

## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022 AT 2.30 PM**

**Present:** Councillors M McGuffie (Chairman), M Barr, C Booth and C Govier

**In attendance:** David Farrow, Town Clerk  
Alice Kendall, Deputy RFO

**89 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors K Canham, M Lithgow and J Lloyd

**90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**91 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2022 as a true record.

**92 IN LIEU OF PUBLIC SPEAKING TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present and no representations had been received.

**93 TONEDALE PLAY AREA PRESENTATIONS FROM THOSE SHORTLISTED**

A total of 9 submissions were received from 8 contractors. The Mayor, Committee Chairman, Town Clerk and Deputy RFO reviewed them as previously set out and put forward a shortlist of four proposals. Those shortlisted were invited to attend the meeting to give a short presentation of no more than 10 minutes to include a short question and answer session. Digital copies of each submission were circulated before the meeting. Presentations were received as follows and during each one Councillors asked various questions.

- (a) Bid 1 – Redlynch Leisure
- (b) Bid 2 – Mant Leisure
- (c) Bid 3 – Green Play Project \*did not attend the meeting but Councillors reviewed documents submitted
- (d) Bid 4 – Sutcliffe Play South West

**94 TO CONSIDER MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF TONEDALE PLAY AREA**

Following the presentations given, Councillors discussed the merits of each proposal. It was **RESOLVED** that Redlynch Leisure be the recommended contractor provided that changes to the scheme are implemented to increase the age range of the trim trail and reconfiguration of the toddler area to include a two-bay swing if possible. A 10% contingency on the original £80,000 budget was also agreed to accommodate these changes. The Deputy RFO will discuss the requirements with the contractor and a further meeting will be called on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June to form the final recommendation to the July Full Council.

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**Councillor Michael McGuffie**  
**Chairman**

**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022 AT 2.30 PM**

**Present:** Councillors M McGuffie (Chairman), M Barr, K Canham and C Govier

**In attendance:** Alice Kendall, Deputy RFO

**110 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors C Booth, M Lithgow and J Lloyd

**111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**112 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 as a true record.

**113 IN LIEU OF PUBLIC SPEAKING TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No representations had been received.

**114 TONEDALE PLAY AREA**

Following the last meeting, the final scheme and quotation was presented having made the requested changes.

**RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the final scheme (attached) and quotation from Redlynch Leisure be accepted at a cost of £84,100 to be funded from CIL reserves.

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**Councillor Michael McGuffie**  
**Chairman**





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# SOMERSET BUS MANIFESTO



SOMERSET'S BUS SERVICES HAVE THE LOWEST SATISFACTION RATING OF ANY BUS SERVICES IN ENGLAND.

SOMERSET ALSO HAS THE SECOND LOWEST NUMBER OF JOURNEYS PER HEAD IN ENGLAND.

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## Somerset Bus Partnership

Connecting communities and encouraging public transport.

# SOMERSET BUS MANIFESTO

## 1. BETTER BUSES FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

- ❖ A core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages.
- ❖ Enhanced weekend and evening services.
- ❖ An extension of the demand-responsive bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

## 2. AN AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR ALL

- ❖ Cheaper fares targeted at young people up to the age of 25.
- ❖ A new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

## 3. PROMOTION OF EXISTING & NEW SERVICES

- ❖ A long-term publicity campaign to increase passenger numbers and improve financial viability.
- ❖ Easily accessible public transport guides, timetables and maps.
- ❖ Up-to-date information at all main bus stops, libraries and other information points.
- ❖ Roll out of Real Time Information in towns and along major bus routes.

## 4. AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT NETWORK

- ❖ Extend bus routes to link with local railway stations, and co-ordinate timetables to improve bus/rail connections.
- ❖ Maintain and enhance the County's bus stations and shelters.
- ❖ Introduce integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

## 5. INTRODUCE ZERO EMISSION BUSES

- ❖ Investment in electric buses to achieve a zero-emission fleet by 2030, in line with the county's climate change strategy.

## 6. MEANINGFUL FUNDING OF BUS SERVICES

*To meet the aspirations in this Bus Manifesto and to provide the level & quality of bus services that Somerset deserves, the new Unitary Authority needs to provide increased financial support for services, as well as investing to improve infrastructure & vehicles.*

- ❖ Bring Somerset's bus budget up to the average for similar rural local transport authorities across the South West by 2026.
- ❖ Invest in bus transport by making funds available from the new council's capital programme and from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

**REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE 19 JULY 2022****Green Corridor Land****1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to set out the current position in relation to the Green Corridor Land and propose next steps in developing a Vision and Management Plan and putting in place a structure to support community engagement in the management of the land in the context of the Town Council structures.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Town Council establish a Green Corridor Steering Group consisting of Town Councillors and representatives of interested community groups to support and advise the Town Council as the leaseholder of the land on the development and delivery of the vision and management plan

2.2 That the Steering Group develop and run a community consultation process to be completed before the end of October 2022 and report the findings back to the Committee and through that the Town Council.

**3. Current Position**

3.1 At its meeting on the 5 July 2022 Somerset West and Taunton Council approved the purchase of the land known as the Green Corridor, as previously detailed, and that the land should, on purchase, be leased to Wellington Town Council on a long term lease (up to 125 years) for it to be responsible for its management.

3.2 Because of local government reorganisation in the County, under Section 24 of the Local Government and Public Health Act 2007 approval of the purchase and subsequent lease arrangements must be sought from Somerset County before it can be enacted. We understand that this decision can be taken at Executive Portfolio Holder level rather than committee and is about ensuring that proper process has been followed in reaching the decision that has been made. What is not clear is how long this process will take.

