



## **PEASEDOWN ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL**

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### Weed-control Policy

The following Policy has been adopted by the Parish Council on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012, in relation to the use of chemicals for weed control within the Parish.

Parish Council staff will ensure that:

- The work is being carried out safely, legally and in line with government codes of practice, which can be viewed online at the following location:

[http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/Resources/CRD/Migrated-Resources/Documents/C/Code\\_of\\_Practice\\_for\\_using\\_Plant\\_Protection\\_Products](http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/Resources/CRD/Migrated-Resources/Documents/C/Code_of_Practice_for_using_Plant_Protection_Products)

- The staff applying the pesticide are using suitable personal protective equipment and have the appropriate Certificate of Competence for the Safe Use of Pesticides;
- The Parish Council is suitably equipped to deal with any spillage or similar incident;
- The pesticides are being mixed and prepared in an appropriate location and in a safe and legal way (or are supplied ready-mixed);
- The pesticides are being applied using a controlled droplet applicator in accordance with industry "best practice" for rate and method of application;
- All appropriate health and safety regulations are being followed;
- The pesticides are being stored in a safe and legal way;
- The appropriate records of the pesticides applied and the areas treated are being kept;
- All environmental risks are being managed appropriately.

Currently the only pesticide being used by the Parish Council is (amenity-grade) Glyphosate, which bio-degrades rapidly and is safe for both children and pets. An information sheet on weed control has been prepared and is available from the Parish Office on request.