**Stanford on Soar Parish Council   
Tree Management Policy and Risk Assessment Report – May 2025**

Stanford on Soar Parish Council acknowledges the benefits that it’s trees bring to the village. The following policy outlines the approach to managing tree risks and maintaining tree health and safety within the assessed area to ensure the safety of residents, visitors and property:

* **Regular Inspections:** Conduct routine inspections by a competent individual to identify and assess potential risks and tree health. Inspections will be carried out a minimum of twice a year.
* **Risk Mitigation:** Seek the view of a professional arboriculturist if any concerns are highlighted and implement recommended actions such as pruning, cabling, or bracing to mitigate identified risks.
* **Health Management:** Provide necessary treatments, such as fertiliser and pest control, to maintain tree health.
* **Documentation:** Maintain detailed records of all inspections, assessments, and management actions taken.
* **Community Engagement:** Inform and involve the local community in tree management activities to ensure transparency and cooperation. The Clerk will be the designated contact point if residents have any concerns about the trees on the Parish Council’s land.

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* **Training:** Ensure that personnel involved in tree management are adequately trained.
* **Review and Update:** Regularly review and update the tree management policy to incorporate new research findings, legal requirements and best practices.

**Tree Risk Assessment Report - TEMPLATE**

**Location:** [Insert Location] **Assessed By:** [Insert Your Name] **Date of Assessment:** [Insert Date]

**1. Tree Details**

* **Species:** [Insert Tree Species]
* **Height:** [Insert Approximate Tree Height]
* **Diameter at 1 metre:** [Insert approximate diameter]
* **Age (approximate):** [Insert Age]
* **Health Status:** [Healthy / Fair / Poor]

**2. Site Conditions**

* **Location:** [Residential / Commercial / Park / Street / Other]
* **Surrounding Area:** [Buildings, roads, footpaths, etc.]
* **Soil Type:** [Sandy / Clay / Loam / Other]
* **Drainage:** [Good / Poor]

**3. Tree Condition**

* **Trunk:** [Signs of decay, cavities, cracks, fungi, etc.]
* **Branches:** [Deadwood, broken branches, weak unions, etc.]
* **Canopy:** [Dense, sparse, signs of dieback, etc.]
* **Roots:** [Exposed, signs of decay, restricted growth, etc.]

**4. Risk Factors**

* **Potential Targets:** [Buildings, vehicles, pedestrians, etc.]
* **Likelihood of Failure:** [High / Medium / Low]
* **Consequences of Failure:** [High / Medium / Low]
* **Risk Rating:** [High / Medium / Low] (combine likelihood and consequences)

**5. Recommendations**

* **Pruning:** [Reduce canopy, remove deadwood, etc.]
* **Support Systems:** [Cabling, bracing, etc.]
* **Health Management:** [Fertiliser, pest control, etc.]
* **Further Inspection:** [Frequency and type of inspection]
* **Removal:** [Yes/No and reasons]

**6. Comments**

* [Insert any additional observations, notes, or comments]