

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 27 October 2020
Agenda Item Number	Item number 10 (ix) Update on Biodiversity project.
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Title of Report	To update Councillors on progress of the project to increase biodiversity in the village.
Summary Report	<p>The Chairman has sent a Report (attached) on this project, with photos, to Contact for the November issue.</p> <p>St Mary's Road (west Adderbury). The grass area at the entrance to St Mary's Rd has now been mown and residents from this area have cleared the arisings and planted wild flower seeds including yellow rattle. Photos of this activity are on PC website, FB and other media, and sent to Contact with the Chairman's Report.</p> <p>Two bollards have been agreed with OCC and the Chairman will meet OCC on site, with residents to agree definite position.</p> <p>Sydenham Close Amenity Area: Residents have met with the Chairman and Brian Collins CDC officer to agree next stages for management of the area and forming the Sydenham Close Working group for volunteer work parties. Liaison has been set up with the Adderbury Lakes Working group and the PC insurance covers all volunteers.</p> <p>CDC has begun a clearance of sycamores and coppicing of hazel in the Sydenham Close amenity area as the first part of this project.</p> <p>Longwall Close Amenity area: CDC contractors have now mown areas which were left as meadow grass but the Chairman and CDC have liaised with residents who have requested a small area be left long over the winter in order to monitor how useful it is for birds and insect life.</p> <p>Other village areas: The PC contractor Thomas Fox has now mown the grass areas which were left in the summer to encourage wildlife and meadow flowers.</p> <p>The Forest School area: The Chairman and Councillor Bailey have met with the Head</p>

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	<p>teacher and teacher responsible for this project in school (1.10.20). The 15 small fruiting trees from the Woodland Trust will be planted in the Forest School area and children at CRPS are creating a planting plan. A work party will be organised to include parents, children and other residents. The WI have expressed a wish to be involved in this planting.</p>
Recommendation	<p>The report be noted. Agreement for two bollards for St May's Rd be confirmed now OCC agreement and cost is known. The Chairman continues to liaise with interested residents at Sydenham to develop a potential volunteer group for the Sydenham Close area, and at Long Wall and St Mary's Rd.</p>
Reasons for the Recommendation	<p>To encourage areas of biodiversity in the village.</p> <p>To follow Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan's Policies on bio-diversity, especially AD2:Green Infrastructure and AD3:Local Green Spaces</p> <p>Some residents have expressed wishes for the verges by their property to be managed in this way and for some variety at the Rise.</p> <p>The planting at the Forest School area forms part of that project.</p> <p>The Adderbury WI have requested tree planting in the village.</p>
Impact on Budget	<p>Cost of two bollards is £596.40 plus VAT, however there are allocated funds available for biodiversity projects in the village. Small fruiting trees are from the Woodland Trust. The WI may contribute to costs such as compost if needed.</p>
Risks	<p>None</p>
Background	<p>This complies with the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan Policies AD2 and AD3 (as above)</p> <p>A resident of Tanners Lane contacted the Parish Council with the following message:</p> <p><i>Would it be possible to remove the grass verge that abuts our property on Tanners Lane from the grass cutting contract? I would like to establish a wildlife corridor in that area. It won't impinge on the main road in anyway as the area is set well back from Horn Hill Road.</i></p>

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	<p>The Chairman has also suggested the green square at the entrance to Lake Walk could be another area for a pilot to encourage biodiversity in the village. Contractors have agreed such management is possible.</p> <p>The grass area behind the bus shelter on Crosshill Rd has been partially left unmown this year and successfully produced wild flowers.</p> <p>The Chairman has discussed the two amenity areas with CDC following requests from residents in Long Wall Close.</p> <p>The Contractors have been asked to leave an area in St Mary's Rd following requests from residents there.</p> <p>The planting at the Forest School area is part of that project. The Adderbury WI have requested tree planting in the village and will be included in this project.</p>
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	<p>Chairman's Report for November Contact Photos of work party at St Mary's Rd – already circulated to Councillors and on PC website etc. Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan (on PC website).</p>