

## CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Cringleford Parish Council was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via ZOOM, at 7.15p.m.

#### **Present:-**

Professor T Wang – in the Chair (TW)

Mr M Blackie (MB)

Mrs D Miller (DM)

Mrs C Fielding (CF)

Mr S Chapman (SC)

Mrs H Simmons (HS)

Mr J Edwards (JE)

Mr T Craig-Moonie (TC)

#### **In attendance:-**

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk

Samantha Henry – Assistant Parish Clerk (Minutes)

William Kemp – District Councillor

5 x members of the public

1	<b>To accept apologies for absence</b>
	Apologies were received for Councillor David Bills. Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor Sarah Hookway.  Councillor D Chaplin was not present.
2	<b>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019</b>
	The minutes were confirmed as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman at the next physical meeting.
2.2	<b>To report matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: for information only.</b>
	N/A
3	<b>To receive the Annual Report of the Council</b>
	The annual report from the Chairman was circulated (appendix 1). The report would be placed on the Parish Council's website.
4	<b>To receive the County Councillor's Report</b>
	Councillor Bills had provided a written report (appendix 2) in advance of the meeting. The report would be placed on the Parish Council's website.

5	<b>To receive the District Councillor's Report</b>
	<p>Councillor Kemp summarised his report, which he agreed to send to the Clerk after the meeting. The report (appendix 3) would be placed on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Community Pioneer Tim Yau extended his thanks to South Norfolk District Council, in particular their Help Hub which had been a necessity during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. TY hoped that South Norfolk District Council would continue to invest in the Help Hub in the coming years.</p>
6	<b>To receive a report from Cringleford Primary School</b>
	<p>The report received from Neil Henery, head teacher, was circulated (appendix 4). The report would be placed on the Parish Council's website.</p> <p>It was noted that Neil Henery would be leaving his role at the end of the school year. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would be in contact with Neil on behalf of the Council to extend their thanks and gratitude for his hard work over the years.</p> <p>Reverend Graham Wilkins confirmed that Neil's successor would be commencing in September 2021, and the Council agreed that she should be invited to a future parish council meeting.</p>
7	<b>To receive a report from St Peter's Church and Cringleford Hub</b>
	<p>St Peter's Church and Cringleford Hubs reports were circulated, (attached to these minutes as Appendix 5 &amp; 6). The reports would be placed onto the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Reverend Wilkins wanted to extend his thanks to the Council for their work over the past year.</p> <p>Community Pioneer Tim Yau wanted to highlight the selfless acts that had been carried out by parishioners during the pandemic.</p>
8	<b>To receive a report from the Parish Tree Warden</b>
	<p>Richard Beese's report was circulated, (appendix 7). The report would be placed onto the Parish Council website.</p>
9	<b>To receive parishioner's questions on local issues</b>
	<p>A young parishioner spoke with the Council regarding the possibility of a pump track being installed on an open space within the parish (appendix 8). Councillors welcomed the resident's thoughts and he agreed to meet with the Recreation and Amenities Group, along with his friends, to discuss the idea further. MB asked the resident if he would be able to provide information of</p>

	websites and local sites that council members could visit, which he agreed to provide via the Clerk. Councillors congratulated the resident for coming forward and expressing his views and his input for the future recreational facilities of the village.
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:47.

## **Appendix**

### **Appendix 1 - To receive the Annual Report of the Council**

#### **CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

##### **REPORT to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the years 2019-2021**

The Annual Parish Meeting is part of the process of local accountability. It offers an opportunity for Parishioners to raise matters of concern with the Parish Council. This meeting is not to be confused with the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council which follows immediately thereafter. The meeting receives annual reports from the Chair of the Parish Council, St Peter's Church, Cringleford CE VA Primary School and both Norfolk County and South Norfolk District Councillors. The lack of a meeting last year reflects a strange and difficult fifteen months for many people and for the Parish. Consequently, this report covers two years – the whole period of my time in office. We have welcomed a number of new councillors to the committee in the last two years with eight resignations/retirements, and currently we are at our full complement of eleven councillors.

Your Parish Council has several committees (with decision-making powers) and a series of advisory working groups. A summary of their activities is presented in this report.

