbicide must notify the Council via the Clerk (clerk@barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk) in advance of any planned herbicide applications, detailing products, areas, and timings and confirm that they will abide by this policy.
- 9 All Parish Council contractors & tenants must maintain records of pesticide use (for a period of at least 5 years) and provide copies to the Council on request. Records must include: products used, dates and locations of application, weather conditions, contractor name and qualification, purpose of treatment etc
- 10 Herbicides can only be applied at a time when the weather conditions match those as advised by the herbicide manufacturer & good practice e.g. herbicides should not be used in rain (to prevent run off) or windy conditions (to prevent drift)
- 11 Prohibited areas for the use of herbicides include around children's play equipment, near watercourses and drainage channels