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20th July 2026

To: Members of the Community Park Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend

**THE COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
TO BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 27TH JULY 2026 AT 7.30 PM**

for the purpose of transacting the following business.

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A G E N D A

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes** of the Community Park Committee Meeting held on 22nd June 2026 to be taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** (existence and nature) with regards to items on the Agenda. Councillors and Committee Members are reminded that the code of conduct that took effect from 3rd June 2024 provides that should they have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter under discussion, they should speak only in the public session, then withdraw from the room and not seek to influence a decision about the matter.
- 4. Public Participation session** with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
3 minutes per person; 15 minutes max
- 5. Finance**
To receive an update on ring-fenced funds.
- 6. Management of the Site**
 - (a) To agree the quote received for ground works at the entrance.
 - (b) To approve the site Water Safety Plan.
 - (c) To determine plans for a pre-opening event with accompanied visits.
 - (d) To review the progress of the Opening Project Plan, including relevant quotes, and agree on any resulting actions or spend for items highlighted in the Plan, not covered in (a) to (c) above.
- 7. Matters for the next agenda**
To confirm the date of the next meeting and propose matters for the agenda.

Water Safety Plan

Community Park Fishing Lakes

Site: Hatfield Peverel Community Park

Location: Wickham Bishops Road, Hatfield Peverel

Issue Date: TBC

Review Date: TBC

Responsible Person: Sarah Gaeta on behalf of Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

1. Purpose

This Water Safety Plan sets out the measures in place to reduce the risk of drowning, injury and water-related incidents at the fishing lakes within the Community Park.

The lakes are managed fishing waters operated by a private fishing club. This plan relates to the safety of members of the public who may access or visit the park and the lakeside areas.

This document should be read alongside the Park's Risk Assessment.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this plan are to:

- Warn the public of water hazards.
- Deter unauthorised entry into the water.
- Provide suitable emergency rescue equipment.
- Maintain a safe environment for park visitors.
- Regularly inspect and maintain water safety measures.

These principles align with accepted UK inland water safety guidance, which recommends risk assessment, clear signage, public rescue equipment and emergency planning for sites containing lakes and ponds.

3. Description of Water Hazards

The fishing lakes present the following hazards:

- Deep water.
- Cold water shock.
- Slippery banks and edges.
- Entrapment in vegetation or silt.
- Falling into the water.
- Unsupervised children approaching the water's edge.

The lakes are not designated for swimming, paddling, boating or other water recreation activities.

4. Control Measures

Signage

The following safety signage will be installed and maintained:

- "Danger Deep Water" signs.
- "No Swimming" signs.
- Emergency information signs.
- Location markers to assist emergency services.

Water safety guidance recommends clear, consistent signage that identifies hazards and provides emergency information where appropriate.

Rescue Equipment

The following equipment will be provided at suitable locations around the lakes:

- Lifebuoys with rescue lines.
- Clearly visible rescue equipment signage.
- Emergency contact information displayed nearby.

Public rescue equipment is recognised as an important control measure at inland water sites where members of the public may access the water's edge.

Access Management

The Park will:

- Maintain defined footpaths around the lakes.
 - Keep vegetation managed to preserve visibility.
 - Repair erosion or trip hazards where identified.
 - Discourage unauthorised access to steep or hazardous bank areas.
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5. Public Information

Visitors will be encouraged to:

- Stay on designated paths.
- Keep children under supervision near water.
- Not enter the water.
- Call 999 in an emergency and request the Fire and Rescue Service if a person is in difficulty in the water.

- Use rescue equipment from a safe position and not enter the water to attempt a rescue.
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6. Inspection and Maintenance

The park management team will conduct routine inspections to ensure:

- Safety signs remain visible and undamaged.
- Lifebuoys are present and serviceable.
- Rescue lines are intact.
- Access routes remain safe.
- Vegetation does not obscure signs or rescue equipment.

