Horndean Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

A MEETING OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00pm in JUBILEE HALL.

Members of the Committee Cllr Mrs E Tickell (Chairman), Cllr D Alexander, Cllr Mrs L Evans, Cllr J Lay (Vice Chairman) are summoned to attend.

08 October 2019

Carla Baverstock-Jones
Chief Officer

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. Declaration of interest: Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.
3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 19 August 2019.
4. To open the meeting to members of the public to enable them to address questions to Parish Councillors**.** *The period of time which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 20 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question asked by a member of public during public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.*
5. To receive an update regarding future projects in respect of the available s106 funds SDNPA Developer Contributions being a total of £9,589.14
6. To receive a report and consider the quotations in respect of the removal of play equipment at Merchistoun Hall.
7. To receive a report and consider the quotations in respect of hedge cutting within Catherington Lith.
8. To receive a report and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken within Yeolls Copse.
9. To receive a verbal update and consider the way forward in respect of Foot Path 26A.
10. To consider projects in readiness for preparation of the Budget 2020/2021.
11. To receive and consider the proposal for a Christmas tree to be planted/decorated within Catherington.

12. To consider HPC's support of the Woodland Trust Tree Charter Day, on the 30 November 2019

13. **To resolve to exclude the public and the press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted. (Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960).**

14. To receive a verbal update and discuss the way forward as to unauthorised access on to HPC land.

15 To review the contractual terms and conditions pertaining to the hire of the football pitches.

HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5 **14th October 2019**

SUBJECT TITLE: S106 South Downs Update

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

We have received contact from the South Downs National Park.

The information we received is below:

Following on from e-mail exchanges with Matthew I have carried out some further investigation in relation to the available funds for Horndean Parish Council. There are currently Environmental Improvement and Public Open Space Contributions available to the Parish, having looked further at the legal documentation there are specific criteria that need to be met in relation to spending the contributions. I'm hoping that we may now be able to progress the allocation of funds to some specific projects with you.

The specific covenants state:

Environmental Improvement:
'....as a contribution towards the implementation of the schemes identified in the Horndean Parish Council Biodiversity Action Plan' - ***£2,712.71 available***

Public Open Space:
'...as a contribution towards the provision of skate park facilities at Five Head Road within the Parish of Horndean or some other scheme identified for the purposes of improving Open Space provisions within the Parish of Horndean' - ***£6,568.70 available***

There is a further £37.40 transport contribution available, given the small sum available for transport we would be able to consider adding this contribution to any approved project; and an additional £99.00 environmental improvement, which has no specific covenant which again could be added to any approved project for environmental improvements.

I am sure there must be projects that the Parish can seek funding for in relation to these specific covenants. We are keen to fund projects as soon as possible, should you require any further assistance or wish to meet with us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I have also attached the schemes identified in the Bio-diversity action plan.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

SECTION 5 ACTIONS

5.1 Introduction

This section sets out the objectives, the recommended actions to achieve them and the outcomes of those actions that we believe would improve Horndean's biodiversity following the studies undertaken and described in the previous sections. Partners who might be able to assist in achieving the outcomes are shown in the table as are cross-references to other organisations that have made similar recommendations.

The cross-references in Column 6 identify similar recommendations in published documents relating to Horndean. Items marked, "EHDC DW" and "EHDC SA" relate respectively to the District Wide and South Area Action Tables in Section 3 of the 2009 Biodiversity Action Plan for East Hampshire[7]. Items marked, "PUSH" relate to the "October 2012 PUSH Green Infrastructure Implementation Framework"

5.2 Action Table

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
Urban Habitat – Section 3.4					
1.	To improve the management of gardens and allotments so that they are more sympathetic to wild life.	Encourage: • land management using methods sympathetic towards wildlife; • natural means of pest control avoiding the use of chemical sprays; • the growing fruit trees, flowering herbs and vegetables; • crop rotation on allotments and vegetable plots to include flowering plants such as peas and beans; • growing hedges to protect gardens and allotments from high winds; • growing a selection of plants that flower throughout the year; • participation in Big Garden Bird Watch; • compost heaps and piles of logs in gardens.	Improved support for wildlife populations. Increased populations of species that assist in pollination or control pests. Increased understanding of biodiversity and its conservation.	Residents, EHDC, HPC Residents Allotment holders.	EHDC SA4.4
2.	To reduce the loss of green space to hard standing.	Encourage residents to refrain from surfacing front gardens for parking.	Reduce loss of wildlife habitat Reduce risk of local flooding.	EHDC	

