

## ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

<b>Date of Parish Council Meeting</b>	Tuesday 10 September 2019
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	Item 9 (iii)
<b>Author</b>	Diane Bratt
<b>Title of Report</b>	Nature Reserve at the Old Railway Embankment (next to the Lucy Plackett Playing Field).
<b>Summary</b>	To report from the working group set up to look into establishing a nature reserve at the old railway embankment, which is land owned by the Parish Council following agreement in principle previously by APC.
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>-that the best way to preserve it for wildlife is to leave the area largely as it is.</p> <p>-the fence was untidy but not too bad in places. APC could look at repairing it in places. (But we noted that Dave Chandler had advised the Chairman in an earlier site meeting that it could not be easily repaired ).</p> <p>--- if the Planning application on adjacent land goes forward the PC could revisit its position on this area on the basis that the amount of wilderness will have lessened, and as there could be possible funds available.</p> <p>--- dead branches overhanging at the FP entrance behind LPAC should be removed in Autumn/ winter.</p> <p>--Jeremy Sacha's suggestions eg a scrape and wild flowers in selected areas, could be revisited at a later date and also could feed into the improvement project for the LPF.</p>
<b>Reasons for the Recommendation</b>	<p>To maintain the area for wildlife and enhance biodiversity of the area.</p> <p>APC should comply with the Adderbury Neighbourhood Plan policies AD2 Green Infrastructure and AD4 Local Open Spaces to protect the embankment from damage.</p>
<b>Impact on Budget</b>	The Parish Council still has £1000 left from New Homes Bonus from 2015/2016 which was allocated to biodiversity projects.
<b>Risks</b>	<p>That there is further damage to / theft of trees on the embankment.</p> <p>Existing broken fence could be a hazard' though unlikely.</p> <p>APC may be seen as not complying with the ANP policies.</p>
<b>Background</b>	There has recently been some unauthorised felling of trees on the embankment. The area has been left largely untended as a nature reserve but has begun to look neglected, including broken fencing which could be a hazard.

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	<p>A meeting was held on 10 May 2019 with Jeremy Sacha (of Sacha Barnes Ltd) to discuss the potential for a nature reserve on the old railway embankment.</p>
<p><b>Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here</b></p>	<p>Emailed report from meeting with Jeremy Sacha (attached).</p> <p>Copy of Conveyance of land to APC brought to previous PC meeting.</p> <p>ANP – available in PC Dropbox and on APC website.</p>