#### **Committees**

##### *Full Council*

This committee meets monthly except in August and receives reports and recommendations from the other committees and working groups, plus those from District and County Councillors and the Police. As permitted by changes to the law last year, we switched to online meetings during the pandemic and have not met in person since March 2020. Council must return officially to meeting in person in June since Government have not renewed the relevant law at this point, although we are concerned as several of our Councillors and staff have yet to receive vaccinations. The digital meetings have worked extremely well, and we have had regular online attendance from District and County Councillors and a few members of the public. Parish Councillor attendance has also improved. Councillors stepped up to help vulnerable members of the Parish by telephoning during the first part of the pandemic to see if they needed any support and it was good to hear that the majority had a support group around them.

To improve communication with the Parish, Council decided to create its own newsletter. The first issue was circulated to every household in the Parish in Spring of 2020. We welcome any feedback on this initiative.

Parking issues in the Parish have been on the Council agendas for the last two years; it has taken that long to reach the statutory consultation stage with Parishioners. At a preliminary consultation at The Willow Centre in the autumn of 2019 a number of issues were raised, so County, working with the Parish and District, put together plans for restricting parking in the Intwood Road and Colney Lane areas as requested by residents who have raised problems with us over many years. Final plans were constructed and issued to us later in the year, but

then went on hold due to the pandemic. The official consultation took place earlier this year and the outcome should be known shortly.

#### *Planning and Environment Committee (PEC)*

This committee also meets monthly and is the statutory consultative body for considering matters of planning and development in the Parish and submitting official council comments on planning applications. Apart from considering around one hundred planning applications over the last two years and defending the Parish's position at South Norfolk's Development Management Committee as necessary, the Committee has also worked with developers to try and deliver the best possible facilities for Cringleford within the limits of their planning consents and Council's own powers.

There have been three new major housing developments started in Cringleford and two have welcomed their first residents already. Off Colney Lane at Newfound Farm, there will be 650 dwellings, a set of allotments for residents to use and an orchard of heritage fruits, as well as the play areas required under planning consents. South of the A11 at St Giles Park, there will also be an orchard and extensive sports facilities with 350 dwellings, whereas Roundhouse Gate, spread along the west of Roundhouse Way there will be a further 300 dwellings with a variety of play areas.

These developments will add 1300 new homes to Cringleford and it is an alarming thought that the Greater Norwich Local Plan currently indicates there is space for 400 more even though the existing number already exceeds those allowed in the Cringleford Neighbourhood Development Plan. With all this additional housing the population of Cringleford is likely to double by 2030 placing great strain on its infrastructure, especially the roads. By then, Norfolk County Council will have opened a new primary school at Newfound Farm that will double existing capacity. Council has resolved to oppose the proposed increase in the number of houses for Cringleford.

Responsibility for the green spaces on Roundhouse Park passed across to the Parish Council in November last year. We hope to be planting additional trees on the estate and 'wilding' certain areas to encourage a diversity of wildlife. We started by not cutting the green opposite The Willow Centre last summer until late in the season. We have also asked County to leave verges uncut until late summer for the same reason.

This committee has also ensured that all the new estates will have suitable road and footpath lighting. Since Norfolk County Council relinquished its responsibilities for maintenance of streetlighting, it now falls under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

Two years ago, working with the bus companies, we asked for changes to our bus stops and were pleased to see new ones in place at Cavell Court (part funded by us) and to have the ones at Newfound relocated and improved to make them safer. We are still hoping to see completion of our original plan with additional stops near to Roundhouse Gate's roundabout so that the whole of the road to the hospital from the new bus interchange is well covered to ensure ready access from the new estates.

#### *Personnel Committee (PC)*

This committee deals with confidential staff matters (hence will not be reported on here), including appointments, and meets at least once a year.

#### **Advisory Groups**

*Recreation and Amenities Advisory Group (RAAG)*

This working group advises council on all matters concerning our facilities and recreational spaces. Last summer, the Parish Council approved the Group's Recreational Strategy that included new footpaths, football pitches and a Sports Hall. With the September 2020 newsletter, it circulated a survey to all parishioners to discover which sport and recreation facilities they would like to see across the parish, but it received a poor response. The Group has also surveyed similar facilities in and around Norwich and the Districts with mixed feedback. Consequently, we shall engage consultants very soon to help us decide on suitable facilities for the Parish.

