



Jubilee Meadow Makers

Minutes -Jubilee Meadow Makers Working Group

Thursday 16th March 2023

(next meeting Thursday 13th April 1900 [tbc])

Present: Liz, Gill, Dave, Pauline, Katrina, Fenella, Lee

Actions

1. The Parish Council would like to have regular updates about work on the meadow and future plans. They would also prefer the Meadow Makers to have a formal working group.
 - **The group voted Dave as Chair, Gill as Treasurer, Lee as Secretary** (but our group is a very collaborative and democratic group, so everyone can contribute to plans and developments and everyone is welcome to come to future working group meetings). **Liz has agreed to act as Free-for-all contribution coordinator**
 - **Meadow Makers will update the Parish Council regularly on their plans. Katrina will feedback formally to PC**
 - **We will invite the Parish Council to come and have a look around the meadow** (maybe in May or June)
2. Norfolk Wildlife Trust have potentially offered to provide the Meadow Makers with wildflower plug plants before the end of the Claylands Programme.

- **Lee to ask Sue Grime whether we can still order them and to discuss species available w/c March 20th**
- 3. The group discussed planting spring bulbs (e.g. snowdrops, aconites, bluebells)
 - **The group decided to plant these later in the year (October/November). Fenella to initially investigate potential species and locations**
- 4. **Programme for managing the meadow and other areas 2023**
(please refer to Anna's Map below)

General Points

- We think the forage strip is already being used by owls, so we won't cut this yet, but we will keep an eye on it and review when we think it needs a cut.
- The hose and possibly the bowser will need to be purchased in advance of the summer – **Gill to use funds from grants to purchase**
- All planted trees will be mulched when the mulch has rotted down sufficiently - **Dave to judge when the mulch is ready**
- Responsibility for managing verges was clarified as follows:

Long Lane (alongside playing field and car park frontage) -
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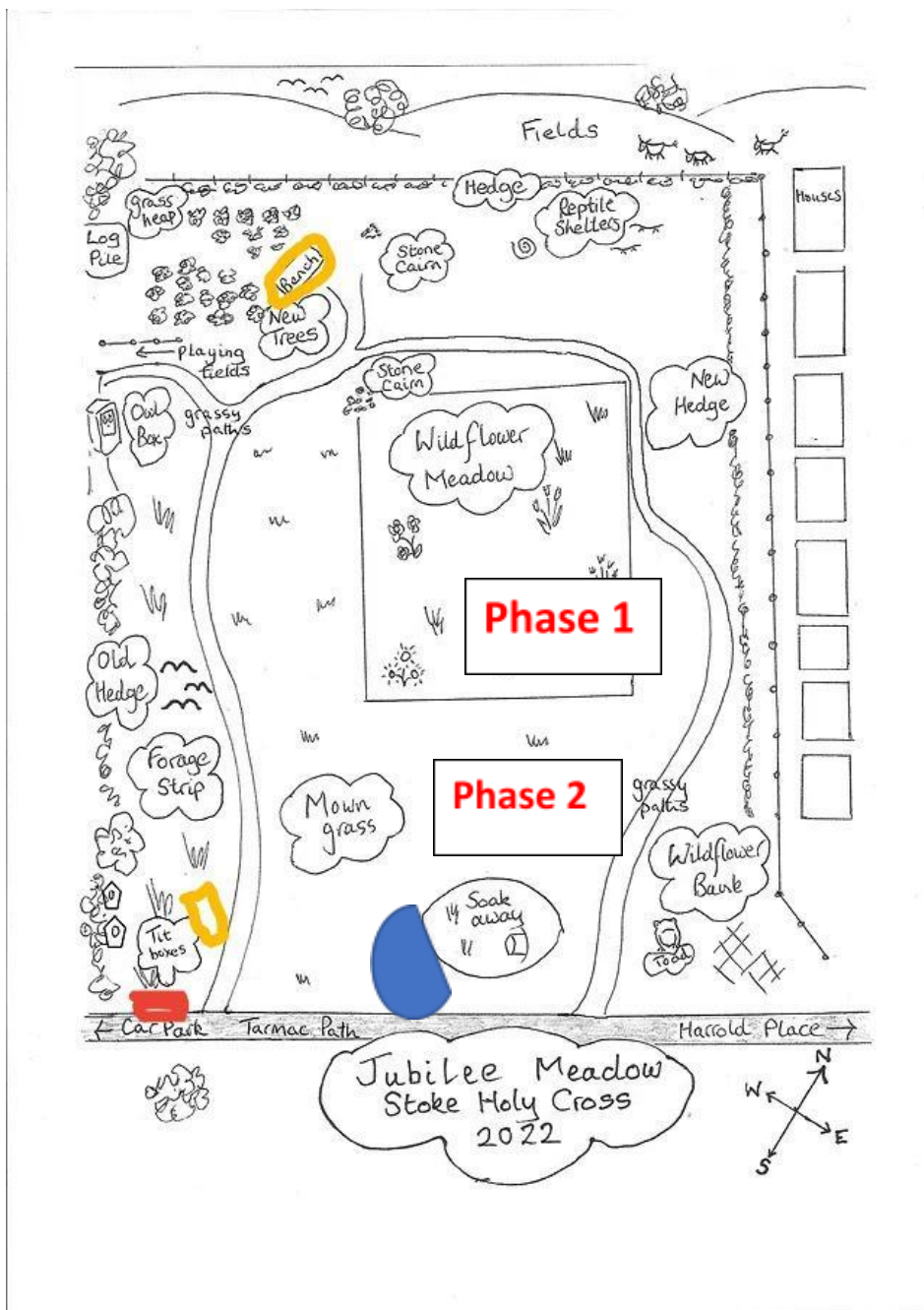
Playing Field verge (i.e. allotment edge and Pavillion edge)
- Meadow Makers