Inspection Frequency

Item	Frequency
Lifebuoys and rescue stations	Monthly
Water safety signage	Monthly
General lake perimeter inspection	Monthly
Formal review of Water Safety Plan	Annually

Defects identified during inspections will be recorded and rectified as soon as reasonably practicable.

7. Emergency Procedures

In the Event of a Person in the Water

1. Remain calm.
2. Dial 999 immediately.
3. Request Fire and Rescue Service attendance.
4. Provide the park name and location.
5. Direct emergency services to the nearest access point.
6. Use a lifebuoy or rescue line from the bank if safe to do so.
7. Do not enter the water unless trained and equipped to carry out a rescue.
8. Keep bystanders clear and guide emergency services on arrival.

This approach follows recognised water safety advice which promotes "reach or throw, don't go" principles and prioritises summoning emergency assistance.

8. Incident Reporting

All water-related incidents, near misses, vandalism of rescue equipment or safety concerns will be recorded by staff and investigated where necessary.

Findings will be used to determine whether additional control measures are required.

9. Review

This Water Safety Plan will be reviewed:

- Annually.
 - Following any significant incident.
 - Following changes to the site layout or lake access arrangements.
 - Following recommendations arising from safety inspections or audits.
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Water Safety Statement

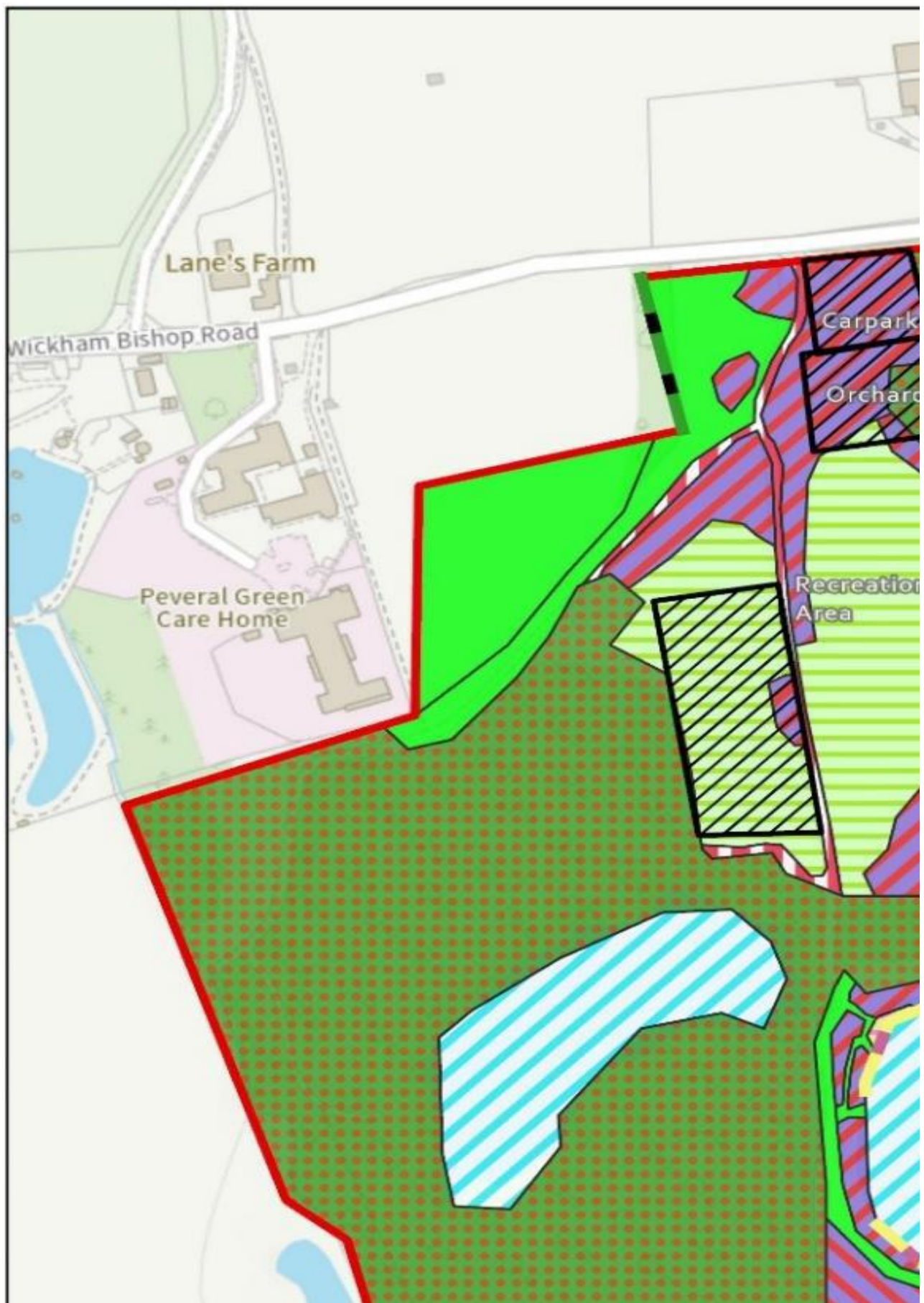
Hatfield Peverel Parish Council recognises that lakes and other open water environments present inherent risks. Through the provision of signage, rescue equipment, inspections and emergency procedures, it aims to minimise risk and provide a safe environment for visitors while allowing the lakes to remain a feature of the Community Park.