The Group is currently working with Big Sky at St Giles Park to put in place extensive recreational facilities including the Sports Hall although a significant amount of land in the original planning agreements has been lost to the Thickthorn Roundabout improvements, due to start in 2022. Fallout from this has been the loss of another set of allotments and a potential bike/skate park, although we will be looking to see if space can be found elsewhere for these. We recently welcomed Beryl Bikes to Dragonfly Lane and we hope in the coming year to announce further exciting improvements to the Parish's facilities including a woodland play area, improvements to The Willow Centre and, of course, the completion of the Pavilion refurbishment. This seemingly simple and straightforward job, to put it bluntly, turned into a year-long nightmare since the original contractor let us down badly. The new contractor will complete the job in May in time to see the return of indoor gatherings should the Government's roadmap go according to plan.

#### *Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Group*

Because of the numerous developments currently active across the Parish, the Council will receive significant sums of money to invest in its facilities. This new committee will monitor the use of these funds and will develop ideas, with help from the District Councils, for new projects.

#### *Finance Advisory Group*

The Council receives income from the precept, CIL, commuted sums (allocated to specific developments for maintenance) and grants. This group works diligently to oversee our expenditure and financial compliance, ensuring robust processes are in place, including audits, and makes recommendations to council on investments. It presents a draft annual budget to Council each December.

#### *Road Safety Group*

This is a 'task and finish group' to look at ways to improve road safety by developing a strategy for the Parish. The first outcome was the speed platforms on Keswick Road. It also proposed the use of traffic monitoring cameras that will be placed for periods of time in different locations across the Parish to identify problem spots for which Council hopes to find appropriate solutions. The cameras will be received later this year.

Professor Trevor L Wang, May 2021

## **Appendix 2 - To receive the County Councillor's Report**

### **Cringleford May report from County Cllr David Bills**

#### **1) Update on Parking progress**

**I have requested an update from County and will advise on receipt.**

#### **2) Broadband update – expecting results of survey end of this week early next. Karen O'Keefe will advise**

#### **3) Adult Learning** has been shortlisted in the Adult and Community Learning Provider of the Year category in the national TES (Times Educational Supplement) Awards 2021. This is a major national award and I am absolutely delighted that the work of our service has been recognised through this shortlisting.

This award recognises providers 'whose imagination and passion' have shown 'excellence in providing a high-quality curriculum with excellent student outcomes'. This shortlisting is based on our exceptionally strong performance through the pandemic in terms of meeting the needs of Norfolk residents so well in these challenging times. Adult Learning bucked the national trend throughout the pandemic with increased participation on qualification courses and improved achievement rates for our learners – at a time when both fell across the rest of the country.

Click on for details

[TES FE Awards 2021 - Home Page](#)

#### **4) I look forward to representing you as your County Councillor for the next term.**

### **Headlines from County - Click on the headline below for detail**

## **Tribute paid to Covid victims as Norfolk vows to build a better future**

**[Pharmacies now offering free, rapid COVID-19 tests](#)** - On 19 April, the government [announced](#) that nine in ten pharmacies across England are now distributing free rapid lateral flow tests for people to collect and use at home. Rapid, regular testing is now available to everyone in England and the new 'Pharmacy Collect' service provides an additional route to regular testing for everyone.

The 'Pharmacy Collect' service is available to people aged over 18 without symptoms, who are able to visit a participating local pharmacy and collect a box of seven rapid tests to use twice a week at home. Regular testing continues to play a critical role in stopping the spread of the virus and breaking the chains of transmission.

The government also launched an [online checker](#) so people can find their nearest pharmacy offering free, rapid test kits.

## **Update from the Norfolk Fire Service –**

**Water safety** - Fire & Rescue staff have been busy holding water safety training and will continue to promote messaging to the public next week as part of national water safety week. Last year, we rescued 23 people from

open water and there were 10 water fatalities. Many of those who end up in difficulty didn't intend to be in the water. Water safety advice is available at [Respect the Water – National Drowning Prevention Campaign \(rnli.org\)](https://www.rnli.org)

Next week we will be joining other partners to train waterside bar and restaurant staff in Norwich, Wroxham and Acle in throwline training. Throwlines can be used to reach people in water without putting the rescuer at risk, buying vital time until emergency crew arrive.