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
3.	To improve the value of open spaces for wildlife and to establish wild life corridors.	Encourage land owners to: • make better use of amenity grassland for biodiversity; • improve and introduce new hedgerows, wild flower borders and trees between sites.	Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife.	EHDC HPC HCC	EHDC SA4.3
4.	Manage trees to: • Support wildlife; • Control pollution; • Moderate temperatures; • Provide shelter from wind.	Maintain a register of ancient and notable trees. Map and encourage retention of the urban copses, obtaining site protection whenever possible. Encourage tree planting on appropriate urban sites. Seek protection of important trees and copses. Improve awareness of local trees and their environmental benefits.	Better and less fragmented areas for wildlife; An urban area that is more attractive and less susceptible to the extremes of natural events.	Residents Landowners HBG EHDC HPC Housing associations	Appendix [N] EHDC SA 2.4
5.	Maintain and enhance churchyards to support local flora and fauna.	Survey local churchyards for birds, mammals, reptiles, trees and plants present. Encourage owners of churchyards to produce and implement a plan for wildlife.	Better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife. Sites that people would like to visit to appreciate the surroundings.	Owners of sites HPC EHDC	Sec 3.4.4
6.	Create wildlife habitats in urban areas of Horndean.	Promote habitat creation schemes and management of wildlife to owners of recreational land and gardens; Campaign for road verges to be managed for floral diversity.	Wildlife populations supported. Aesthetic appeal to communities increased.	EHDC HPC HBG	EHDC SA 4.3
7.	Protect the native species of bluebell from hybridisation with the Spanish Bluebell.	Encourage residents and landowners to remove and destroy any Spanish or hybrid bluebells in their gardens and woodland.	Retention of important native species.	Residents Landowners HPC EHDC	

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
Countryside – Section 3.5					
8.	Improve the value of the countryside for wildlife.	Survey and record changes in the populations and distribution of arable and hedgerow plants in rural sites. Identify suitable sites for the planting of wild flowers and recreating flower meadows. Identify and record rare arable plants. Raise awareness of local projects and encourage local groups to manage areas for wildflowers. Work with SDNPA and Forestry Commission to encourage more local landowners to participate in environmental stewardship schemes in particular at the higher level and also schemes under the English Woodland Grant Scheme.	An increase in the numbers of natural predators of crop-destroying insects reducing the need to use sprays; Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife; An increase in the numbers of natural pollinators.	HPC Local landowners SDNPA Forestry Commission	EHDC SA3.2 EHDC SA 2.5
Aquatic and wetland habitats - Section 3.5.4					
9.	Increase wetland biodiversity.	Encourage • the establishment of new ponds; • good management of existing ponds; • removal and reporting of alien species; • pond surveys; Where possible monitor the condition of ponds. Investigate the possibilities of extending wetland areas around Lavants.	Refuges for freshwater plants and animals, birds and insects Range of local biodiversity extended with wetland plants Reduced flood risk.	Residents HPC Schools Horndean Community Association EHDC HCC Developers	EHDC DW 2.7
Natural networks - Section 3.6					
10.	Enable wildlife to migrate between the countryside and urban habitat	Develop a plan for natural networks through and around the urban area linking isolated green sites with the open countryside.	Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife.	HPC; EHDC; HCC. Residents Land owners.	PUSH U13
11.	Improve the wildlife habitat and floral diversity alongside roads.	Manage road verges for floral diversity. Reduce mowing of road verges that don't collect large amounts of rubbish and are not subject to bramble invasion.	Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife.	EHDC HCC Highways Agency	PUSH U13; EHDC SA4.3
12.	Make better use of public rights of way to provide wild life corridors into the urban area.	Work with HCC to improve maintenance of rights of way to increase their value as wild life corridors.	Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife.	HCC HPC HIWWT	PUSH U12 EHDC DW4.5

