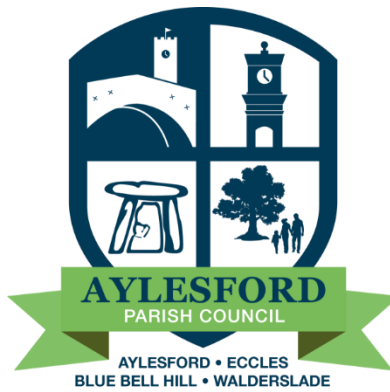


# AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL



## PESTICIDES USE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE POLICY



Aylesford Parish Council

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These are non-contractual policies and procedures which will be reviewed from time to time

Council Name: Aylesford Parish Council

Name of policy: Pesticides Health Surveillance Policy

Date of policy: June 2026

## **Policy Statement:**

The Council confirms that staff are **not enrolled in any formal health surveillance programme** for pesticides use. This decision is based on the Council's assessment that exposure to pesticides is **infrequent and minimal**. Staff are required to use the correct **personal protective equipment (PPE)** at all times when handling pesticides, in accordance with safety guidance.

## **Rationale:**

Based on the nature and frequency of pesticide use within Council operations, the risk of exposure is considered low. Proper use of PPE further reduces any potential risk to health, making routine health surveillance unnecessary.

## **Responsibilities:**

- **Clerk/Supervisor:** Ensure that staff handling pesticides have access to, and are trained in the correct use of, PPE.
- **Staff:** Must have PA1 and/or PA6 certificate. Always wear the recommended PPE when using pesticides and follow safe handling procedures. Report any incidents, concerns, or health symptoms related to pesticide exposure to the Supervisor or Clerk immediately.
- **Council:** If an employee reports symptoms potentially related to pesticide exposure, a **health screening will be arranged** to ensure their safety. The Council will review this policy periodically and update as necessary to reflect any changes in pesticide use, legal requirements, or health and safety guidance.

## **Review:**

This policy will be reviewed every **two years**, or sooner if there are changes in pesticide use practices or relevant legislation.