**Motorcycle safety** - This week we have been sharing short safety videos presented by our staff and police colleagues, about ensuring motorcycles are fit for the road. At this time, we always see an increase in road traffic collisions involving motorcycles, due to increased usage as the weather improves. Coupled with an increase in traffic since lockdown restrictions have started to ease, we're keen to ensure all road users are as safe and prepared for road conditions as possible. You can watch the videos on our [You Tube channel](#)

**For updates on the Coronavirus**

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/health-and-wellbeing/adults-health/coronavirus>



## Appendix 4 - To receive a report from Cringleford Primary School

# Cringleford CE VA Primary School



**Headteacher – Mr Neil Henery**

## **Report for the Parish Council ~ May 2021**

This has been an extraordinary year for everyone and I could not have imagined the changes we have had to adapt to at school over the last 12 months as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic and resulting lockdowns. I look back with pride at the way that the whole staff team adapted to the challenge of having to provide remote learning for the vast majority of pupils from Easter to July 2020. During that time, the only children allowed in school were those of Critical Workers or those deemed 'vulnerable', for example those with Special Educational Needs. The context of the school is that we are situated very close to the hospital so we have a high number of parents who are Critical Workers so the percentage of pupils in school was much higher than for many other schools. For this reason, when Reception and Year 1 pupils were allowed to return to school during the summer term of 2020, we were not able to do this as all our staff had to cover 'bubbles' of Critical Worker children and the only year group back allowed back in full was Year 6. To make the school as safe an environment as possible, some measures have become commonplace: regular sanitising and hand washing, more time spent outside, well ventilated classrooms, social distancing and staff wearing face coverings as well as lots and lots of cleaning!

All pupils were able to return in September 2020 and, fortunately, only a few children had to self-isolate for a limited period due to a positive case in the school community. We were all grateful that the children had the whole of the autumn term to get back into school routines, meet friends and catch up on lost learning. Since Christmas, we once again faced another lockdown and two thirds of pupils had to learn from home. Our remote teaching offer had to adapt and develop and live and recorded lessons became a staple of what we offered daily. Many school development priorities had to be put 'on hold' during that time as we all focused on keeping everyone safe and providing the highest quality remote learning possible. Government initiatives, such as the distribution of laptops to disadvantaged pupils, helped to support certain families, although the challenge for parents and carers to oversee remote learning at the same time as working from home was considerable.

Since March all pupils have returned to school and a new 'normal' was established up to the end of the spring term. The introduction of lateral flow tests for staff and the roll-out of the vaccination programme has definitely led to increased levels of confidence among staff and

parents. The summer term should allow for all the staff to concentrate on some of the more normal school priorities, such as the development of the curriculum and looking at early reading strategies, even if we are not able to have our usual programme of school trips and everything else which enriches the curriculum.

The school is continuing to spend Catch Up funding on some tutoring for targeted pupils and we had already bought learning packs for pupils to complement the home learning we are providing. We hope that the summer term brings fewer changes and we can fully concentrate on making sure gaps in children's learning can be addressed.

The pandemic has brought the whole school community closer in many ways, with teachers and parents working together to support pupils. Tim Yau and Reverend Graham have continued to be very supportive, providing weekly recorded assemblies and offering encouragement to the staff who have worked incredibly hard all year.

Having turned 60, and having led the school for nearly 10 years, I took the decision before Christmas to inform governors that I would be leaving the school in July. The governors have worked hard to advertise and recruit the next headteacher who will take over in September. The whole recruitment process had to be carried out remotely, but the result of two days of interviewing is that Mrs Julia Humphrey has been appointed. Julia is currently headteacher of Garboldisham Church Primary School. She has many years of headship experience and I am sure she will work very effectively with the staff and governors to move the school forward over the next few years.

I would very grateful for the support from the Parish Council for the school during my years of headship and will look forward to seeing how the plans for the new primary school progress.

The impact of the pandemic will likely continue for a long time. The school has served the community well during a very difficult time and will continue to do so, even if we all have to adapt to new ways of doing things. I have been so grateful to all the members of staff who have truly worked as a team throughout all the changes and will continue to put the interests of the children at the heart of everything they do.

**Neil Henery - headteacher**

## **Appendix 5 - To receive a report from St Peter's Church**

Report to Parish Council  
St.Peter's Cringleford  
25/04/21

As I am sure will be a constant refrain throughout all the reports submitted to the council this year it is safe to say that the last year has been atypical.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on our community here in Cringleford. We have lost loved ones, had to work in different way sin different times and have had to constantly rearrange plans and readjust what we did.

St. Peter's church was no different. In fact as almost all we did involved face to face meeting, building relationships and being there for when people needed us at those big times in life pretty much everything we did had to change. We were unable to offer big service how we usually would, the church building was shut for a number of months and the groups with which we support our local community were unable to meet.