3.3 Whilst this process is running the process for purchasing the land and agreeing the detailed lease will proceed in parallel.

**4. Next Steps**

4.1 It is proposed that a Green Corridor Steering Group be established to have oversight of the work associated with the Green Corridor Land including developing and reporting on the consultation process set out below. The Steering Group will report to the Environment and Open Spaces Committee which in turn reports to the Town Council.

4.2 It is suggested that the Steering Group should be chaired by the Chair of the Councils Environment and Open Spaces (EOS) Committee and

should consist of two further town councillors and no more than two representatives from each of the following groups:

- Somerset West and Taunton Council (from 1 April 2023 Somerset County)
- Transition Town Wellington
- Wellington Community Food
- Wellington Sport federation
- The Basin Volunteer Group
- A representative, preferably a tenant, from the Allotments
- Wellington Mills CiC
- Somerset Wildlife Trust

Other groups may be invited to join meetings for specific discussions and the membership of the group will be reviewed regularly. The Steering Group will be administered by the Town Council initially through the Town Clerk.

4.3 The purpose of the group will be to support the Town Council in carrying out the community consultation, developing the Vision and Management Plan for the land and have oversight of the delivery of the Management Plan. It will report to the EOS Committee and make recommendations for action/development to the Town Council through the EOS Committee.

4.4 . It is proposed that the consultation should commence before the end of September with a launch event to be followed by a month long consultation period utilising a range of approaches including online, paper and physical. Work has already commenced in drafting Vision and Consultation Documents as a starting point for the consultation and these are attached for information.





A Vision for the Wellington Green Corridor  
Part of Wellington's Route to Net Zero

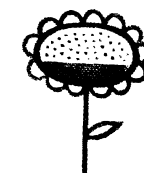
How the development of a multi-use community landscape can help Wellington respond to the climate and ecological emergencies.



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*In an emergency you must act like it is an emergency. We need to not talk about what we can do but do what we can do.*  
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## Summary

How the development of a multi-use community landscape can help Wellington respond to the climate and ecological emergencies.

The climate stability society has benefited from over the last 10,000 years and continues to depend on for it to flourish is breaking. Inequality is also one of the biggest problems society faces. Those who have done least are being impacted the most, globally and locally those with the least will struggle to adapt their homes and be impacted by rising costs. We are seeing young people terrified to have children for fear of the future, the last generation has seen fundamental changes to our environment and we need to take action in the next ten years to reverse these for the benefit of current and future generations. This is a collective responsibility, international commitments, national government policies and actions will only deliver so much. Everyone in society must "Think Global and Act Local" to avoid the human characteristic that has resulted in the failure of many societies before by failing to see the bigger picture. The young who are alive today are those who will be most impacted by the choices we make today.

Local authorities can play an important enabling role for communities to help them achieve net zero and reverse ecological decline. The decision to invest in the local community through the purchase of the land making up the Wellington Green Corridor shows local leadership in facing the challenge and provides the long term security to help us the community create a climate and ecologically positive future.

The creation of the Wellington Green Corridor is an opportunity to create a legacy for future generations and enable the local community to take action now! The unique opportunity to explore a combination of projects and land uses across a contiguous site is a nationally unique project which could set a marker for other local communities. Demonstrating the power of local land ownership, community collaboration and land use. Each of the elements proposed are not unique in their own right, each element has strong social and environmental credentials. The combination however creates an asset of immense social and environmental wealth that will be accessible to all and that will create a new heritage for the town. The Wellington Green Corridor will help the community with some of the biggest actions we can take:



MAP

Red - Fox's field project.  
Green - Areas with existing rights of way and informal open access use.  
Purple - Current Hay Meadow with no public access, possible nature area.  
Yellow - Existing agricultural fields with no public access with potential farm and sports use.

## The Vision

We believe that members of the local community should have access to significant areas of open space that provide opportunities to actively participate in social and physical activities, that help to develop personal wellbeing and community spirit. We believe that providing the greatest diversity of outdoor activities will create a 'green hub' for the community and provide space for people to spend time and build on the sense of place and ownership of the landscape.

## Mission Statement

To develop a 70ac (28ha or 140 football pitches) corridor of mixed-use land linking Tonedale, Wellington and Rockwell Green. We will work with people and groups through the design of the Green Corridor to develop a mix of uses, this could include:

- A community farm
- Increased allotment provision
- Nature-rich habitats
- Open access land for recreation
- Arts and cultural spaces
- Educational resources
- Cycle path and bmx/pump track
- Youth sports pitches

In delivering these activities a range of outcomes will be achieved:

- Provision of affordable, sustainably produced food. (Equivalent to the fruit and veg requirements of around 1,000 people a year.)
- Educating people in the value and management of nature and food production. (Through providing educational access to over 2,000 primary and secondary school children and all 16,000 residents of the area.)
- Opportunities to participate in healthy lifestyle activities whether that is sport, running, cycling, volunteering, arts. (Improved access for all 16,000 residents to enjoy.)
- Improve the habitats and landscape of a key local asset. (Creation of nature-rich habitats on at least 50% of the area.)
- Increase active travel options around the town. (Through the creation of 1.7km of multi-user access tracks linking Tonedale to Rockwell Green and Courtfields School.)
- Sequestering carbon within the local landscape. (The potential to increase carbon storage in habitats through sequestration into soil and trees over the decades to come.)





CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT  
OR ILLUSTRATION

## The Partnership

The project can only be successfully delivered with the active partnership of several organisations and individuals from the community. For the purposes of this document, the partners who have been involved in the development of the vision represent a diverse range of local interests but it is not an exclusive group and we seek to work with all who are interested. Through consultation and public engagement we aim to expand this group and include the views of all members of the community with an interest in the project. Currently the project has involved the following organisations:

- Wellington Community Food - Community Benefit Society
- Transition Town Wellington
- Wellington District Sports Federation
- Wellington Mills CIC
- The Basins Volunteers
- Wellington Town Council
- Somerset West and Taunton district council/Somerset Unitary authority

GROUP PHOTO



# Wellington Community Food

## Who we are

Wellington Community Food believes that communities should be highly connected to, and have ownership over, food production and distribution. Through its activities it intends to support community networks where healthy, affordable food is produced and distributed ethically, sustainably and in harmony with our natural environment.

Wellington Community Food Limited is a Community Benefit Society which exists to serve the interests of the community within which it is based. It's aims to be:

- A farm enterprise that produces local, seasonal, vegetable and fruit
- A working farm that provides ethical employment and volunteering opportunities
- An organisation that connects our members and other people in our community with farmland, agriculture and wildlife
- A space where local community members and groups can achieve physical and mental health benefits

## Our mission

Our mission is to improve peoples' lives and the environment by:

- Establish a 18.5ac (7.5ha) farm including a mix of market gardening, perennial cropping with the potential to supply 150 weekly veg boxes
- Engaging our local community in the sustainable production, processing and distribution of their food, to build their knowledge and ownership over their food supply.
- Providing sustainable livelihoods to those who grow, process and distribute our food.
- Stewarding and protecting the land we cultivate as a community resource for future generations, building resilience into our local food system, whilst growing biodiversity.
- Working with other communities to support their endeavours to create similar community supported agriculture projects where the risks and rewards of our food system are shared.
- Improve food equity in the community by making produce available on a pay what you can afford model using an honesty box.
- Surplus produce will be given to local food poverty projects such as The Trussell Trust food bank in Wellington.

## More Info:

[www.wellingtoncommunityfood.org.uk](http://www.wellingtoncommunityfood.org.uk)



Context Photo

Illustration byu Matt

# Transition Town Wellington

## Who we are

TTW is a local volunteer-run environmental group. It is a formal not-for-profit community group which has built up a reputation for on-the-ground work and solutions-based activities for tackling climate change and biodiversity loss since it was set up in 2008.

The group looks after several community orchards, herb beds, fruit-growing areas and wildflower meadows across town, with the help of its network of local volunteers.

TTW is part of the national and international Transition Network <https://transitionnetwork.org/>  
And more about the group and its varied activities can be found at: [ttw.org.uk](http://ttw.org.uk)

## Mission

Our mission is to help people transition to a happier, healthier low-carbon future by working together at a local level on practical solutions. "We believe that the key is to work together to effect the changes we want to see in our immediate environment and local community."

## Fox's Field

In early 2020, TTW teamed up with Wellington Mills Community Interest Company to run a series of public consultations on the 8.5-acre site known as Fox's Field, which was bought into public ownership in November 2019. SWT are drawing up a lease with the CIC, who in turn are working with TTW as delivery partners in the creation of a forest garden on the site. It is proposed that the site be maintained and enhanced in order;

- to create a forest garden with useful and edible crops that may be harvested by the community in years to come.
- to enhance the natural biodiversity of the site by creating or allowing natural habitats to remain wild and unkempt.
- to keep certain invasive species under control (primarily Himalayan balsam) rather than eliminating them entirely.
- to maintain parts of the site as open, wildflower meadows to encourage pollinators and insects, and their associated bird and animal life.
- to keep the existing pathway around the perimeter of the field open and clear for dog-walkers to use, and improving it for anyone with mobility issues.
- to maintain the hedges so that they are kept healthy and useful as wildlife corridors
- to encourage the natural regeneration of the ecosystem wherever possible with minimal maintenance in the longer term.
- to maintain the site as an integral part of the 'green corridor' connecting important areas of habitat in the wider area.

More Info:

[www.ttw.org.uk/](http://www.ttw.org.uk/)



Context Photo of  
proposed & existing  
facilities/activities

# Wellington District Sports Federation

## Who we are

We exist to facilitate, promote and share best practice, develop facilities and encourage cooperation between member sporting organisations so that there may be a continuous improvement philosophy embedded with the operational models of all who come under Federation's umbrella.

## Mission

Over the last few decades the population of Wellington has increased significantly whilst pitch provision within the town has stayed a constant. This has now reached a point where some youth teams are having to play matches outside of Wellington. The WDSF aim within the Wellington Green Corridor vision will be to provide an area of prepared land that can be marked out for junior sports provision. The area would be available for sports such as football, rugby, cricket and hockey. The open space could also be utilised for any other junior activity as deemed suitable including as an overspill for school recreation. The allocated land could be shared between up to seven junior pitches for football, rugby and hockey during the winter months with two cricket wickets and shared outfield during the summer months. Funding for the preparation and upkeep will come from a mix of grants, sponsorship and pitch fees.

Other outdoor sports provision is also required and WDSF aim to support cycling interest through the provision of bmx/pump track for children either within or adjacent to the Green Corridor.

Encouraging youth participation in sports such as cycling also requires safe traffic free spaces to cycle and the WDSF alongside other partners in the Green Corridor aim to develop safe cycling routes to link Courtfields School to Rockwell Green, Tonedale and the northside of Wellington.

