

Old Green Action Plan

Nettleden with Potten End PC is asked to consider the following recommendations from the Open Spaces WP in relation to Potten End Old Green.

Resurfacing of FP5 from the half-barrier to a point about 10m south. (A)

Action: Councillor Cross to contact Hertfordshire Highways to request repair of existing tarmac. If refused then the PC to fund repair with suitable (non-tarmac) material.

Repair of loose half-barrier (due to rotten post) on FP5 (B)

Action: Councillor Cross to contact Clayton Rae to undertake work as part of normal Dacorum footpath maintenance. If refused then PC to fund repair.

Removal of ash tree and coppiced hazel trees on NW side of PF5 (immediately NE of barrier) to improve vision and protect footpath from roots. (C)

Action: Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Resolution: No other trees on the Old Green to be removed or cut back.

Clearance of undergrowth (mainly large brambles and nettles) for a distance of about 70m from barrier (but leaving ivy covered tree and rose bush) in order to improved vision and generally open up the area. (D)

Action: Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Clear vegetation and re-establish ditch over a distance of about 40m to improve drainage. (E).

Action: Parish Clerk to contact Affinity Water to request it to carry out work. If refused Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Open up area to log seat by clearing all encroaching vegetation on NW side of footpath. (F)

Action: Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Clear area (mainly ferns and nettles) on SE side of path up to line of horse chestnut and cherry trees. (G)

Action: Parish Warden

Clear nettles and brambles behind log bench. (H)

Action: tbd

General clearance of brambles and nettles to widen footpath from other bench to silver birch trees and on the slope below the bench in order to re-establish open space. (I)

Action: tbd

Repeat clearance work undertaken by parish volunteers and Chiltern Society Conservation Group in 2015. (J)

Action: Parish Clerk to contact Chiltern Society

Cut back encroaching shrubs and nettles along boundary to widen access from meadow to footpath. (K)

Action: tbd

Cut back encroaching brambles at bottom of slope back to tree line. (L)

Action: tbd

Replacement of handrail over a distance of 20m on SW side of FP6. (M)

Action: Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Review of current maintenance contract with a view to extending it to include additional work - mainly to ensure retention of more substantial open spaces.

Action: Open Spaces WP

Action: Councillor Gurney to obtain an estimate of new annual cost and PC to consider whether or not to proceed.

Re-activation of Friends of Old Green.

Action: Open Spaces WP to prepare a clear statement of work expected to be undertaken by Friends.

Action: Councillor Cross prepare Parish Newsletter article and to post item on website to canvass for volunteers to become Friends.

Resolution: Councillor Gurney to be PC contact point for Friends.

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