However, they say necessity is the mother of invention and this was proven time and again as we changed what we did to keep serving and supporting our community in the midst of difficult times.

Regular church services have been broadcast on zoom and even when services have been allowed in the building we are now doing a 'hybrid' model where we are able to have services simultaneously on line and in person. This online aspect has opened up St. Peter's to those who may just want to see what church is like as well as having the very wonderful side effect of being able to welcome back long standing friends who previously struggled to get to the services.

Our big services have looked very different. Easter 2020 was just after the first lockdown and was a very rushed online affair. Remembrance 2020 was a service streamed on YouTube after the November lockdown was announced the week before. Our usually packed Crib service was transformed into a very well supported outdoor carols on the Willow Centre Football pitch – we have never done carols before in a blizzard! We are very grateful in the support of the council in allowing us to use these communal areas.

Our groups have gone into a very different mode supplying food, gifts, and reminders that people aren't forgotten door to door when people can't come to us. We have continued to care for those who are ill, worried and isolated. The church hall has also been closed for a good proportion of the year but has flourished when government regulations eased. The churchyard has been kept up to its usual wonderful standard by a fantastic group of volunteer. We are thankful to them and to the council for the support it has given.

We do not know what the coming year will bring but we are committed to serving and supporting Cringleford whatever comes our way.

Graham Wilkins

## Appendix 6 - To receive a report from Cringleford Hub



### Cringleford Hub Report - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

#### "Going deeper, living well and loving our community."

Obviously, the Hub has not been immune to the effects of the pandemic lockdown in 2020-21. We have increased and maintained an online presence, as well as trying to initiate outdoor activities that were appropriate for Covid-19 restrictions. However, there is no escaping the fact that all our face-to-face activities have paused and it feels like we've lost momentum on some of the key areas we'd previously launched.

The Hub activities are mapped on the four-fold stage approach to creating community relationships, promoting living well and loving service.

#### Stage One: getting to know faces in the community

One-off events and activities to enable people to mix and engage in reflection:

Event	Objective	Activities	Partnerships/Notes	#
<b>Ribbons of Hope</b>	Supporting key-workers	Tying ribbons around the trees on the tump		?
<b>Rainbow Trail</b>	An outside activity for families whilst out walking	Look for rainbows outside	Cringleford Facebook community	21 members
<b>Cringleford Easter Interpretations</b>	Exploring the story of Easter through images with reflections on Covid-19 and the pandemic.	Reflection and prayer outside and online. Set up in Round House Park and by the village sign.		?
<b>Cringleford Cross</b>	Creating an Easter focal point in the community	A cross erected on Good Friday and covered in ribbons on Easter Sunday		?
<b>Star Wars Competition Online</b>	Get participants to celebrate World Star Wars day for fun, to promote creativity and family engagement.	Create Star Wars themed art/videos	School	17
<b>Chalk the Walk</b>	Show some love in our community by sharing messages and prayers of hope and positivity	Chalking on the path opposite the school and by St. Peter's Church.	St. Peter's Church	?
<b>Pumpkin Trail</b>	To go pumpkin	Creatively	Tesco	128

<b>and Halloween competition Online</b>	spotting. When the kids found a pumpkin then their grown-ups would then give them a treat.	decorate your house and put a pumpkin picture in your window. Carve a pumpkin and take pics of costumes and post them online.		members
<b>Christmas Elfie Selfies Online</b>	Promote creativity and family engagement.	Draw pictures of elves and put them in your window and post them online.	Tesco	115 members
<b>Cringleford Christmas Trees</b>	Encouraging people to write messages to the community	Decorate a bauble and hang it on the fir trees.	School	200 baubles
<b>In Search of Christmas</b>	Exploring the story of the first Christmas through films.	Poster with QR codes and clues to find.	St. Peter's Church	?
<b>Tesco Carols</b>	Share some Christmas joy	Singing	Tesco	?
<b>Outdoor Crib &amp; Carols</b>	Get to know people and share the Christmas message	Singing & storytelling	St. Peter's Church	50+
<b>Hope Magazines</b>	Share good news at Christmas	Hope Magazine distributed	School & St. Peter's Church	450
<b>Pancake Faces Online</b>	Have some fun on pancake day. Promote creativity and family engagement.	Create pancake faces with food.	Tesco	20 members
<b>Food Bank Friday</b>	Supporting our local Food Bank during term-time in Lent	Collection box for food stuffs outside school every Friday	School	?
<b>Cringleford School Assemblies Online</b>	Supporting our local school with Christian input	Weekly assemblies shared with families of school children	School & St. Peter's Church	?