More Info:  
[www.ttw.org.uk/](http://www.ttw.org.uk/)







# Wellington Mills CIC

## Who we are

Wellington Mills CIC exists to encourage and promote the effective regeneration of the wonderful buildings at Tonedale, ToneWorks and the surrounding green spaces including Fox's Field, into a viable and worthwhile new role in the town's life.

## Mission

Sustainability lies at the heart of our approach to all three key sites: Tonedale Mill and Tone Works which are adjacent to the Green Corridor and linked by the water infrastructure that runs through the length of the Green Corridor and supplied Tonedale Mill with it's power. Fox's Field which is owned by Somerset West and Taunton District Council and let to Wellington Mills CIC and is managed in partnership with Transition Town Wellington. We specifically focus on the following issues:

### ECONOMIC

Prioritising development that encourages careful use of resources, energy and waste reduction, fair trade, ethical trading, and full recovery lifecycles.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

We are always looking for ways to marry together the health of the natural world with that of the human community. Plans for these surroundings aim to increase biodiversity, help in carbon capture and flood mitigation, and boost natural resilience.

### DEVELOPMENT

Planning and construction that prioritises green energy, sourcing local and/or low carbon building materials, recycling/upcycling, energy-saving design, and landscape design that encourages biodiversity.

**TRANSPORT** - Tonedale is connected by pedestrian footpaths and cycleways to the town centre half a mile away. Existing footpaths and byways could be improved to provide non-car access for people living and working in the regenerated mill buildings.

More Info:

[www.wellingtonmills.org](http://www.wellingtonmills.org)



# The Basins Volunteer Group

## Who we are

We are a group of volunteers with a passion for the landscape, nature and history of the Basins. We meet each Tuesday to undertake habitat management work around the Basins to preserve the character of this historic site that is used by many members of the community every day.

## Mission

Our mission is to continue to manage the landscape around the millponds that supplied water to power the mills for the enjoyment of the people of Wellington. The Basins provide a popular open space for recreation in the town and are an important part of our heritage.

## More Info:

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## Draft Public consultation for the green corridor

### Introduction

Our vision is for the Green Corridor to become even more of a 'hub' for the communities surrounding it and for Wellington and Rockwell Green as a whole. It has an important sense of place for local people which public ownership will help to protect and improve. Within this consultation we are seeking opinions to help develop a long-term vision and management plan for the area that delivers the commitments the Town Council has made. We welcome all thoughts and opinions to help ensure that the area provides a resource for generations to come.

### Town Council Commitments (adopted April 2022)

- It will ensure that the land remains available for public use and use it to promote recreation, healthy lifestyles, local food growing (see below) and the development of arts and cultural spaces.
- It will ensure that the land is maintained in a way that promotes biodiversity whilst ensuring the health and safety of those accessing it.
- It will honour existing agreements and licences with community groups to carry out work on those areas of land covered by any agreement.
- It will consult with the community and community groups to seek views on how to make best use of the land
- It will work with the Wellington Community Food Group which is seeking to establish a Community Farm on the land
- It will seek to extend the existing Basins Allotments site to create more allotments to encourage greater self-sufficiency in food production and support the reduction of the town's carbon footprint.
- It will work with the Wellington Sports Federation to explore the possibilities of developing additional playing pitch capacity on the land
- It will seek to improve active travel options across the land linking Tonedale and Westford with The Basins and through to Rockwell Green by developing an infrastructure that promotes walking and cycling and is accessible to all irrespective of any mobility issues they may have.
- It will use the land to enhance biodiversity and reduce the towns carbon footprint through planting more trees and wildflower meadows to sequester carbon and create a more biodiverse and resilient environment. This will also help with natural flood management and healthier soil.
- It will increase the amount of viable habitat for wildlife in the area helping natural ecosystems to thrive.

How this is done is still to be decided. We are asking you to help with the details by voting for what you feel is most appropriate for this space.

The land in question is shown on the map, with the areas used most by the public currently being from Fox's Field in the north, through The Basins and over Hilly Head. It will include the field at Westford previously purchased by the Town Council

## Access

The fields within the Green Corridor currently have a range of public access including public rights of way and informal open access (across Hilly Head, through The Basins and behind Springfield Road) while other areas currently have no public access. See access map attached. We would like your opinions on how public access could be improved and managed across the site. Current access will be maintained and restrictions on access will only apply on areas which do not currently have any formal or informal access.

How much do you use the land in the Green Corridor already?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Occasionally
- Never

How do you use the space?

- Walking as a shortcut to get somewhere
  - Walking for leisure
  - Dog walking
  - Running
  - Fishing
  - Feeding the ducks
  - Other (please specify)
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How should access be managed across the site?

Please tick the items that you agree with:

- Existing access through Hilly Head, Basins and through to Thunder Bridge and Foxes Field and Westford Field should be improved with the provision of surfaced tracks for multiple users including cyclists.
  - Food growing areas should only be accessible during set "opening hours" when staff/volunteers are on site with only assistance dogs permitted on site.
  - Wildlife refuges should be dog free.
  - Access to any sports pitches should be limited to clubs and matches.
  - Other (please specify)
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## Nature

The Green Corridor already includes an abundance of nature-rich habitats within the watercourse, woodland, scrub and grasslands. With management and the creation of new habitats this could be greatly increased. The key principle is to maximise diversity of habitats to create a “mosaic” of habitats. In the main areas of existing access this will be targeted at maintaining the current sense of place by protecting mature trees and keeping an open landscape particularly to maintain the vistas from Hilly Head. Within these areas supplementary planting along existing wooded watercourses and managing grasslands to promote wildflowers will achieve many benefits for wildlife.

