

1. **Agreed location of a new disease resistant Elm.** This is to be in north west corner area of park (decision made during group meeting at Park on 1.3.24).
2. **Sand on Paths.** Agreed with the Environment Group. Sand appears in places to support path (and not to be detrimental) and that appropriate amount of sand needs to be placed on corners and not on slope paths on East and West side of park (as per Environmental Group's view point). A total of 5 tonnes per annum seemed sufficient.
3. Group minutes to be taken by Sarah.
4. **A shared/communal computer 'area'** is needed for dissemination of information between members of the Group. The Group is to share information, via email communication and discussion, after Land Management (LM) meetings.
5. Group met on 1.3.24 (2pm) at Park to identify **Park tasks and Payback Group tasks.** It was agreed, the Payback Group need to be advised by a member of the Countryside Park Group.

Areas needing maintenance by Pay Back group are:

- (a) The western side - clearance of saplings, the brambles behind the pond and overhanging branches at the Northern end.
- (b) Northern side - clearance of brambles in section behind car park, and around gate entrance area, to be similar to section in north western corner but a bit shorter.

Request for help to Payback to be made for 5 (a) and (b).

6. Discussion during the Group's visit to the Park included:
 - (a) **drainage on bottom west side of park** – An alternative was to level off paths so drains into pond area. It seems that French drainage/pipes work needs to be completed (pipes and shingle stones to cover). Drainage may also be improved if three more French drains of which one is further up the path and one lower down; one from bottom corner of path. All would feed into drains leading to 'pond area'.
 - (b) **'pond' in North Eastern Corner of Park.** Feedback from Greg (a local resident) at meeting said any increase in drainage area (lower) south east – near water pump station - would increase flooding in residents' gardens. Group noted the Park's North East drainage area ('pond') has been blocked by a tree and other items – this has impacted on the drainage of the east side path/area of the park. The Group took the view this needs to be cleared. This could be by dragging items out of the area from the road side – and this may prove problematic. This should improve drainage on the north east slope of the park.
 - (c) It was also noted the **road side** part of the bank, next to this north east drainage area/pond, has collapsed (washed away with water from the road?), – and may make side 'bank' unstable and a hazard/dangerous to traffic (tractors, bus cars etc.). So, is this a matter for Highways?
 - (d) **Car Park & Entrance.** Group visit of 1.3.24. noted the problem with cars entering and exiting park. Corner road curbs were sticking out. These may also be hazards for cyclists. Drivers may also damage their car tyres. LM may wish to review this problem. Widening the park entrance may also create a safer entrance - by allowing a safer in and out entrance.

For information: Countryside Park Group meetings took place on: 27.2.24. (at BMH) and 1.3.24. (on site)

Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

- 1 (a) Location of a new disease resistant Elm – points of view and decision.
(c) Paths and amount of sand – points of view and decision
- 2 Shared computer area – computer access for Countryside Park Group Members.
- 3 Work to take place on Countryside Park (points of view and decisions):
 - (a) Maintenance work with Payback group (to be arranged)
 - (b) Drainage on bottom west side of park – French drainage/pipes work to be completed (pipes and shingle stones to cover etc.). Could mean three more French drains of which one is further up the path and one lower down; one from bottom corner of path. All to feed in to 'pond area'. An alternative was to level off paths so drain into pond area.
 - (c) Set up project clearing of north east 'pond'/drainage area. Resource consideration and logistics?
 - (d) Road and safety next to pond on east side. Is any action needed?
- 4 Safer Car Park Entrance and Exit. Removal of curb stones or/ widen entrance for in and out exit areas.

Help requested from within Land Management groups