

WORKING PARTY UPDATES

PLANNING & LAND COMMITTEE UPDATE

Park Lane Development

Still no detailed planning application submitted, which was due in by end of May, then end of June

Idea please for what the village would like to see the substantial CIL and S106 monies spent on that should become available when the development commences

Cycle Track Soar Lane Jubilee Woods

We hear that this is now very unlikely to proceed

Verges

Western Power need another chase as some verges remain in need of restoration

The developer of College Road has reseeded the verges albeit poorly

Zouch Bridge Replacement

Leicestershire CC now seriously considering repairing the existing bridge as cost of replacement bridge tenders were too high. Did all those trees get cut down for nothing!

4 College Road revised application for reduction in ridge height of new house

PC objected on grounds it would be out of character

Sutton Fields House The Lodge Certificate of Lawfulness for garden intruding into open countryside

The PC to Object on the grounds of both being into open countryside and another blatant attempt to override the planning rules with a retrospective application

10 Landcroft Lane new dwelling with revised lower height ridge height

The ridge height has been reduced by 1.00m (8.8m to 7.8m), however we should still object as per the previous reasons of massing height etc

4 Park Lane new very large dwelling

PC have Objected

Overhead cables and pylons

WPD have asked for permission to access one of their pylons in the Orchard to the rear of the playing fields. They probably do have rights of access anyway

The PC have also been asked if we would agree to a connection to this same pylon for a new solar farm proposed near Kegworth. Awaiting details. There could be a large financial gain to the PC

PLAYING FIELDS WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Feedback on the Playing Fields Working Group is limited at present as we haven't met since the previous Parish Council meeting.

Part of the reason for this was that we are awaiting the Planning permission update on the Pavilion plans - this is still not confirmed as yet & there was a request to provide more information, which we have provided.

Activity updates from the Playing Fields FYI is:

- **Mowing** continues as contracted - we are leaving the "Bonfire mound" uncut to facilitate a Wild Flower growing area.
- **The Football Pitch** has been treated recently as part of the ongoing care of the pitch within the partnership agreement between SBFC & Leicester City FC.

- **Trees** have been planted in certain areas as per the plan provided by the Bio Diversity / Tree planting proposal
- **Cricknet** - the practise Nets have been part repaired & a new "mobile" net has been purchased by the Club. There remains concern / questions from Village users of the Nets regarding no netting on the net roof & also the condition of both the carpeted area / bowling area ?
- **Dug Outs** - @Patrick could you share with the PC what the planned timings are for these please?
- **Play Scheme / SB Show** - I believe everyone will be ware from the different communications that both the Play Scheme & SB Show will not be taking place in 2021.

FLOOD WORKING PARTY UPDATE

- No update, meeting due to take place in July

BIODIVERSITY WORKING PARTY UPDATE

1. Welcome to Chloe!

Chloe is studying Countryside and Environmental Management and will be carrying out some voluntary work experience with us.

- Julie will chase up the college's health and safety approval so that Chloe can start work.

2. Trees

a. Woodland Trust trees

All 400 trees have now been planted around the Playing Fields (and a few on the Diamond Wood mound) – thanks to all who helped. Sofie has also organised the planting of 400 trees on campus and may apply for another 400 trees in the next Woodland Trust cycle. Whilst there are a number of possible planting sites in the village (near Jubilee Tree, bottom of Marle Pit Hill, gardens etc.) it was agreed that Sofie will talk to the University this time about further planting in Diamond Wood.

b. Plastic surround removal in Diamond Wood

Two weekend working parties have been held with some support from the community – and visible progress has been made. However, there remains a large task ahead.

- Michael to ask the University about utilising the "Community Payback" scheme (Jenny to supply weblink)
- All to help out where possible at another community afternoon on Sunday 27 June

c. Tree Preservation Orders

The TPO working party is due to meet next week and will report back to the next meeting

d. Japanese Knotweed

Concern has been expressed about the possible presence of Japanese Knotweed on the Playing Fields, but Sofie confirmed it was not Knotweed.

- Julie to feed back to concerned resident

3. "God's Acre"

Ben has started to develop a plan based on the mapping work undertaken earlier in May. This will be available to review at the next meeting.