Within some areas such as the proposed area for the community farm there is scope to create a wide diversity of new habitats such as hedges, wildflower meadows and pollinator strips within the growing areas.

Along the main watercourse, Back Stream, new wetlands could be created and areas of woodland planted.

We hope that the above ideas will enhance the area and increase enjoyment at the site.

### How important are wildflower meadows to you?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Indifferent
- Not important

### How important are trees to you?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Indifferent
- Not important

What kind of trees would you like to see more of in the Green Corridor? Tick all that apply:

- Native trees
- Food-bearing trees
- Trees that help wildlife e.g., flowers for bees, food for birds
- Trees grown for timber/coppice
- Ornamental trees
- No preference
- Other (please specify)

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What wildlife would you like to see more of? Tick all that apply:

- Butterflies
- Bees
- Birds
- Bats
- Mammals
- Amphibians
- Reptiles
- Fish

Please feel free to expand below:

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## Food

Within the three existing agricultural fields there is the potential to develop a Community Farm that could provide local sustainably produced food at a small scale. This would be in an economically viable way that supports the management of diverse wildlife habitats, provides employment for local people and creates an educational and recreational asset for the town. A business plan setting out the potential of the site has been prepared and can be accessed here: INSERT LINK

We are seeking opinions on how members of the community view the use of the land for food production. If you are interested in volunteering, bringing groups or supporting the farm financially then please contact Wellington Community Food directly at [info@wellingtoncommunityfood.org.uk](mailto:info@wellingtoncommunityfood.org.uk)

How do you feel about the potential Community Farm?

- Very supportive
- Somewhat supportive
- Indifferent
- Somewhat unsupportive
- Very unsupportive

Please expand on your choice below:

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How likely would you be to buy produce from the Community Farm?

- Very likely
- Quite likely
- Quite unlikely
- Very unlikely
- Unknown

Comments:

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### Sports and Active Living

The Wellington Sports Federation is exploring options for new sports provision within the Green Corridor. This could include a cycle path, BMX/pump track, and youth sports pitches for team sports including football and cricket. The pitches could be located adjacent to the sports centre and accessed from the sports centre car park. Co-locating the pitches with the Community Farm could offer a unique site promoting healthy lifestyles to hundreds of families. Other sports could be located in this area within redesigned existing areas such as the skatepark.

We are seeking your thoughts on how the Green Corridor can be used to increase participation in active lifestyles and what provision you would like to see in the area.

Would you like more youth sports pitches in Wellington?

- Yes
  - No
  - Indifferent
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If you currently play a team sport, how do you usually travel to a game?

- By car
  - By bike
  - Walking
  - Other (please specify)
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Would you consider switching to walking or cycling for short distances to reduce your carbon footprint and relieve parking pressures?

- Yes
- No

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Do you currently own a bike?

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes to the previous question, how often do you cycle in Wellington?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Occasionally
- Never

Would you like to see better cycle routes through the Green Corridor?

- Yes
- No

Please provide your reasons:

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Would you prefer a cycle path to be separate to a pedestrian path?

- Yes, they should be separate
- No, they can be combined

What are your reasons for this choice?

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Are you involved in a sport that you would like to see more provision for?

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### Names for the fields

It's really helpful when we refer to each place that it has a name we all know. Please vote for the name you prefer for each field.



Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Linden Meadow
- Westford Field
- Thatched Cottage Field (previous owner's name for the field)
- Hilly Piece (the old tithe name)
- Hilly Peace (play on words from old tithe name)

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Little Fox's Field
- Fox Cub Field
- Wetland Field

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Great Oak Field
- Great Meadow (old tithe name)

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Riverside Meadow
- Thunder Bridge Meadow

- West Meadow (old tithe name)

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Muddy Dog Field
- Sheaming Place Mead (old tithe name)

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Twelve Acres
- INSERT OTHER OPTION

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Hilly Head
- Hilly Field (old tithe name)
- Hilly Land Field (alternate old tithe name)

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Watersman Hill (old tithe name)
- INSERT OTHER OPTION

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Shoulder of Mutton Field (old tithe name)
- INSERT OTHER OPTION

Which name do you prefer for the field pictured above?

- Wellington to Rockwell Green Traffic Free Link
- Basins to Rockwell Green Path
- Isn't this the same field as the "great meadow"?

If you have anything else that you would like to say that was not included in this survey, please let us know below:

