

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 21 April 2020
Agenda Item Number	Item number 5 (Chairman's Announcements) Update on Biodiversity project.
Author	Diane Bratt
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>The grass area at the entrance to St Mary's Rd will now be included and the two residents who suggested this will liaise with the PC once the current restrictions are ended.</p> <p>Residents in Sydenham Close have shown interest in volunteering to help manage that area and this will be pursued once restrictions on public meetings end.</p> <p>Thomas Fox has agreed a new schedule for mowing to leave Lake Walk Green, Tanners Lane areas of grass/verge and St Mary's Rd entrance 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. CDC has begun a clearance of sycamores and coppicing of hazel in the Sydenham Close amenity area as the first part of this project. CDC has begun the project in Long Wall Close amenity area, leaving some areas as meadow grass and mowing only a pathway through.</p> <p>The PC has received 15 small fruiting trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in the Forest School area and possibly at the Rise. These have been planted in a 'nursery bed' until the autumn when it is hoped public meetings can be arranged again. The school and WI will be involved in planting the Forest School area.</p>
Recommendation	<p>The report be noted.</p> <p>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 Some residents have expressed wish 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>

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Impact on Budget	<p>None at present, 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>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 Contractors have been asked to leave an area in St Mary's Rd following requests from residents there.</p> <p>Resident on the Rise requested tree planting. 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>N/A Link to Woodland Trust scheme: 'Urban trees'</p>