

## **RECORD OF THE LITTLETON & HARESTOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:00 pm  
at Henry Beaufort School, Media Suite.**

**Present:** Cllr J Biddlecombe (Acting Chair), Cllr D Tozer, Cllr J Whitburn, Cllr R Warren, Cllr P Cunningham, Cllr L Winn, Cllr J Musselwhite, Cllr T Jackson.

**In attendance:** Mrs L Fielding (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr J Warwick, City Cllr C Horrill and City Cllr J Batho.

**Members of the public:** Two.

### **22-148: Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr G Sallis, City Cllr K Learney and City Cllr M Craske.

### **22-149: Disclosure of Interest.**

Cllr J Whitburn declared a personal interest in a planning application (see item 22-159a) however the specific application was not discussed.

### **22-150: Public Participation.**

Two members of the public attended to discuss the council's Local Plan Reg 18 consultation response however it was noted that this was covered in the December Parish Council meeting and the feedback had been submitted before Christmas.

### **22-151: Minutes of the full council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were presented, and it was noted that there was a small typographical error in the document. It was **proposed by Cllr J Musselwhite, seconded by Cllr D Tozer, and RESOLVED that with one small correction, the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be approved.**

### **22-152: Review of Open Actions.**

The actions from the last meeting were reviewed. The status of the actions is shown at the end of these minutes.

### **22-153: County Councillor's Report – County Cllr J Warwick.**

County Cllr J Warwick summarised a written report (see Appendix A pre-circulated to the Parish Councillors).

County Cllr J Warwick also asked the council to consider responding to the Mineral and Waste consultation which is due to complete on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

### **22-154: City Councillors' Report – City Cllr J Batho.**

City Cllr J Batho reported that the consultation for the draft Winchester District Local Plan (regulation 18) is now complete and thanked the Parish Council for their contribution. There will be a meeting held in February to review all the feedback submitted. He also noted that there is a National Planning Policy review which will complete on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, which could impact the Local Plan.

City Cllr J Batho noted that new legislation will be in place for the May elections where voters will need to provide an id, and the first Winchester City Council meeting of the year will be on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **22-155: City Councillors' Report – City Cllr C Horrill.**

City Cllr C Horrill summarised a written report (see Appendix B).

Cllr D Tozer asked if the WCC district residents' report was broken down into areas, and Cllr Horrill reported that this information would be available on the WCC website presently.

A concern was raised that the requirement for voter identification at the May election could be problematic for some parts of the population without driver's licenses or passports and it was noted that it will be possible for residents without other identification to apply for a free Voter Authority, however, they would also be able to apply for a postal vote where an id would not be needed.

### **22-156: Military Report: Sir John Moore Barracks.**

The ATR representative RSM WO1 Bould was unable to attend, however, he provided a written report (see Appendix C pre-circulated to the Parish Councillors).

**22-157: Police Report.**

PCSO Leung was unable to attend, however, he provided a written report (see **Error! Reference source not found.** pre-circulated to the Parish Councillors).

The Parish Council understand that there has been a 100% increase in domestic burglary in the last year and that if the police are called upon to board up windows there is a charge of £200.

**22-158: King's Barton Forum.**

The next forum meeting is planned for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**22-159: Planning.**

a. New Applications.

The Parish Council resolved to object to planning applications 22/02703/HOU (14 Upton Grey Close), Harestock) and 22/02690/HOU (17 Woodgreen Road, Harestock). They also resolved not to raise any objections for 22/02598/HOU (15 Upton Grey Close, Harestock) and to make no comments on 22/02576/HOU (19 Andover Road North, Harestock).

b. Existing Applications.

It was noted that three applications previously reviewed by the Parish Council have now been approved by WCC.

It was also noted that the planning appeal (APP/L1765/W/22/3290547) for the land to the rear of Larch Cottage Main Road has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

c. Enforcement Matters.

There are two open enforcement cases in the Parish, and the status of these has not changed since the December Parish Council meeting.

**22-160: Parish Council Finance.**

a. Payments for endorsement.