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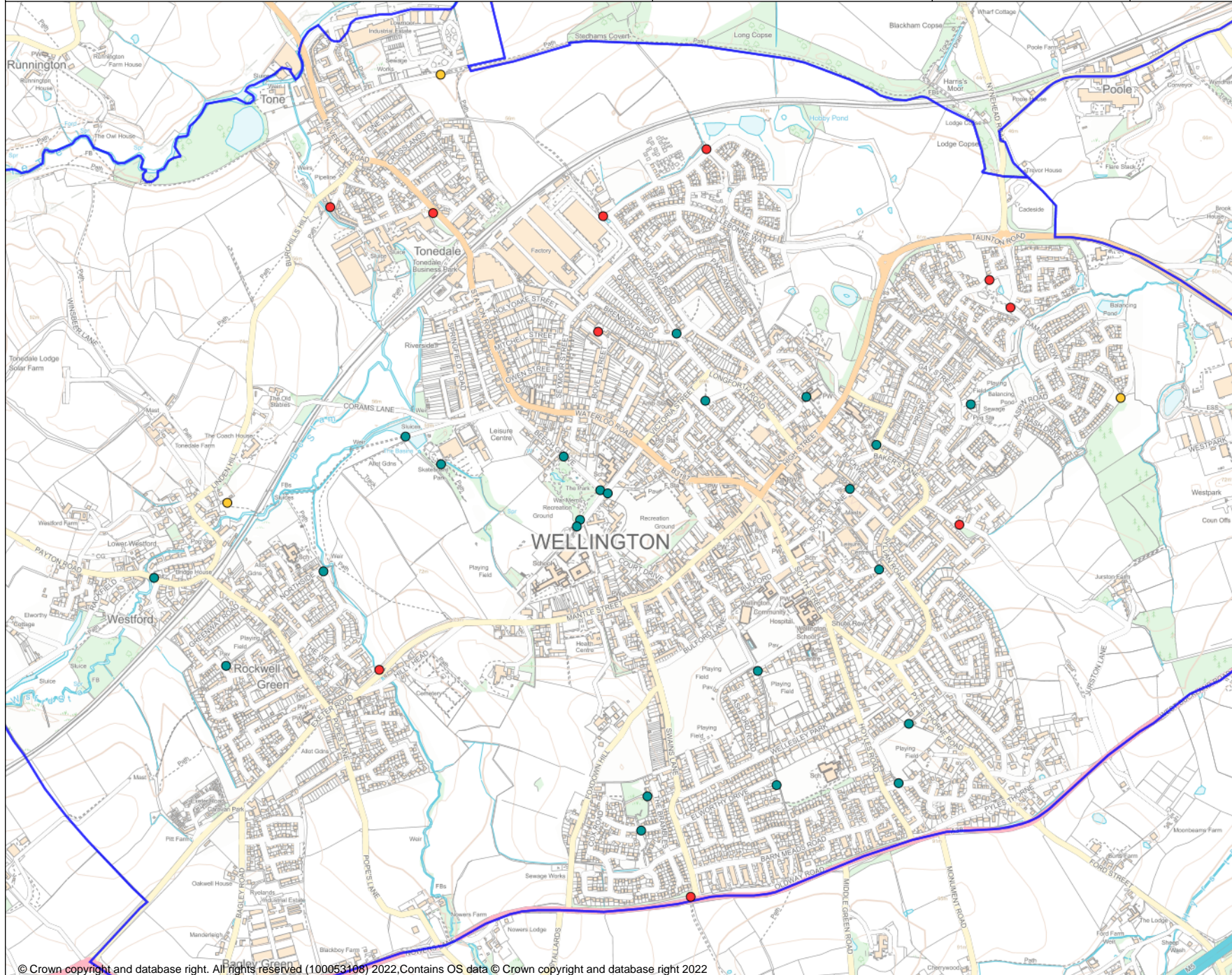
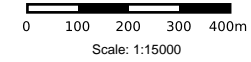
## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS OF WELLINGTON ACTION GROUP FOR DOGS SURVEY – AREAS OF CONCERN

- Seymour Street
- Rockwell Green, around the school.
- Oaken ground and the routes on the way to the school.
- The new estate Monument View, but this might be up to the builders, we had a lot of trouble getting Persimmon homes to provide dog or litter bin for Cades Farm, WAG offered to buy one and fund raise to pay for it, but as SWT wanted to charge us £880 Wellington council bought in to put there.
- Milverton road to Tone Hill.
- Wardleworth way and Richards close - Dog mess even left on peoples lawns and drives.
- Pyles Thorne Road, dog mess left in piles or bagged and left in the road, hedges, or hung on trees?
- The area around the new Jurston Farm estate.
- Parkland road
- Howard Road
- Lane by St Johns Church, this has always been a problem to us. A few years ago, The vicar said people let their dogs mess on the grass outside the church.
- High Path, residents have made their own signs.
- Holyoake Street
- The basins were particularly bad, but there are bins there. We cleared up there once years ago, and picked up 386 piles, so not much has changed there.
- Longforth Farm footpath, I expect it's the one by Relyon? So a bin probably wouldn't be used.?



Author: A. Kendall




Date: 08/07/2022



Parish



Dog Bin Review

-  SWT Bin
-  WTC Bin
-  WTC New Bin on Order



## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL GREEN GRANTS POLICY

### 1. Introduction

1.1 Wellington Town Council is committed to supporting a vibrant and thriving local community, with the wellbeing of residents at the heart of services and activities on offer.

1.2 As a Town Council, Wellington has statutory powers to make grants to local charities and groups. . The purpose of such grants is to provide financial support to the wide range of organisations providing or developing services or activities around the Town.

1.3 Over the years many groups have benefited from the Council's grant scheme. This has enabled social, educational and leisure opportunities for the community that might not otherwise have been available to local people.

1.4 The Council has now decided to introduce a new Grant Scheme to support its drive for the town to seek to become carbon neutral by 2030. The purpose of the scheme is to encourage local groups and organisations to seek to develop initiatives that will contribute to reducing or offsetting carbon emissions, increase biodiversity and generally contribute to achieving net zero carbon emissions around the town and which if successful could be rolled out to the wider community.

1.5 Wellington Town council will set a yearly budget for green grants during its annual budget-setting activities, prior to the commencement of each financial year. Currently this is £15,000 (2022-2023).

1.6 The Council understands that it is responsible for public funds and the distribution of these funds needs to be properly managed. The awarding of grants is taken very seriously by the Council, and each application will be carefully reviewed before a decision is made.

1.7 This policy relates to the giving of awards under the Council's Green Grant Scheme and is not applicable to other forms of financial support which may be given.