4. Wildlife Trust report on the Spinney

Belinda presented the recommendations from the Wildlife Trust review – reproduced below, alongside our initial agreed actions:

Ref.	Project Title	Prescription	Agreed Action
3.1.1	Friends Group	Set up a Friends of Group to take ownership of this management plan and its delivery.	Climate Crisis and Biodiversity Group is taking on this role
3.1.2	Site interpretation	Install new interpretation boards at appropriate locations as funding becomes available.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.3	Site cleanliness	Carry out regular litter picking and inform Sutton Bonington Council of any fly tipping, antisocial behaviour or dog fouling as soon as possible.	This is happening already through a village initiative
3.1.4	Meadow management	Maintain the grassland (meadow and orchard) areas through an annual cut late summer or early autumn, i.e. August or September on a rotational basis (see Appendix 4 for suggested rotations. If ground conditions prevent this timing, late July would be acceptable. All arisings should be removed either mechanically or by hand and piled under adjacent trees if it is not possible to remove from site.	Julie will give Belinda the phone number of the person who mows the meadow, to discuss this plan.
3.1.5	Meadow enhancement	Where funds allow, a programme of meadow enhancement through plug planting would be beneficial to increase diversity. Introducing seed, for example Yellow rattle, on carefully prepared areas would also be beneficial.	This will be done after the autumn cut. The wild flowers ordered via RBC have arrived and more plants could be purchased via Parish Council.
3.1.6	Woodland management - thinning	Carry out selective thinning of some of the younger trees in the woodland to increase structural diversity and create additional glades. Use brash for dead hedging and/or habitat piles. Additional seeding of the newly created glades with a suitable native woodland (shade-tolerant) mix could also be considered.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.7	Woodland management - coppicing	Carry out a programme of rotational coppicing of young-semi mature trees on 12-15 year rotation. Use brash for dead hedging and/or habitat piles.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.8	Woodland management - deadwood	Select one or two mature trees for ringbarking to create standing deadwood.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.9	Woodland enhancement	Install bat and bird boxes – seek advice from Nottinghamshire Bat Group, South Nottinghamshire Ringing Group, South Notts Local Group.	Chloe to find out more from local bat group
3.1.10	Orchard tree management	Seek specialist advice on the management of the fruit trees to maximise fruit availability for the local community. Undertake management in accordance with this advice.	Julie to ask the Parish Tree Warden to assess the condition of some of the trees which appear to be falling over
3.1.11	Orchard enhancement	Introduce native, locally appropriate plug plants within the orchard meadow to enhance species richness and potentially encourage pollinators.	See 3.1.5
3.1.12	Hedgerow management	Undertake rotational management of all hedgerows in late winter (e.g. February) to ensure that birds are able to access fruits whilst avoiding the breeding season. Aim to cut two thirds of hedgerows each year on a rotational basis, i.e. each hedgerow is fully cut on top and both sides over a three year period.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.13	Hedgerow enhancement - gaps	Fill hedgerow gaps with native, locally appropriate species which could be sourced from self-set saplings on	<i>Will return to this</i>

		site. Clear vegetation around any new plantings whilst they establish and water regularly if necessary.	
3.1.14	Hedgerow enhancement – standard trees	Identify standard trees to retain as part of the hedgerow, but allowed to grow to full height.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.15	Hedgerow management – traditional methods	Investigate potential for laying H4 either by a specialist contractor, or as part of a training session for the local community	We plan to do this in February – Chloe and Ben have prior knowledge which will be useful.
3.1.16	Drainage ditch enhancement and management	Contact Canal and River Trust to discuss potential management and enhancement of the drainage ditch. To increase diversity, it is recommended that work is carried out to reduce overshadowing, stabilise banks and encourage marginal/emergent vegetation.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.17	Pond management	Carry out initial clearance of vegetation around pond area and remove arisings. In subsequent years, include this area with rotational meadow management.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.18	Wetland enhancement	Increase the site's wetland resource by creating one or two new ponds/shallow scrapes which may attract amphibians as well as wetland invertebrates (subject to funding)	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.19	Monitoring	Undertake annual condition monitoring to rapidly assess the condition of features and potentially identify where corrective action is needed.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.20	Infrastructure maintenance	Maintain site infrastructure, repair and repaint benches and signs as necessary.	<i>Will return to this</i>
3.1.21	Educational links	Link with local schools, colleges, universities to investigate use of the site as an educational resource.	Already begun via link with Chloe

5. Canals and River Trust

Agreed to return to the idea of adopting the canal in 6 months' time.

6. Orchard Benches

Julie to ask Ben again about providing suitable trunks to use as benches. There is also some wood from a willow tree by the river that might be suitable. Agreed to attempt to move it (date to be set later) and turn any remaining logs into a hedgehog/bug hotel.

7. Promoting practical action that residents can take with regard to biodiversity/climate crisis

To be discussed next time (Simon)

8. Food Waste

To be discussed next time (Simon). Ben also mentioned a possible food waste scheme he is exploring in Normanton.

9. Any Other Business

- Ben, Julie and Chloe to talk to Lesley, an expert on hedgehogs, to start a hedgehog scheme.
- Chloe will remove the goose grass growing in the nature strip next to the wall opposite the Hall (every few weeks)

10. Next meeting

Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 7pm at the Spinney