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
13.	Provide cover for nesting birds and maintain a network for wildlife between sites, such as woodland, ponds and grassland	Encourage planting of hedgerows Where possible enhance hedgerow network with trees or bushes and field margins. Increase the species diversity of ground flora in Hedgerows Conduct surveys of hedgerow ground flora.	Bigger, better and less-fragmented areas for wildlife.	SDNPA Landowners Residents HPC	EHDC SA 3.2
Designated sites – Section 3.8					
14.	Preserve the natural ancient woodland habitat	Continue low-intensity management of woodland areas in Yoell's Copse and Catherington Lith Connect to local ecological network. Undertake hazel coppicing.	Continued preservation of semi-natural ancient woodland. Colonisation by Dormice	HPC HCC FC	
15.	Encourage transition to Lowland Heath habitat.	Continue scrub management; Hazleton Common and Dell Piece West Continue enhancement of wetland areas	Wildlife reservoir improved	HPC HCC	
16.	Improve seasonal management of nature reserves to reduce damage to sites by overuse or disruption to grazing	Plan for short periods of closure of selected areas of sites to the public to enable grazing;	Retention of site designations. Improved biodiversity of sites.	HPC HCC	
17.	Assist visitors to enjoy designated sites without damaging biodiversity	Display notices on site and on web sites to persuade walkers to stay on footpaths. Establish preferred routes across designated sites by selective cutting of bushes and laying natural barriers alongside the paths. Encourage responsible dog ownership. Work with HCC to improve public rights of way to access sites.	An improved experience for visitors. Visitor pressure diverted away from most sensitive areas. Improved access to sites.	HPC HCC Residents	EHDC SA 4.5

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
18.	Maximise the ecological value of grassland on Catherington Down	Encourage maintenance/implementation of appropriate grazing regimes on downland; Maintain balance between species rich grassland and scrub;	Species diversity maintained and enhanced; Balance achieved between species rich grassland and scrub Improved habitat for wildflowers	SDNPA EHDC HIWWT HCC HPC NE	EHDC SA 1.1
19.	Expand UK BAP priority habitat surrounding Catherington Down.	Encourage owners of surrounding land to participate in environmental stewardship schemes; Support SDNPA project to re-create grassland habitat on a landscape scale, northeast and west of Catherington Down; Encourage owners of adjacent land used for horse grazing to improve grazing practices to reduce loss of wild life habitat.	Restoration of landscape scale unimproved chalk grassland; Landscape character enhanced; Large wildlife reservoir created; Maximize ecological functioning of chalk grassland habitat.	SDNPA HCC HPC EHDC Land owners	PUSH F2; EHDC SA 2.2
20.	Retain and improve the privately owned SINCs to enhance their status for wildlife and as core areas in the ecological network.	Encourage • owners to maintain the privately owned SINCs to improve their biodiversity • owners of woodland sites to undertake selective coppicing, perhaps working with the SDNPA • residents to walk the rights of way and minor roads alongside these sites, enjoy the situations offered and support the retention of these sites	An increased range of species; Increase in numbers of existing rare species An improved ecological network within the Parish.	Landowners Residents SDNPA EHDC HBIC	EHDC SA 1.2 EHDC SA 4.5

Ref.	Objective	Actions	Outcomes	Partners	Cross Ref
21.	Enhance species rich priority habitats, to improve their status for wildlife and Support the ecological network.	Encourage private landowners to manage land more sympathetically towards wildlife.	Species diversity maintained and enhanced.	Landowners; SDNPA; HPC HBIC	EHDC SA 2.3
Working together with residents - Section 3.2					
22.	Improve residents' knowledge of local wildlife.	Encourage garden moth recording Encourage local groups to share records with the wider recorder community and HBIC Undertake wildflower surveys on all designated sites. Target survey effort onto undesignated chalk downland sites	Increased understanding and awareness of variety and distribution of local wildlife.	HBG HBIC HPC HIWWLT	EHDC DW 3.1
23.	Promote biodiversity and its conservation to the public, land owners, land managers and decision makers	Install additional interpretation boards on nature reserves and at key ecological sites. Work with HIWWT and the SDNPA to providing opportunities for people to visit and learn about the local ecology.	An improved appreciation of how the natural environment works and how it is relevant to us all. Increased volunteering in biodiversity projects	HIWWT SDNPA HBG HPC	EHDC SA4.1
24.	Utilise local wild life attractions to win the hearts and minds of young residents.	Encourage pond dipping by children in selected safe locations; Promote wildlife walks on the nature reserves; Support the Horndean Technology College allotment project; Encourage community youth wild life garden projects. i.e. Jodrell Close	Young people understand the importance of local biodiversity and conservation; Future generations have greater awareness of wildlife and conservation issues.	HBG HPC Housing Associations HIWWLT SDNPA	
25.	Increase the knowledge base of skills to be used in conservation.	Develop volunteer training and fund expenses and subsidies. Improve links between groups to increase access to individuals with specific skills.	More effective conservation practices and better use of volunteers.	HPC EHDC HCC HIWWLT HBG	EHDC DW4.4

