

Parish Council Meeting Monday 2nd September 2024.

ITEM 7 GREEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS

a) Report from Broom Hill Trust.

SCC have completed the 2nd cut of the public footpaths through Broom Hill and the DOE volunteers cleared the upper path to the top of the grassland. They will next clear the steps at the Hemingstone side of the slope. The new sign at the Love Lane entrance has been mounted onto a new back board and installed. The Trustees wish to minute their thanks to parishioner David Oliver for providing the materials and reinstalling the sign . After further assessment Trustees decided that replacement of the 2nd post on the kissing gate can wait until next year and the rustic benches on the top of the grass slope are sufficiently robust. Richard Hartley will complete the annual cut of the grass slope in September.

There will be 3 volunteer work mornings in the Autumn on Saturday 12th October, 9th November and Thursday 31st October. The aim is for volunteers to:-

Coppice the southern hedge to the woodland to prepare for the new hedge plants and plant the hedging if delivered.

Cut the southern hedge from the end of the woodland to the Hemingstone end boundary.

Coppice the snowberry on the eastern edge of the grassland.

Continue clearing bracken and bramble.

Strim the upper path.

b) Report from Mill Hill, Three Cocked Hat and Allotments working group.

SCC have completed the 2nd cut of the public footpath on Mill Hill and volunteers have kept the paths clear of overhanging vegetation.

Richard Hartley will cut the grass on the Three Cocked Hat in September. The PC are following Suffolk Wildlife Trust guidance concerning the frequency of this cut.

The appearance of advertising signs being placed on the 3CH will be considered under item 7i.

All allotments are now rented and there is 1 parishioner on the waiting list. The ongoing management of unworked plots will be considered under item 7c. The construction of overflow tanks for the water collection units by councillor Burton is ongoing.

Other matters re Green Spaces

The green spaces wish to minute their thanks to the 2 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers Ben Pachebat and Will Rutland for the hours they have worked to maintain our community green spaces and footpaths.

Litter Pick

The Autumn Litter Pick will be on Saturday 21st September. This is a joint initiative with The Coddendam Centre who are again providing refreshments. The PC has 3 “Warning – Litter Pick” signs provided by MSDC which are placed at the Junction of the A140/B1078, on B1078 eastern village boundary and Stone Street. The clerk has approached MSDC for a sign to put on Sandy Lane, but they are unable to supply. It is possible to buy a sign for £30 excluding VAT.

Action

To consider buying a 4th Litter Pick Warning sign.

Outstanding Action point

Replacement of post on Dog Waste Bin on Old Norwich Road.