Cycle track verge - contractors

Cycle track hump - contractors to cut in August. **The meadow makers will cut a path through this area in spring time.**

- The top of the carpark area to be weeded and tended regularly
- We have to work out a sustainable way to deal with our arisings, this is a major issue as our work will create lots of material that needs to be taken away. – **Discussion needed with Parish Council (Gill & Katrina)**

Meadow Plan and monthly tasks



March



Wild flower patch seeded to show people what the larger meadow will look like. Positioned in front of potential bench location

The Phase 1 Meadow area was cordoned off to stop people & dogs going on it and to give users an idea of where (and where not to walk).

Signs went up to tell dog owners to pick up dog poo (**thanks to Ray for sorting these signs out.**)

April

Benches arrive (April 2nd) **Parish Council to confirm location at meeting on 30th March / Pauline and Dave to supervise and assist with install**

The robust grass on the Phase 2 section of the meadow will be cut – this should allow more delicate plants to have a chance to emerge.

Gill to ask Mike or a contractor to cut.

Subject to NWT providing plant the plug plants near the new hedge and in other suitable areas.

The margin/strip that runs parallel to the allotment (on the lower football pitch) needs strimming and raking. **Lee to ask Simon or Mike to cut and then a small group will rake off the arisings.**

A 1 ½ meter strip needs to be cut regularly along the verge of Long Lane to ensure that the area looks neat and well-tended. **Parish Council to work out who will cut this regularly (Gill & Katrina).**

Flat grassy verge at entrance to car park to be mown regularly to ensure it looks managed - **Parish Council to work out who will cut this strip regularly (Gill & Katrina)**

May

Start planting sunflowers and other flowers on border around top of car park

June

Subject to what is growing - a Second cut of Phase 2 area on the meadow

August (No one can go on holiday!!!)

who will cut meadow to be confirmed - (Gill & Katrina)

Cut and rake the Phase 1 section of the meadow

Cut the Phase 2 section of the meadow

Cut and rake the cycle track hump (cycle track verges will be cut by contractors on a regular basis).

Cut and rake the first third of the verge along Long Lane

September

Cut and rake the verges/margins around the lower football pitch

Engagement and Events

Chalk board signage will be used to communicate with the users of the meadow - **Pauline to organise**

A permanent noticeboard incorporating “what to see” to be deferred until Meadow established

Dawn Chorus event - sometime around May 7th (to be decided)

Community Day – July 1st - a community day on the meadow with a range of activities, guided walks, making the bug hotel, bat and moth evening, picnic (and invite the food van) - **Katrina to approach Dan re potential Bat walk and Gill to check on availability of a food van**

We also need to engage with the school – **Lee to explore opportunities**

5. Other matters

- It was noted that contractors were scheduled to trim the Playing Field hedges on 17th March which could endanger nesting birds and potentially infringe legislation (Note: works were canceled and deferred)
- Next meeting - potentially Thursday 13th April 1900-2030 - **Gill to book Pavilion and confirm**
- Liz kindly offered to deploy her camera trap on the meadow and would discuss installing in Katrina's garden
- The suitability of Sycamores for the Meadow was discussed (subsequently the Parish Council confirmed they were not suitable - **Dave to arrange for removal of transplanted saplings**)
- Engagement with adjacent landowner (e.g. with regard to habitat management, historical background, potential habitat restoration projects etc) - **Katrina to make initial approach**