The payment list for December 2022 (see Appendix E) containing payments already made was presented for consideration and, after discussion, it was **proposed by Cllr E Maun, seconded by Cllr T Jackson and RESOLVED that payments on the payments schedule should be endorsed.**

b. To approve payments of new invoices

The Clerk presented an invoice from Matrix Traffic and Transport Data Ltd for the sum of £1,380 for an eight week traffic survey at the Recreation Ground. After some discussion, it **was proposed by Cllr J Musselwhite, seconded by Cllr T Jackson, and RESOLVED that the invoice of £1,380 should be paid.**

c. To confirm the precept figure for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Clerk reported that the Winchester tax base information had now been received, and she calculated that the revised tax base would mean that the Precept figure proposed last month would increase the cost to Band D properties by over 6%. As discussed at the last meeting, an additional £500 taken from reserves would mean that the precept would be reduced to £126,681, which would give a 5.6% increase to Band D properties.

After some discussion, it **was proposed by Cllr P Cunningham, seconded by Cllr E Maun, and RESOLVED to set the precept to £126,681.**

**22-161: To consider the council's support for the King's Coronation Events.**

The council considered ideas for marking the King's Coronation including planting trees in the conservation area. After some discussion, it was decided that whilst the council were not able to organise an event themselves they were happy to support others with a donation or the use of the council facilities and it was agreed an article should be added to the next newsletter.

**22-162: To consider the position of the "Old Littleton Recreation Ground" Charity.**

Cllr J Biddlecombe reported on the Littleton Recreation Ground charity which is currently dormant and is linked to the Parish Council, and the Littleton Barrows (Tumulus field). He provided some historical details from 1972, and what is known about the current position of the charity. It was agreed that more information was needed to allow the charity trustees to arrange a meeting and decide on the appropriate actions.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Hampshire Records Office to arrange to view old Parish Council minutes.

**Action:** The Clerk to contract White&Bowker (now Blake Morgan) to obtain copies of old deeds and leases.

### **22-163: Climate Change.**

Cllr D Tozer summarised a written report (see Appendix F pre-circulated to the Parish Councillors).

### **22-164: Estate Matters.**

a. To consider complaints about dog walkers in the Recreation Ground

Cllr P Cunningham raised concern about some incidents that had been reported via residents where business dog walkers or those walking many dogs had been approached by residents as they were not picking up deposits. This resulted in some unpleasant discussions.

The council considered what should be done to encourage dog walkers to use the existing dog bins, and it was also noted that many of the litter bins in the recreation ground contained dog deposits in bags which should have been put in the red dog waste bins. It was agreed that this issue would be further investigated by the Estates Working Group

b. To receive an update on Playground improvements

Cllr L Winn reported that the payment has now been made to Vitaplay following the delayed completion of the maintenance work at Bradley Rd playground and that the regular inspections are reporting that no actions are currently needed. The Clerk has arranged for the annual playground inspection and is waiting for a proposed date.

The new equipment to be installed at Littleton Recreation Ground (partly funded by Enviromena) will start on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and the new surfacing at Bradley Rd will start on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The council's insurance company have provided the money for the full surface replacement for the Fire damage to the Parkour following a petition from the Clerk where they originally only agreed to pay for a patch repair. **It was therefore proposed by Cllr L Winn, seconded by Cllr E Maun and RESOLVED to instruct MANT (as selected by the insurance company) to implement the repair work.**

Cllr L Winn reported that although not technically a playground item, there was a need to replace the five-a-side goals that had been beyond repair and removed some months ago. The estimated cost for the equipment would be under £1000 and she suggested that this money could be taken out of the playground maintenance budget. After some discussion, **it was resolved that the Clerk should order the product and all costs for purchase and installation would be covered by the playground maintenance budget line.**

**Action:** The Clerk to purchase a pair of five-a-side goals.

Cllr L Winn noted that for the coming financial year she would be considering improving access and useability of the outdoor gym equipment.

c. Estates Working Group report.