### Stage Two: developing community connections, repeat events

Event	Objective	Activities	#
<b>Kindness Kafé Online</b> (monthly)	An all age community café, enabling people to spread kindness, bringing people together, breaking	Fun, games, mind challenges, and conversation	?

	down barriers, combatting isolation and welcoming new neighbours.	Ran monthly on Zoom but was cancelled due to lack of interest.	
<b>Bounce &amp; Rhyme Online</b> (weekly)	Toddlers and Carers' group. Support parents at home in the lockdown	Crafts, bible stories and songs	Average views per session: 59 Most views: 99
<b>Six-Weeks of Celebration</b> (weekly)	To encourage the community to share knowledge and skills for summer inspiration.	Over the school Summer break every Monday morning the Hub posted challenges	?

### Stage Three: meaningful relationship development, sharing initial steps of faith

Event	Objective	Activities
<b>Cringleford Assembly Online</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather as a community to form deeper relationships;</li> <li>Explore the big questions in life and what it means to 'live well', what is meaning and purpose;</li> <li>Celebrate being pro-active neighbours.</li> </ul>	Ran monthly on Zoom. Moved to weekly from September as a thought for the week on YouTube.
<b>Cavel Court Church Service Online</b>	Spiritual care of Christian residents at Cavell Court	Monthly service of the word with hymns
<b>Pastoral Support</b>	Support those encountered in Hub events with emotional and spiritual needs	Tim Yau's ministry

### Stage Four: Going Deeper

Event	Objective	Activities
<b>Hub Church Online</b> (Weekly)	A community of people seeking to live well together, becoming disciples of Christ and going deeper in life, resourced by faith and sharing the love of God with those around us.	Discipleship exploration. A number of courses have been engaged with, 6 regulars.

Sadly, this year the Hub had to cancel the following activities and events:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual Summer Great Get Together Picnic
- Halloween: Light on a Dark Night
- Stalls at the School Fairs
- Pancake Races
- Bounce & Rhyme at the Willow Centre
- Cringlekidz Film Club and Easter/Christmas crafts
- Kindness Klub at Cringleford School
- Cringleford Assembly monthly gathering
- Monthly Community Meal
- Monthly Cavell Court Church Service in person
- Kindness Kafé, monthly community café.

**Rev. Tim Yau – April 2021**  
Community Pioneer  
Roundhouse Park

## **Appendix 7 - To receive a report from the Parish Tree Warden**

### TREE WARDEN – ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Activities during the year have been as follows :-

#### Newly planted woodland Copse

The young trees I planted in autumn 2018 involving children from the Primary School have shown strong growth , I have recently removed grass and weeds from around the base of the trunks , applied feed and mulched with bark chips. Replaced a few trees that had died.

#### Tree Nursery

At the school we had created a small area in the grounds , where normally the children would plant

Native tree seeds that I had collected in the local area. Due to Covid restrictions this has not been possible this year.

#### Key Project

Inspired by the Duchess of Cambridge , and my desire to be creative in the TW role , my primary focus this past year has been to develop a proposal to establish a Back to Nature woodland experience for local children. Involving the careful erection of some simple rustic structures along a short woodland trail , marked by small painted totem poles . Thereby enabling them to experience the sensory feeling of being in such a natural environment. Not just “ Another Playground “

The ideal location being the newly acquired Community Woodland , behind the Willow Centre,

Progress to date :-

Structure designs and dimensions have been determined.

Quotations obtained for site preparation and Construction

Guidance and recommendations for safe construction obtained , from ROSPA

Still await final approval and authority to proceed from PC

Meantime would like to express my thanks to Malcolm Blackie , for his ongoing interest and support.

#### Tree Warden Group

I continue to maintain close contact with District Tree Warden Group , who are extremely Interested and enthusiastic about our woodland project .

The Group remain a good source of native tree whips , should we require for any Parish Green spaces ??

Richard Beese  
Parish Tree Warden



12/4/2021

## Appendix 8 – Pump track

# Pump Track Ideas



- Me and my friends would like somewhere safe to ride our bikes on Roundhouse.
- Pump tracks are accessible to all ages and all levels of riders.
- You can also use roller skates and scooters.
- If made from tarmac it will be very low maintenance and durable.
- A pump track is different to a skate park or BMX track - Its easier to use.