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Introduction

- 1.1 Under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 there is a duty on public authorities in England, including Parish Councils to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making. This was further strengthened by the Environment Act 2021 so public authorities must now consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in England.
- 1.2 This means a public authority must;
- Consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity.
 - Agree policies and specific objectives based on their consideration.
 - Act to deliver policies and achieve objectives.
- 1.3 Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth, and includes all species of plants and animals and the natural systems that support them. Biodiversity is a core component of sustainable development, underpinning economic development and prosperity, and has an important role to play in developing locally distinctive and sustainable communities.
- 1.4 Conservation of biodiversity is vital in our response to climate change and in the delivery of key ecosystem services such as food, flood management, pollination and provision of clean air and water.
- 1.5 This Act and duty also means that parish and town councils can spend funds in conserving biodiversity.

Aims and Objectives:-

- 2.1 The object of this policy statement is to work towards enhancing and protecting the biodiversity of Stanton under Bardon. The Parish Council will aim to improve the biodiversity of the area in the following ways:
- manage its land using environmentally-friendly practices that will promote biodiversity;
 - support local businesses & Council operations in the adoption of low impact practices;
 - support residents and local organisation activities to enhance and promote biodiversity.
- 2.2 Stanton under Bardon Parish Council will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when making decisions and will develop and implement policies and strategies as required. This will include:

- Consideration of the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity with regard to the management of its open spaces.
- The development of environmentally friendly areas for residents.
- Raising awareness of environmental issues and promote conservation projects in conjunction with appropriate bodies and residents.
- Consider sustainability and biodiversity when engaging with the planning system.
- Consideration of biodiversity issues and the implementation of changes when managing its buildings.
- Consider ways in which it reduces its Carbon footprint in its day to day activities

2.3 The Council will aim to engage with businesses and the public regarding biodiversity in the community and how members of the community can assist and make a difference.