Cllr E Maun reported that there had been a water leak in the Bowls area and the stop tap has been turned off, and further investigations are ongoing. The football club were not using the top pitch due to chafer bug damage and asked if they could try using Garlic water on the pitch which they understand can help. After some discussion, the Parish Council resolved to allow the football to trial the use of Garlic water to resolve chafer bug damage. The Clerk noted that she had tried to purchase nematodes Previous easements on football pitch usage and gone well, and the football club had asked permission for seven match usage of the pitches on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> which the Parish Council were in favour of. Cllr J Biddlecombe noted that the football club had used the training area the previous weekend when it was very wet and left it very muddy, and Cllr E Maun agreed to discuss this with the football club.

The office refurbishment work is continuing again, and the Clerk has a quote for new flooring and is waiting for a second quote. Cllr J Biddlecombe is investigating new office furniture including a table that can be used for small meetings. It was noted that since January 2022 the refurbishment work had cost

£12,868.14 of the £22,000 budget agreed upon in the Parish Council meeting of 11 January 2021, and it was expected that the remaining work would fit within the budget.

Cllr J Biddlecombe reported that he and Cllr J Musselwhite had assessed the condition of the Pavilion building, and Cllr J Musselwhite would be preparing a maintenance schedule.

Cllr E Maun referred to two requests, the first was from the gardening club to allow them to invite someone to sharpen their gardening tools in the car park at a future gardening club meeting, which was approved by the Parish Council. The second request was to allow a South Wonston resident to scatter ashes in the Recreation Ground conservation area, which the Parish Council refused.

The next Estates Working Group meeting is planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 7-9 pm.

### **22-165: Parish Council Reports.**

a. Littleton Village Design Statement

Cllr J Biddlecombe noted that the public consultation for the LVDS started on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and will last 6 weeks until 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

b. Flood Alleviation

Cllr P Cunningham reported that there will be a meeting to review the proposed flood alleviation measures with the chair of the Pitter Close residents in the next few weeks.

c. The Millennium Memorial Hall.

No update

d. Transport and Traffic

Cllr J Biddlecombe noted that we are waiting to hear from the Hampshire County Council officer about the proposed community funding initiative regarding the scoping report to improve pedestrian safety near the Running Horse.

### **22-166: Items for noting, AOB, or for inclusion on next month's agenda.**

Cllr R Warren noted that he would be on holiday from 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 until 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Cllr P Cunningham raised a concern that he had seen individuals removing large amounts of books from the Littleton lending library which he suspected were going to be sold. The library is now significantly depleted. He suggested that an article should be put in the next newsletter to raise awareness of this issue.

### **22-167: Date of Next Meetings:**

a. Parish Council meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 7 pm, Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall.

### **22-168: Summary of Actions**

Table 1: Open Action Points.

ID	Owner	Action Points (Open)	Status
Jan.1	Clerk	The Clerk to purchase a pair of five-a-side goals.	New
Jan.2	Clerk	The Clerk to contact Hampshire Records Office to arrange to view old Parish Council minutes.	New
Jan.3	Clerk	The Clerk to contract White&Bowker (now Blake Morgan) to obtain copies of old deeds and leases.	New
Dec.3	Clerk	The Clerk to follow up with the PCSO to check if the arson attack on the Littleton Parkour may have been committed by the same individuals who committed damaged a playground in Kingsworthy. <b>9Jan23:</b> The PCSO does not cover the Kingsworthy area but he will follow this up with a colleague.	Open
Nov.2	Clerk	The Clerk to contact the DIO to extend the lease on the Harestock Road Recreation Area. <b>12Dec22:</b> Done, this is currently under discussion at the DIO <b>9Jan23:</b> No update yet, but the Clerk has sent a reminder email.	Open
Oct.6	Clerk	The Clerk to further investigate the requirement for a separate Cyber insurance policy <b>12Dec22:</b> Low priority at the moment.	Hold

ID	Owner	Action Points (Open)	Status
Oct.9	Cllr EM	Cllr E Maun to investigate costs to extend the existing car park speed bumps. <b>14Nov22:</b> On hold until separate car parking spaces are defined.	Hold
Apr.5	Estates WG	The Estates Working Group to review the Sports Club Management agreement. <b>9May22:</b> To be discussed at their next meeting. <b>13June22:</b> No change. <b>11Jul22:</b> Discussed at recent Estates Meeting. <b>10Oct22:</b> No change. <b>14Nov22/12Dec22:</b> In progress. <b>9Jan23:</b> Delayed due to Ground maintenance contract decision, and information on Recreation Ground Charity.	Open

