Brundall Parish Council Land Management reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group:

Countryside Park Group

## Date: 7.12.23.

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| **Countryside Park Group Meeting: 29th November 2023**1. **Membership of Countryside Park Group.** Representatives from: Parsh Council, Environment Group, Tree Wardens, Allotment Association, Park Run.
2. **Countryside Park Group** consists of: (i) Countryside Park Steering Committee and (ii) Onsite (volunteer) Work Group.

Discussed **ways to attract volunteers to assist with onsite maintenance** using Brundall Parish Council (PC) Facebook, and holding recruitment volunteer session. Also, the Group request unpaid worker support (with our supervision) Example activities to include – mowing some areas, and bramble cutting…. Also, the Group request unpaid worker support (with our supervision) Example activities to include – mowing some areas, and bramble cutting….1. The Group would like an **initial budget** - starting in presumably April 2024. This will be used to cover expenses and necessary work. The Group would also like information on the **cost/ provision of grass cutting** etc. and when these are **currently scheduled in the year under the current contract.**

 1. **A Park Vision was discussed.** The following is an example of a Park Vision statement on signage: ‘This park is a green gem/idyll where nature and people flourish’.
2. **Countryside Park Maintenance Schedule** for a 2024/25. This was discussed and tasks identified.
3. **Path Maintenance**. Sand has helped to maintain/strengthen the paths**. Park Run request sand to be placed on lower corners paths of the park – this was agreed and it is requested sand is ordered (3 bags). Also, the group discussed who places sand on paths – and note normally this has been by Park Run.** The Group also would like to review the maintenance work (mainly mowing) carried out by contractors.
4. **Park Benches**. The Group requested a copy of Bench policy to review donation, ownership and maintenance policy etc. Group agreed the Bench base can be concrete as long as this is placed under the bench (as less conspicuous) and no one can trip over this. Group will check for repair needs (including bases e.g. concrete or alternative method). Group will identify bench maintenance costs. In anticipation of future requests, additional park Bench places will be identified.At its next meeting the Group will review Bench Policy.
5. **Car Park.** (i) Discussed car park entry and angle of the kerbing (which cars frequently run over) and the narrowness of the road that was the source of danger (a subgroup to look at design options and take expert advice – via Parish Clerk). (ii) maintenance may need to take place from time to time; (iii) strim edges of Car park; (iv) in future may need to Tarmac.
6. **‘Ponds’/drainage area**. East of park pond/drainage seems to be working in part. However, it does not prevent water sitting on the path at the corner and only fills in heavy rain. There was potential for a drainage pond in the East side but the same issues would apply – it would need something to divert water running down the path sideways into the pond - a change in camber or French drain, but should be easier with no allotment fence in the way. There is proposal from BWG for a wildlife pond which would most likely not be compatible with a drainage pond (Since the muddy water is not what wildlife want) but would require a digger and spoil disposal. It is suggested a feasibility of both should be considered together to they don’t conflict (e.g. for location), though a drainage pond might be something that could be delivered much more quickly.
7. **Dog control. (i) Replenish dog poo bags by Parish Clark or volunteers – frequency of replenishment is? (ii) Orchard No Dogs sign – request Land Management agree message wish to give and wording. The Group is aware only the Park run clear the park of dog mess – and further support at other times is needed.**
8. **Meeting of Countryside Park Group** – mainly to be the first Tuesday of the month. Dates for next meetings:

Tuesday February 6th 2024Tuesday April 2rd 2024Tuesday May 7th 2024Tuesday June 4th 2024 |
| Issues you wish Land Management to discuss1. **Parish Council Ways to attract volunteers to assist with onsite maintenance**

**Park Vision Signage** is to be placed on signage? This, for example, may be used as a Park Vision statement on signage: ‘This Park is a green gem/idyll where nature and people flourish’. **‘Ponds’/drainage area** and reference to additional drainage - east and west side.Request **sand to be ordered**. To discuss who else (persons) places sand on paths – and note normally this has been by Park Run Group.The Group would like an initial budget - starting in presumably April 2024. This cover expenses and work needing to be done.  The Group would also like information on the cost/ provision of grass cutting etc. and when these are currently scheduled in the year under the current contract.  Group agreed the **Bench base** can be concrete as long as this is placed under the bench (as less conspicuous) and no one can trip over this. Group will check for repair needs (including bases e.g. concrete or alternative method). Group will identify bench maintenance costs. In anticipation of future requests, additional park Bench places will be identified. The Group at its next meeting will review the Parish Bench Policy.**The Car Park. Cars frequently run over** entry and angle of the kerbing to car park and the narrowness of the road is a source of danger. Suggest a subgroup to look at design options and take expert advice – via Parish Clerk). **Dog control.** (i) Replenish dog poo bags by Parish Clark or volunteers – frequency of replenishment is? (ii) Orchard No Dogs sign – request Land Management agree message wish to give and wording.   |
| Help requested from within Land Management groups |