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AGENDA ITEM 7 **14th October 2019**

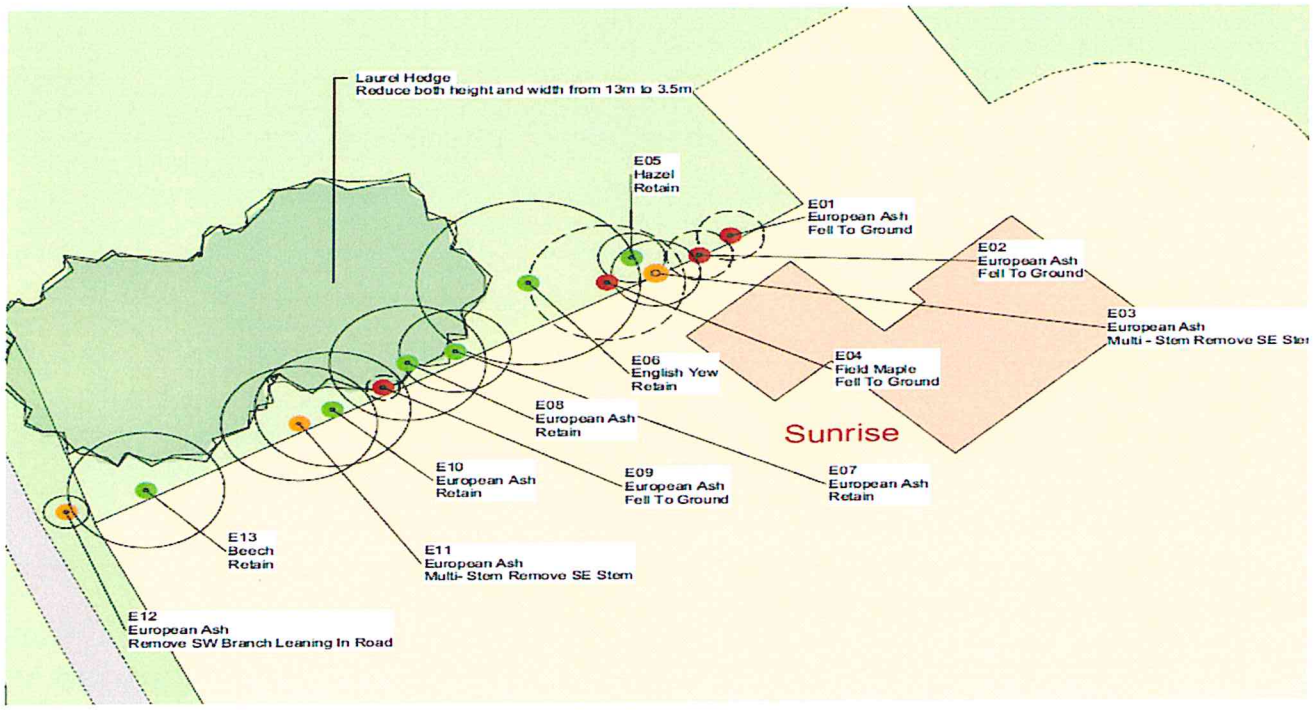
SUBJECT TITLE: Laurel Hedge – Catherington Lith

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

There is a large overgrown Laurel Hedge running along the northern boundary of the Property Sunrise. This hedge has now grown very tall, is touching the property sunrise and work is required to reduce the overall height.

Within the Laurel hedge there are also a number of trees that are either touching or about to touch the property. These also need works.

I have applied for permission from EHDC as the area is covered by a TPO and they have accepted my application.