### 2. Our Green Grants

2.1 Grants awarded will be in line with the Council's policy of supporting the local community and making a contribution to the life and well-being of the town. Particular priorities for this grant will be to support initiatives that will contribute to reducing or offsetting carbon emissions, increase biodiversity and generally contribute to achieving net zero carbon emissions around the town and which if successful could be rolled out to the wider community. All applications should clearly define the benefits of their project to local people in this context.

2.2 Grants applications will be considered monthly (see Section 6).



2.3 Application forms are available on request from the Council Offices and must be requested by the particular group intending to apply for a grant. Forms will not normally be made available through a third party.

### **3. Eligibility**

3.1 Applications are welcomed from local groups, organisations or partnerships seeking a financial contribution towards **developing initiatives that will contribute to reducing or offsetting carbon emissions, increase biodiversity and generally contribute to achieving net zero carbon emissions around the town and which if successful could be rolled out to the wider community.** General funding for day-to-day management of a particular group will not qualify.

3.2 Organisations applying for a grant must be operating on a voluntary, charitable or 'not for profit' basis

3.3 Green Grants can only be applied for where the project or activity has yet to take place. Retrospective funding will not be considered for costs incurred prior to the grant application.

3.4 Generally the organisation applying for funding will be expected to contribute to the service or activity for which the grant is being requested. There will be occasions however, based on the individual merit of an application, where the full costs will be met by a grant.

3.5 Awards will not normally be made to:-

- Projects whose primary objectives is to campaign or lobby;
- Individual rather than group applicants;
- Local branches that could be funded by their national or umbrella body or
- Send funds raised to their umbrella body for general purposes;
- Organisations who have already received a grant in the current financial year;
- Groups which already receive council funding through a Service Level Agreement;
- Groups with considerable financial reserves of their own.

Any exceptions to these guidelines will be based on the individual merits of the application.

3.6 Awards will not be made to:-

- Commercial enterprises set up to generate profit;
- Those supporting party political issues or opposing a political party;
- Groups or activities which appear discriminatory in nature;
- Activities that are not lawful or risk disrepute to the Council;
- Groups which are not considered financially viable;
- Groups which previously benefitted from a grant where monies given were not spent for the purpose provided;
- Health, education or welfare organisations whose services should be provided by statutory funding.

3.7 Applications from religious groups will be considered where a clear benefit to the

wider community can be demonstrated, irrespective of religious belief. Compliance with this requirement will need to be demonstrated throughout the project.

3.8 Applications from education, health or social services establishments may be considered where the organisation can demonstrate that it is working in partnership with other groups and where there are benefits to the wider community.

#### **4. Submitting Applications**

4.1 Applications must be made to the Council Office using the Council's Grant Application Form. Both paper and electronic applications are acceptable.

4.2 The applicant must state clearly their organisation's aims and objectives.

4.3 All requested supporting documentation must be included before any application can be considered, including relevant accounting statements.

4.4 The applying organisation is required to submit audited accounts, or accounts that have been independently examined by a suitably qualified person, for the previous two financial years or, in the case of a newly formed organisation or less formal group, a comprehensive budget and business plan.

4.5 The group must also submit a copy of its written Constitution, as formally adopted by the members of the organisation. Where the association is less formal a similar document of agreement between individuals will be acceptable.

4.6 The applicant must state if the organisation has applied for funds elsewhere, and if known, the outcome of this application. The Council must also be informed of any fund raising activities being carried by the applicant.

4.7 Council staff will not fill out application forms for the applicant. Staff will however give appropriate advice and support to enable the applicant to complete the form.

#### **5. Assessment Criteria**

5.1 Grant applications will be assessed with reference to the following criteria, which are in no priority order:-

- The application is submitted in line with the Council's policy;
- The application will show how the project will contribute to delivering the priorities in the Town's Climate Change Strategy
- The project to be funded has to be viable;
- The project will need to show whether it can be scaled up to benefit the wider community
- The grant should benefit residents of the town.
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#### **6. The Council's decision**

6.1 Wellington Town Council will ensure openness and transparency when awarding its Green Grants.

6.2 Green Grant applications will be reviewed monthly by the Council's Finance Committee. The Committee has delegated authority to agree grants of less than

£3,000. Where the application exceeds this amount the Committee will make a recommendation for formal approval at the subsequent full Council meeting.

6.3 Green Grant applications will be circulated with the agenda for the meeting

6.4 Councillors must clearly declare any interest associated with a grant application prior to the decision being discussed.

6.5 Green Grant applicants, or an alternative representative of their organisation will be invited to attend the council meeting where their application will be considered.

6.6 The applicant or representative will be offered the opportunity to speak in support of the application, under the Public Speaking agenda item, prior to the grant being decided.

6.7 Approval of the grant by either the Committee or, if more than £3,000, full Council will require a proposal which must be seconded. A vote by show of hands will then be taken. Applications require a simple majority vote to be approved. Where the vote is tied the Chairman will have the deciding vote.

6.8 Decision on or recommendations for grants will be recorded in the minutes of the Finance committee, and formal resolutions recorded at the subsequent council meeting.

6.9 A letter confirming the grant, stating the amount awarded will be sent to applicants within 5 working days of the council meeting.

6.10 Where a green grant has been declined, a letter will be sent to the applicants within 5 working days of the council meeting. Reasons why the grant has not been approved will be given so that organisations understand why they have not been successful.

6.11 Where further information is required, or a green grant has been declined for reasons relating to the actual application, the grant may be re-submitted once the shortcoming has been addressed.

6.12 The decision of the Council is final. There is no right of appeal for a green grant which has been declined based on its merits.