Community Park Opening Project Plan

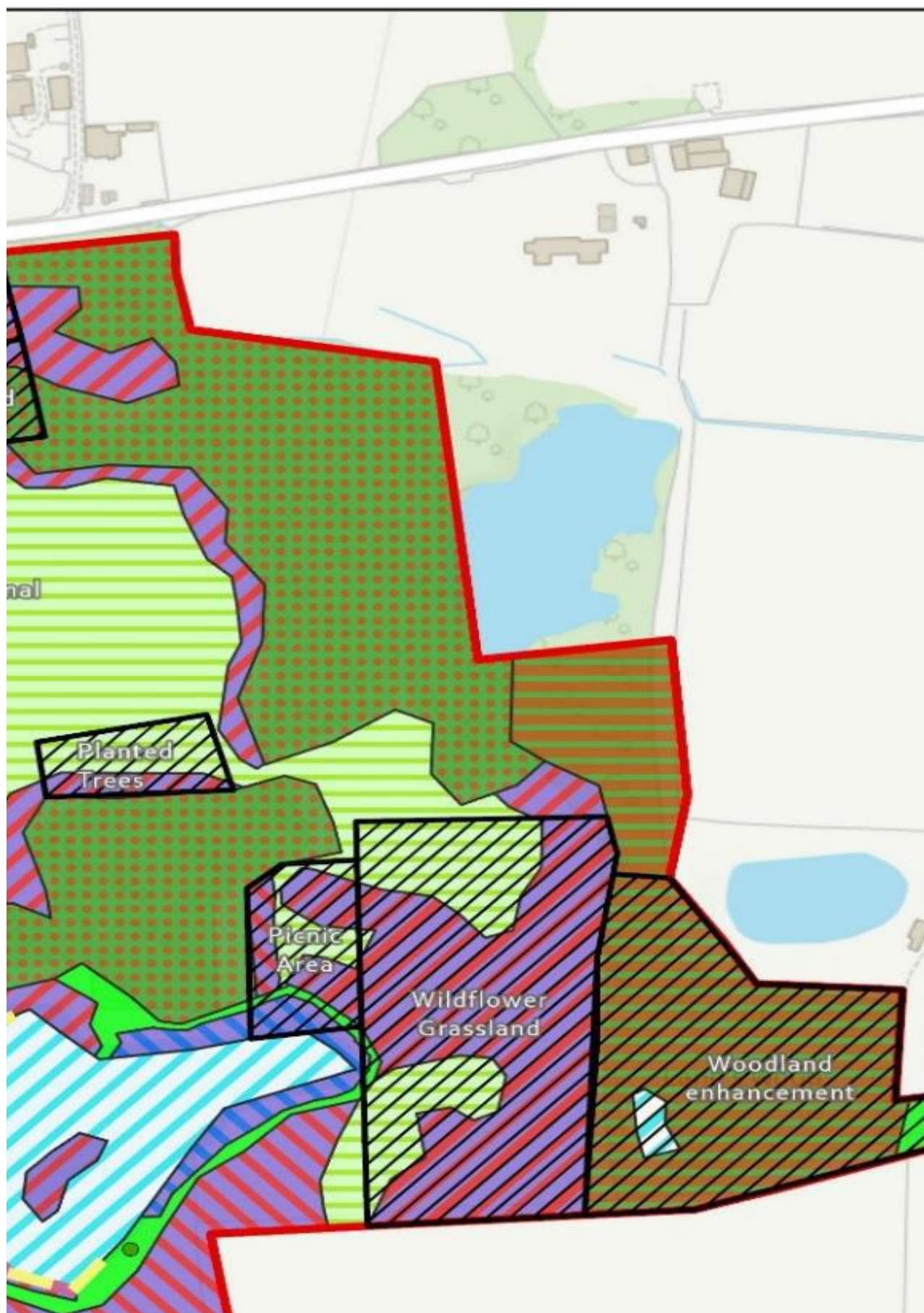
Action #	Action	Who By	Cost	Start Date	Duration	Dependencies	Update
ACCESS							
A1	Build Car Park	CG Contractors	£ 32,500	1-Oct-25			Works complete. VAT paid; net invoice paid by BDC
A2	Install Bike Rack in Car Park					A1	Will be researched, but not necessarily prior to opening for four bikes. Quote of £1,250 + VAT for four bike racks plus installation agreed
A3	Draft map of site showing permitted pathways						MR to visit Kempco to investigate graphic design services. See sheet 2 for map (from the LEMP). Amendments made. MR to progress.
A4	Agree map of site	Committee				A3	
A5	Clear new pathway(s)					A4	Pathway cleared. Will be signposted. The new path been recut.
A6	Assess disabled access						Quote to be obtained to flatten the other side of the gate and in addition, to flatten out an area to facilitate a picnic area.
A7	Any actions to facilitate disabled access						The law recognises that some areas of countryside may remain inaccessible where altering them would be disproportionate or damage the environment. Provide at least some accessible infrastructure, for example: An accessible route from the entrance to key features (viewpoint, picnic area etc); Accessible parking or drop-off; Accessible seating/picnic tables Where paths aren't accessible: Clearly signpost which routes are accessible and which are not Provide maps or information boards. Potential use of one area for accessible seating/picnic area. This will be investigated after opening when feedback received.