COST:

Contractor 1:	£1800 + Vat
Contractor 2:	£1500 + Vat
Contractor 3:	£1400 + Vat

SUGGESTIONS:

I would suggest using contractor Number 2 or 3. The benefit of using contractor 2 is that if permission can be sought from the property owner at Sunrise, some of the works with a MEWP (raised mobile platform) which improves contractor safety and work productivity.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

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AGENDA ITEM 8 **14th October 2019**

SUBJECT TITLE: Wye-Whitebeam at Yeolls Copse

PURPOSE OF REPORT: As part of our Woodland Management plan there is a recommended task of freeing the canopy of the Wye-Whitebeam.

The Wye-Whitebeam is of note, as it is a rare hybrid between a Whitebeam and a Wild Service Tree. This type of hybrid is very rare across the UK.

A number of trees mainly oak, ash and beech surrounds the Wye. Allowing the canopy to be opened around the Wye, would allow more access to light and more room for the tree and tree canopy to grow without fear of competition from surrounding trees.

The plan is to create a halo around the tree allowing the canopy more access to light. This will be done by carrying out tree works to approximately 4 trees around it through felling and canopy thinning.

Due to the need for climbing and lowering branches so they do not damage neighbouring trees, a contractor would be required to carry out these works.

COST:

Quote 1:	£900 + VAT
Quote 2:	£1500 + VAT
Quote 3:	£850 + VAT

SUGGESTIONS: Use contractor who supplied Quote 3 to complete the works.

REPORT PREPARED BY:

Matthew Madill

I would like a rooted Christmas tree to be planted so that it can be used every year.

The benefit would be a one off payment and a green tree that will last.

The best position for the tree I suggest would be next to the seat by the Village pond. The tree would then be visible for all people passing through Catherington village and make a focal point near to the village sign, just like the one in Horndean.

The tree would need lights that can be lit using batteries to avoid the need of mains power.

I have contacted Festive lights to get an approximate cost.

A 10-12 foot tree requires 80 metre fairy lights

The largest battery box supports 400 LED's which would be 40metres.

Therefore two battery boxes are required.

Timer function allows for them to be on for 6 hours each evening

The lights would be turned on at the CVRA Christmas Carols on Saturday 7th December and remain on till 6th January.

The lights would be reused each year.

Estimated costs:-

Tree - £200

2 battery boxes £18 (£9 each)

Batteries £20 (this allows for replacing them half way through time required)

Light cable 80 metre including fairy lights £200

Total costs £438

I respectfully request the matter be considered at the next meeting by the Grounds Committee on the 14 October 2019. for Horndean Parish Council to take on this project?

We need to act quickly if we are to facilitate this tree in time for the beginning of December which I believe we can.

CVRA Carols are to be held this year on Saturday 7th December and it would be fantastic to combine with the turning on of the lights and it would be lovely if the chair of the Parish Council could come and turn the lights on. Submitted for your consideration.

ITEM 12

The theme to this month's Tree Charter Newsletter is ***landscapes*** and all of our stories will be focusing on how local (parish and town) councils have been planning ahead to protect their communities from climate change and safeguard their green spaces. If you have any stories about how your local council is playing its part to protect trees and woodland, then contact NALC at **policycomms@nalc.gov.uk**.

East Ilsley Parish Council

East Ilsley is lucky to have Carolyne Culver, a passionate councillor who is leading on projects such as, a community orchard and wildflower planting to protect and create more green landscapes in the town.

Continue reading

Fownhope Parish Council

Fownhope declared a climate emergency in June 2019 and since then have put an action plan in place for the town and community as a whole to combat climate change locally.

Continue reading

Rattery Parish Council

Rattery Parish Council declared a climate emergency. To tackle climate change locally, the council offered a free tree for every household and partners in a Zero Carbon Group which aims to host a 'Climate and Environment Fair' next spring.

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Tree Charter updates

Join NALC, The Woodland Trust and the National Union of Students in The Big Climate Fight Back by hosting a tree planting event on the 30 November. As Tree Charter members, you are entitled to free trees from The Woodland Trust for these events!

Please let NALC know how many trees you will need for your event and where you would like the trees to be delivered. They will arrive near to Tree Charter Day by post. You don't need to have a tree for every person. Instead, focus on getting the right number of trees for the space available.

Read our advice on finding land to plant:
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/where

Read our advice on how to go about planting your trees:
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/how

To find out more about Tree Charter Day and to order your trees, please contact The Woodland Trust at: **charter@woodlandtrust.org.uk**