



## **HERBICIDE POLICY FOR THE CONTROL OF UNWANTED VEGETATION ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND PROPERTY**

Clanfield Parish Council 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.

This policy covers both selective and non-selective herbicide and seeks to ensure that its use is kept to a minimum.

1. Any herbicide used must be approved for use in public areas.
2. Staff or contractors applying any 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).
4. Herbicide may be used as part of the annual planned maintenance programme of the Parish Council or its Tenants and Licensees (as applicable) for the following facilities:
  - (a) Car parks.
  - (b) Footpaths and other hard surfaces.
  - (c) Tennis courts.
  - (d) The MUGA and other outside basketball facilities.
  - (e) The Skatepark.
  - (f) The Bowling Green.
  - (g) Formal sports pitches.
5. The use of herbicide for unwanted vegetation on children's playgrounds or areas of grass open space (except formal sports pitches) is prohibited unless approved for a specific purpose following an application to the Parish Council's Property Management Committee. Such approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

This policy was approved by Clanfield Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021. It will be subject to 12 month review.