Table 2: Closed Action Points

ID	Owner	Action Points (Closed)	Status
Dec.1	Clerk	The Clerk to provide the Parish Council's formal response to the Local Plan using the online system. <b>9Jan23:</b> Done.	Closed
Dec.2	Cllr PC	Cllr P Cunningham to submit a hard copy of the Parish Council's response to the Local Plan at the Winchester City Council offices.	Closed
Dec.4	Clerk	The Clerk to contact Open reach/Virgin to inform them about the condition of the green junction boxes in Harestock. <b>9Jan23:</b> Done. The Clerk reviewed all the boxes in the Harestock area and found 3 located on Buriton Rd and one on Priors Dean Rd. They have been reported to Virgin.	Closed
Nov.3	Cllr TJ	Cllr T Jackson to investigate options for the council to provide a heat loss thermal imaging camera. <b>12Dec22:</b> In progress. <b>9Jan23:</b> Done. An imaging camera has been purchased.	Closed
Nov.5	Clerk	The Clerk to re-arrange meeting dates for April and May 2023. <b>12Dec22:</b> The date for May is confirmed as 15 <sup>th</sup> May, preferred date for April is now Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> which will be checked with the hall manager. <b>9Jan23:</b> Dates now confirmed with hall manager.	Closed

## Appendix A. County Councillor Report – Cllr J Warwick Winchester Downlands January 2023

### Primary School Admissions

As the 15 January deadline for school place applications approaches, Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year or move to year 3 in a junior school in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application. Where a school is not able to offer a place, the child will be added to the waiting list for the next available space – often other children do not take up their offer because a family moves home or has decided on a different school. Any parent who is unhappy with the place that has been allocated for their child can appeal against the decision.

Parents who have already submitted their application can log back into the online system to amend their application any time before the closing date of 15 January 2023. It is important to be sure to resubmit the application after making any changes. Anyone who needs to make changes to a paper application should contact [admissions.team@hants.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.team@hants.gov.uk)

### Sofas, seats and armchairs.....

The larger Hampshire waste recycling centres will now provide separate containers for upholstered seating. Items such as dining chairs, armchairs and sofas are likely to contain pollutants which stay intact and do not break down, so authorities are required by law to ensure these items are diverted from landfill, separated from other waste and disposed of carefully at one of our energy recovery facilities.

Ideally, residents will first consider offering suitable items for reuse by donating to charity or selling privately before disposal. The range of upholstered seating items which now need to be segregated includes: sofas, sofa beds, armchairs, kitchen and dining room chairs, stools and upholstered footstools, home office chairs, futons, bean bags, floor and sofa cushions.

Many local district councils also offer, for a fee, a bulky waste collection service which residents can use as an alternative to taking items themselves to a household waste recycling centre.

### Reminder! Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan -consultation ends 31<sup>st</sup> January

Providing minerals (sand, gravel etc) to enable development and building in Hampshire is an important function of the County Council and is vital for economic development in Hampshire. Equally, the County Council has to provide infrastructure and sites for the disposal of waste, and consequently sites need to be considered for this. So, just as there is a Local Plan for housing, the County Council creates a Minerals and Waste Plan for the County area along with Portsmouth and Southampton cities.

A new iteration of the plan has just been published for consultation. I should stress at this point that all of the sites put forward are NOT sure to be developed. You can see the full plan here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>

## Appendix B. City Councillor Report – Wonston and Micheldever Ward (January 2023)

Many residents and organisations have made contributions towards the consultation on the City Council's **draft Local Plan**, which closed in December. These comments will all be reviewed and considered before the next version of the plan is considered for submission to the Planning Inspectorate in the middle of 2023.

Public consultation has been taking place for several **major Council projects** – the Depot which is next door to the new Sport & Leisure Park, Station Approach, Central Winchester and Bushfield Camp. Over the coming months, the next step in each of these projects will be decided by the administration.

We continue to seek planning solutions for the issues of **nitrates and phosphates** which are delaying many planning applications and adding considerable cost to projects.