A8	Signpost permitted pathways					A5	4' high 4x4 wooden marker post to be dug in and set in postcrete. £60 per post + VAT 15 ordered. DW plus one to mark out position of posts ready for installation. SG to order discs.
SITE RULES							
R1	Draft Rules (e.g. litter, dog waste, dog access, horse access, bike access, car park opening times, pedestrian opening hours, picking blackberries OK, picking flowers & digging up plants not OK?, emergency numbers)	Committee Member					Rules adopted at March meeting. S.G. to create and laminate
R2	Agree Rules	Committee				R1	Rules adopted at March meeting.
SITE MANAGEMENT							
M1	90 Day Actions from Tree Survey	Wallace Arboriculture	£ 890				Done. Specification drafted for the next tranche of works.
M2	Risk Assessment including water safety/Life rings	Sarah Gaeta					RA approved. Life rings to be ordered.
M3	Fence off & information sign on Japanese Knotweed						18m of 4' high post and four strands of strained wire in front of knot weed area. £380 + VAT. Now agreed
M4	Any actions required by Risk Assessment						RA approved. Signage and life rings ordered. Water Safety Plan pending approval
M5	Further tree survey for any new pathways not yet surveyed						Current pathway trees included in the prior tree survey.
M6	90 Day Actions from further Tree Survey						Identified - 1 year action - pending quotes
M7	Agree waste collection (if needed)						BDC will empty dog waste bin
M8	Install CCTV (if needed)						Location to be agreed - visit from BDC to be rescheduled. BDC have visited and await their report. BDC will supply signage
M9	Install bins (if needed)						Dog bin ordered - metal, green, 35L, post. Now delivered
M10	Draft site caretaker role						See M11

