

## **PC Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Agenda Item 8. GREEN SPACES**

#### **a) Report from Broom Hill Trust.**

Trustees wish to thank all volunteers who have helped with maintenance of Broom Hill since the last meeting.

All who regularly walk through Broom Hill will have noted how the areas cleared of bramble growth in the past 2 years are now populated with dense bluebells and other spring wildflowers. An area of the upper slope is also densely covered with foxgloves.

The tawny owl box has been fixed on to a tree in the middle woodland section and the missing slats of the kissing gate are to be replaced this month.

Mid Suffolk have confirmed that they will supply the 120 hedging plants needed to reinstate the southern boundary hedge this autumn.

The contractor Richard Hartley has confirmed that the annual grass cut is scheduled for late September.

The next working group mornings will be in the autumn with the aims of:-

1. Coppicing all Snowberry on the site,
2. Coppicing the existing hedging on the southern boundary ,
3. Plant the new hedge,
4. Continue with the removal of brambles.

The replacement of the damaged sign is to be considered under agenda item 8c.

#### **b) Report from the Mill Hill, 3 Cocked Hat and allotments working group.**

The bench on Mill Hill has been weatherproofed. A volunteer working group morning on Mill Hill will be needed in the autumn to clear the bramble and sapling growth in the grass area.

The grass on the 3 Cocked Hat will be included this year in the September cut.

The lock has been installed on the gate at the Broom Hill end of the allotments. Only a half allotment plot remains vacant.

Provision of another rainwater tank and a parishioner suggestion regarding the layout of the allotments will be considered under agenda items 8e and 8f.

#### **Action Point from 14/11/23 23/24 589**

The sulphur clover seeds supplied by Norfolk Wildlife Trust have been sown in patches along the “wildflower breakout zone” on The Coddenham Centre site.

### **LITTER PICK 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

12 volunteers helped to clear litter from the highway verges within the main village and along the B1078 to the A140. The amount of litter has again reduced since the last Litter Pick, the total being 15 sacks. There is a notable reduction along the B1078. The 2 woven plastic sandbags left on the verges of Coopers Lane and B1078 were reported to SCC and have since been collected by Highways.

Community Litter Pick warnings signs were put up on B1078 and Stone Street. The clerk is in contact with MSDC to obtain another sign for Sandy Lane before the next Litter Pick.

### **LITTER BINS**

The 2 bins funded by the “Pride in your Place” grant have been installed by volunteers in the B1078 layby at the A140 junction and on Old Norwich Road.

The post supporting the Dog Waste bin on Old Norwich Road needs be replaced.