**Voter photo ID** will be introduced in May local elections. These will include a passport or driving licence.

Postal votes will not be impacted by this change for the May elections.

**Small Grants Fund** continues to be available for local projects up to £1000. For example, the cricket club at Sparsholt recently received funds for encouraging girls' cricket. Please do encourage local organisations to apply.

**A District Residents Survey** was published recently. 96% of respondents were satisfied with the local area as a place to live, 75% were satisfied with the way the Council runs things and 57% think the Council provides value for money. Our parks and open spaces make the area a great place to live. For improvement are affordable housing and renting options, better public transport and a better selection of retail shops close by.

The Council continues to support over 270 **Ukrainian families** in our District as we start another year with their country at war with Russia.

**Focus on cost of living.** All levels of government are making help available for those finding difficulties with the increasing cost of essentials. All households are receiving help with their energy bills, including the energy price guarantee and £400 support for bills. Those on means-tested benefits are receiving another £650 with pensioners and those on disability benefits receiving more support. Councils are making grants and other financial support available to individuals and organisations to help deal with the cost of living challenge. Several parish councils locally are using one of these grant schemes to offer Warm Hubs – places for residents to meet in a warm place, enjoy some company and warm food and drink. The ten pubs in our Ward are also offering a warm welcome. Do contact one of your ward councillors if you need help accessing more support.

## Appendix C. Sir John Moore Barracks Army Training Regiment (ATR) Report - RSM WO1 Bould

### Main events List:

- Thu 12 Jan 23 – Sir John Moore Dinner Night – ATR(W) Officers' Mess.
- Fri 03 Feb 23 ATR(W) Pass out Parade.
- Fri 17 Mar 23 ATR(W) Pass out Parade.
- Sat 27 May 23 ATR(W) Beat the Retreat and cocktail party – Invite to representatives from Littleton and Harestock Parish Council in due course.
- Sat 15 Jul 23 – Officers Mess Summer Ball.
- Sat 22 Jul 23 – Sgt's Mess Summer Ball.
- Sun 12 Nov 23 – ATR(W) Remembrance Sunday Service – Invite to representatives from Littleton and Harestock Parish Council in due course.

### Current affairs:

- ATR(W) continues to support clubs and groups from across the local community.
- No further update regarding the closure of ATR(W). Working towards Oct 2026.

## Appendix D. WINCHESTER NPT Crime Report (11/11/22 – 11/12/22) - PCSO 18348 Gary Leung

### Antisocial Behaviour

21/12/2022 - Informant reporting that over the past few weeks, he could smell cannabis along Woodgreen Road, SO22 6LH.

### Burglary

31/12/2022 - Informant reporting that their farm has been broken into overnight. (Stud Lane, SO21 2QG).

Criminal Damage - No reports of Criminal Damage in Littleton & Harestock.

Public Order - No reports of Public Order in Littleton & Harestock.

Suspicious - No reports of Suspicious Activity in Littleton & Harestock.

### Theft

20/12/2022 - Informant reporting a stolen necklace. (Harestock Road, SO22 6NT).

## Appendix E. Payments for endorsement (Confidential information not shown).

Table 3: Payments in December 2022

Date	Ref	To Whom	Details of Payment	Total (£)	VAT (£)	Net (£)
07.11.22	169	WCC	Council tax on Parish Office	71.00	0.00	71.00
07.11.22	170	British Gas	Office Electricity (20 Oct 22 to 20 Nov22)	32.18	1.53	30.65
08.12.22	171	Green Smile Ltd	December Grounds Maintenance	<i>Redacted</i>	<i>Redacted</i>	<i>Redacted</i>
08.12.22	172	Mainstream Digital	Nov telephone usage & Quarterly Rental	46.69	7.78	38.91
08.12.22	173	Plane Arboriculture Ltd	Arboricultural report on trees in Littleton Recreation Ground	240.00	0.00	240.00
13.12.22	174	Premier Grounds & Gardens	Speed indicator device moves x 24 (19/01/22 - 07/12/22)	1008.00	168.00	840.00
13.12.22	175	Steveleesplanning	Planning advice for WCC Reg18 Local Plan Consultation	700.00	0.00	700.00