1. Poplar plantation - further information on harvesting of poplars for income generation to be investigated. Potential to replace with the native Black Poplar. 2. Lanes Wood deer fencing to be investigated.

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M11	Agree site caretaker role	Committee				M10	Weekend only openings; car park will need opening and closing; current staff will be approached initially, plus potential volunteer support
M12	Contract site caretaker					M11	See M11
M13	Draft & cost site management plan 2025 & 2026						Tree works ongoing/assessed; pathways to be maintained; areas around lakes maintained in conjunction with the fishing club.
M14	Agree site management plan 2025 & 2026						Oversight of park will remain with the committee. Sub-committees can be formed for long-term planning.
FISHING CLUB							
F1	Meet with Fishing Club to discuss plans						Meeting held and committee updated.
F2	Any pre-opening actions agreed with Fishing Club						Signs for fishing club (private); caution pedestrians and vehicles - ordered, to be installed on receipt
COMMUNICATION							
C1	Progress update village voice & social media - November						
C2	Progress update village voice & social media - January						
C3	Progress update village voice & social media - March						Article in April Village Voice with update
C4	Publicise opening event					O1	Village Voice; Community Information Event; Party in the Park; noticeboards; social media; website.
C5	Information Board including map of site & rules						Quotes obtained for April meeting. Quote of £1.5k for a two bay aluminium board agreed
C6	Information page on PC website					A4, R2	TBC
OPENING							
O1	Agree opening date						TBC
O2	Plan invitees for opening event (VIPs, local groups, care homes, schools, residents, local businesses, EWT, Woodland Trust, Councillors, Cary-Anne Hornsey (foraging lady), more??)						No 'grand opening' at this stage.
O3	Plan activities for opening e.g. guided walks, treasure hunt, foraging walk/talk, refreshments, suggestions & feedback opportunities, anything else?						TBC
O4	Raise sponsorship/funding for opening event (see I1-I6)						TBC
O5	OPENING EVENT					A1, A4, A5, A7, A8, R2, M1, M2, M3, M4, M6, M8, M9, M12, M14, F2, C4, C5, C6, O1, O2, O3, O4	TBC
FUNDING - INCOME & EXPENDITURE							
POTENTIAL INCOME							
I1	Grants e.g. LNP Community Fund 2025, National Lottery Awards for All England - Environment						Section I - to be looked at after the opening event.
I2	Section 106						Funds available.
I3	Parish Council held funds for Community Park (£47K)						Remaining 25/26 budget to be moved to EMR at start of 26/27 year.
I4	Donations from ECC or BDC councillors						Possible BDC councillor fund for cameras.
I5	Sponsorship from local businesses						
I6	Willow Trees						
PLANNED EXPENDITURE							
E1	Calculate Planned Expenditure 2025 & 2026 & compare with potential income, adjust plans if necessary						Budget agreed by PC in January.











Legend

-  Study Area
-  f2e - reedbeds
-  g3c - Other neutral grassland
-  g4 - Modified grassland
-  h3d - Bramble scrub
-  h3h - Mixed scrub
-  h3j - Willow scrub
-  r1 - standing open water and canals
-  u1b - developed land; sealed surface
-  w1f - Lowland mixed deciduous woodland
-  w1g - Other broadleaved woodland
-  f2d - Aquatic marginal vegetation
-  w - Line of trees
-  Trees
-  Proposals

Client:

Hatfield Peveral Parish
Council

Job:

Land south of Wickham
Bishop Rd: Community Park

Drawing Title:

Proposed Community Park





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05.06.25

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