

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 25 February 2020
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item number 9 (iv)</i>
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Title of Report	To update Councillors on progress of the project to increase biodiversity in the village.
Summary Report	<p>Following the Chairman's report on this project in the Contact a number of residents have contacted the Clerk/ Chairman to express support and interest in being involved.</p> <p>Two residents would like to include the grass area at the entrance to St Mary's Rd and residents in Sydenham Close have shown interest in volunteering to help manage that area.</p> <p>Thomas Fox has agreed a new schedule for mowing to leave Lake Walk Green and Tanners Lane areas of grass/verge unmown, allowing meadow grasses to develop.</p> <p>Amenity areas on the Aynho Rd, Longwall Close and Sydenham Close, will be managed for meadow plants through agreement with CDC.</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>The PC has ordered 15 small fruiting trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in Forest School area. These will arrive in March. The school and WI are involved in planting the Forest School area.</p>
Recommendation	<p>The report be noted.</p> <p>Residents in St Mary's Rd be contacted and this area added to Thomas Fox's new 'meadow area' cutting scheme.</p> <p>The Chairman continues to liaise with interested residents at Sydenham to develop a potential volunteer group for the Sydenham Close area.</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 wish for the verge by their property to be managed in this way.</p> <p>The planting at the Forest School area forms part of that project. The Adderbury WI have requested tree planting in the village.</p>
Impact on Budget	None at present, however there are allocated funds available for biodiversity projects in the village.

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	<p>Small fruiting trees are from the Woodland Trust. The WI may contribute to costs such as compost if needed.</p>
Risks	None
Background	<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> <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 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> <p>The Environment Committee had considered planting trees in The Rise, however due to an issue with a sewer pipe running straight through The Rise and the original resident who made the request, no longer wishing to be part of the project, trees would not now be planted here.</p>
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	<p>N/A Link to Woodland Trust scheme: 'Urban trees'</p>