Date	Ref	To Whom	Details of Payment	Total (£)	VAT (£)	Net (£)
14.12.22	176	Go Live	September Website Updates & E-newsletter / Flyer Design	550.00	0.00	550.00
15.12.22	177	Waitrose & Partners	Vouchers for Volunteer Donations	200.00	0.00	200.00
15.12.22	178	Tesco	Christmas cards / Donation of £50 to the Cleaner	52.00	0.00	52.00
16.12.22	179/184	Staff	Staff Salaries	1,580.04	0.00	1,580.04
16.12.22	180	Winchester Basics Bank	Donation of £50 to the Basics Bank	50.00	0.00	50.00
21.12.22	181	Chairman	Refreshments for end of year celebration	34.83	0.00	34.83
21.12.22	182	Geosphere Ltd	Parish Online Subscription Dec 14, 2022 – Dec 14, 2023	201.60	33.60	168.00
21.12.22	183	Vitaplay	Remedial work at Littleton and Harestock playgrounds	2,913.82	485.63	2428.19
24.12.22	185	HMRC	Tax & NI on December salaries	313.80	0.00	313.80
24.12.22	186	Premier Grounds & Gardens	Green Waste removal from Lengthsman visit	24.00	4.00	20.00
24.12.22	187	FLIR Systems Trading	FLIR ONE Edge Pro - Thermal imaging camera	574.79	95.80	479.00
28.12.22	188	Adobe	Adobe monthly subscription for October	35.39	5.90	29.49
30.12.22	189	British Gas	Sports Pavilion Electricity (11 Oct 22 - 11 Nov 22)	165.64	7.89	157.75

## Appendix F. Climate Change Working Group –

Since the last Parish Council Meeting further progress has been made on pursuing the agreed practical ideas that arose from the autumn Climate Café group discussions. These are as follows:

### 1. Thermal imaging camera

A FLIR One Edge Pro camera has now been bought that will be able to identify heat loss areas in buildings. The camera is wireless enabled and so can link with mobile phones which then allows the user to scan, take photos or record videos.

The key aim is to make it locally available to parishioners and enable them to take appropriate actions, anything from simple draught exclusion, insulation to seeking professional advice, and help with both reducing carbon and assisting with reducing energy costs. It will also be useful for monitoring the Council's own buildings and assets.

We are now testing the camera as to its compatibility with various phone software systems, as well as drafting protocols and instructions for its use alongside some handy tips and hints for dealing with the findings. These are covering:

- Borrowing agreement, including Terms and Conditions for signing on receipt of the camera
- Basic 'How to use' instructions with hints and tips on maximising the effectiveness of using the camera
- Booking system (minimising impact on Lisa)
- User Feedback Form

The camera is best used in winter to maximise the benefit of the technology, so we are viewing the remainder of this winter as a trial period ahead of next winter. With this in mind, we would like to gather expressions of interest in borrowing our device through the newsletter or noticeboards. We are hoping that the Parish Clerk can be the initial contact point as we assess the level of interest.



Cllr Tim Jackson will be attending a training day at the turn of the month and we hope that the three of us will become sufficiently knowledgeable to assist any parishioners as necessary, although we hope that the instruction guide and tips will minimise this as far as possible. There will no doubt be some fine-tuning to come in due course.

## 2. Creating wildflower areas

Shortly before Christmas, Cllrs Liz Winn and David Tozer, an enthusiastic local volunteer and Cllr Kelsie Learney held a positive and constructive meeting at the site of the potential wildflower area by the junction of Buriton and Rockborne Roads in Harestock.

The volunteer has spoken widely with residents in the immediate vicinity and reported only favourable support for the concept of creating a small meadow. The area is an ideal size and is classified as an open space rather than a verge which makes matters easier.

There did not appear to be any significant barriers to developing the idea. Cllr Learney agreed to look further into contractor considerations and what is likely to be the best approach to the creation and management of the site. It may be that the area will be largely left this year to see what's there, allowing a full flower survey to be conducted to establish a baseline.

We are now awaiting further information from Cllr Learney.

*N.B. The next meeting of the wider Working Group is expected to be held later this month or in February.*

**David Tozer**  
(Chair of CCWG)

08/01/2023