

AGENDA ITEM 7. GREEN SPACES

a) Report from Broom Hill Trust.

As with all of our green spaces the regular rainfall has resulted in abundant growth of flora including the stunning pyramidal orchid and the not so welcome bramble. The first cut of the public footpaths has been done by Suffolk County Council. The clearing of the upper footpath to the top of the grass slope will be completed by volunteers in the next 2 weeks.

The replacement sign for the entrance from Love Lane has been received from Hudson Signs and will need to be mounted onto a wooden backboard before being installed on site.

The slats have been replaced on the kissing gate but a second end post will need replacing. As on eof the rustic benches at the top of the grass slope has become “wobbly” and Trustees will assess what repairs are needed.

Decisions for PC :-

1. Dates fro Autumn volunteer work morning/s.
2. Budget for kissing gate post and bench repairs.
3. Arrange sign installation.

b) Report from Mill Hill, Three Cocked Hat and Allotments Working Group.

The footpath through Mill Hill and around the bench was cleared by volunteers prior to the SCC first cut. Volunteers will also be giving the second application of weather proofing to the bench.

There have been 2 signs placed by businesses on the 3 Cocked Hat since the last PC meeting without approaching the PC for permission. The clerk contacted both businesses and asked for the signs to be removed. It is understandable that the 3CH may be mistaken for part of the highway and not private property. However, the recent work by the PC to improve and protect it as a green space is already showing results with the increase in variety of flora. The working group requests that the PC discuss and outline a policy relating to signage on the 3CH.

Only one half plot on the allotments remains vacant and has been advertised in the Summer newsletter. The planned additional water tanks

will be well received as the original tanks are again full following recent heavy rain.

Decisions for PC:-

1. Agenda item for September Meeting re policy for advertising signs on 3CH.

c) To consider the ongoing management of unworked allotment plots and to agree actions as required.

As noted at previous PC meetings the PC periodically receives complaints from allotment holders concerning the problems caused by adjacent unworked plots. These include overgrown footpaths and spreading weeds.

Allotment holders sign an agreement between themselves and the PC. This outlines what is expected regarding the upkeep of their plots including keeping it reasonably free from weeds.

For clarity to all allotment holders the PC should consider what actions it will take regarding unworked plots and the timescale for these actions.

Other matters of report concernin Green Spaces:-

Since mid June our Green Spaces have benefitted from voluntary work by Will Rutland and Ben Pachebat. Both are Coddendam residents and students of Northgate High School 6th form and volunteered to help our Community as part of their Duke of Edinburgh silver award. Their voluntary work is being overseen by Cllr Soanes and before starting they both and their parents agreed to them volunteering within the guidance of the volunteer working group and litter picking risk assessments. They have also been issued with hi viz vests, litter pickers etc.

So far they have cleared footpaths on Mill Hill and Broom Hill and in the next few weeks will be clearing the upper path on Broom Hill, Litter Picking and giving a second coat of wether proofing to the benches on Mill Hill and in the churchyard.