

Appendix 1

Notes of the Environment Committee – 9th September 2019

Question	Responses	Notes	Actions
That the common be converted to wildlife meadow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for idea to move to meadow – top through spring, flourish, cut hay crop and remove.• Support for biodiversity and grazing regime.• Extent of area of common to meadow queried – Town Mere, Triangle and Griffins?• Some areas of common not suitable for meadow for recreational and safety reasons.• Weed seed currently problematic.• Tidy appearance is expected by some.• Advice on meadow management available from WLT.		
That shrub beds be planted on Leacroft Green to prevent damage from car parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verges form part of the adopted highway and are not owned by PC.• Possibility of access issues• May need to consider all highway verges.• Parking on verges is local problem – should be possible to prevent without physical means or expense.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May move parking issues to other sensitive areas of the village. 		
That a programme of tree planting be included in the Council's greenspace budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree planting in village already undertaken – common, WHL. Additional planting will increase maintenance responsibilities. • Always opportunities to plant and grant aid available. • More fruit trees will increase maintenance costs. • Town Mere, Griffins and allotment possible sites for future planting. • Large trees such as beech should be excluded from any future tree planting. • Crab/hazel best specimens to plant. 		
That improvements to the frequency & quality of grass cutting and weed control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of cuts in cemetery and churchyard should be reduced. • Specific frequencies for specific areas. • Grass cutting should be done locally. • Introduce grazing at WHL. • Why are weeds at WHL chemically treated in September? 		
Other related aspects of greenspace management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulb planting. • Funding. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance of Burmah Road.• Consequences of ash die back in Winster.		
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