

## ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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| <b>Date of Parish Council Meeting</b>  | Tuesday 26 March 2019   |
| <b>Agenda Item Number</b>  | Item 10 (ix)  |
| <b>Author</b>  | Diane Bratt   |
| <b>Title of Report</b>   | Lucy Plackett Playing Field Railway Embankment.   |
| <b>Summary</b>   | To discuss repairs to the fencing on the embankment or alternatives eg hedge planting. And also develop a project for replanting this part of the embankment.   |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  | That quotes / advice be obtained for the repair work to the fencing or hedge planting and also any suggested new planting of small trees such as hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn etc.   |
| <b>Reasons for the Recommendation</b>  | To ensure that any fencing/ hedge is adequate and is safe. Existing fence is a potential hazard and looks very neglected. It is in a poor state of repair. To enhance biodiversity of the area with low growing trees (as there are overhead electricity cables). APC should be following the policies of the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan to protect the embankment from damage. |
| <b>Impact on Budget</b>  | To be determined once quotes have been received. There is some funding for biodiversity projects in the PC budget.  |
| <b>Risks</b>   | That there is further damage to / theft of trees on the embankment.<br>Existing fence could be a hazard.  |
| <b>Background</b>  | The embankment is left natural as a nature reserve. It is included in Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan policies AD2 Green Infrastructure and AD4 Local Open Spaces. There has recently been some unauthorised felling of trees on the embankment. Any fencing or other property of the PC should not look neglected.  |
| <b>Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here</b> | Copy of Conveyance of land to APC to be brought to PC meeting.<br>ANP – available in PC dropbox and on APC website.   |