## **7. Payments**

7.1 Payments will be made by cheque or bank transfer within 5 working days of the council meeting, unless alternative arrangements are agreed.

## **8. Grant Conditions**

8.1 Wellington Town Council expects organisations which benefit from a grant to:-

- Identify any assets purchased through the grant as being acquired with the assistance of a grant from the Town Council;
- Have a group bank account, with at least two authorised signatories as cheques cannot be made out to any individual;
- Allow appropriate site or project visits by representatives of the Council,



subject to reasonable notice being given;

- Provide receipts or proof of expenditure subject to reasonable notice being given;
- Notify the Council immediately if the intended project is amended in any way;
- Have a full set of risk assessments for the activities to be carried out;
- Have Public Liability Insurance to cover services and activities to be provided.

8.2 Wellington Town Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified on the application form, or within a reasonable timeframe.

8.3 Wellington Town Council reserve the right to recoup any equipment provided by the grant should the organisation cease to exist within three years of the grant being paid.

8.4 Organisations that receive a grant will be required to agree an appropriate public acknowledgement of the Town Council's contribution.

## **9. Large & Capital Grants – Additional Conditions of Funding**

9.1 Wellington Town Council defines a large grant as any sum in excess of £3000.

9.2. The Council will only award a large grant in exceptional circumstances.

9.3 Capital grants are those towards buildings and/or facilities as opposed to services or activities.

9.4 Organisations requesting funds for buildings must provide evidence of security of tenure in the relevant property for a minimum of 7 years from the date that the grant is considered.

9.5 Organisations requesting funds for buildings must provide proof that the property is adequately insured.

9.6 Where appropriate any request for grant funding for buildings must be accompanied by the relevant permission to carry out such work.

9.7 As much notice as possible is required for any large grant application, this will ensure that if the grant is to be awarded the Town Council can make appropriate budgetary provision.

9.8 In the case of a large grant the award may be phased, by mutual agreement, over a number of years.

## **10. Promoting the Grant Fund**

10.1 The council will publish bi-monthly reports in its newsletter 'The Edge' stating which groups have received a grant, what for, and the monetary value of the award.

10.2 Successful applicants will be invited to return to council meetings, or to provide a written statement setting out what was achieved by the service or activity which received council funding.

10.3 Successes will be promoted by either party via appropriate web-sites, the press and social media.

## **11. Policy Review**

11.1 The Grants Policy will be reviewed annually, including the amount of the grant fund.

## **Land at Jurston Farm**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek the committee's views on how it wishes to proceed in responding to a request from CG Fry Developers for a view about how to use land originally identified in the masterplan for a junior playing pitch. The total area of land that requires a plan amounts to just under 6 acres.

### **2. Recommendation**

That a Working Group of Councillors and community groups met to consider how they land could be used with a view to reporting back to the next meeting of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The original Masterplan for the Jurston Farm development (attached as an appendix) showed that a junior football pitch was to be provided.
- 3.2 The Council's view at the time was that this would not be a preferred option for the land given the potential development of junior pitch hubs being considered under the Playing Pitch Strategy at the time. CG Fry is now asking what the Town Council would like the land to be used for in advance of a public consultation.
- 3.3 CG Fry has indicated that if, for example part of the land was to be used as a community orchard it would pay for the plants/shrubs/trees and plant them in accordance with any plan we may develop.
- 3.4 CG Fry has also indicated that it would consider passing the land over to the Town Council to manage, alongside the Dormouse Wood when that is eventually transferred instead of leaving it to a management company.

Dave Farrow  
Town Clerk  
July 2022



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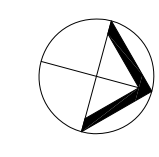
- KEY**
- Application Boundary
  - Existing buildings
  - Existing trees to be retained
  - Existing vegetation to be retained
  - Existing water bodies to be retained
- Proposed elements**
- Proposed buildings
  - Proposed water bodies
  - Proposed private gardens
- Proposed hard landscape**
- Proposed gravel
  - Proposed tarmac
  - Proposed paving
  - Proposed brick wall
  - Proposed concrete feature wall
  - Proposed gates
  - Proposed timber structure
  - Proposed metal fence
- Planting**
- Proposed specimen trees
  - Proposed arched trees
  - Proposed street trees
  - Proposed woodland trees
  - Proposed hedging
  - Proposed shrub and herbaceous planting
  - Proposed lawn
  - Proposed long grass
  - Proposed meadow
  - Proposed wetland planting
  - Proposed grass mounding
- PLAYGROUND**
- Variety of natural playgrounds are located in assigned locations along the development. They offer a variety of play opportunities with 'natural play' elements and often located along with existing tree and shrub planting areas.
- Self closing gates with fence enclosure allow play to spill out into the development
  - Equipped play zone with formal play equipment (Wicksteed No 6 'Pick Up Sticks', Wicksteed 20m 'Timber Cableway' or Wicksteed Forest Range 'Gwydyr')
  - Timber decking
  - Willow tunnel
  - Bin
  - Seating
  - Natural play elements, e.g. balance poles, boulders etc. to encourage natural play
  - Mown grass paths
  - Safety surfacing underneath the natural play elements
  - Sand

Revision	Description	Drawn by	Checked by	Date
-	For discussion for the Design Team	LV	-	18.08.14
A	For discussion for the Design Team	LV	-	01.09.14
B	For discussion for the Design Team	LV	JT	09.09.14
C	For discussion for the Design Team	LV	-	12.09.14
D	Draft for Planning	LV	JT	22.10.14
E	Draft for Planning	LV	JT	14.11.14
F	Planning	LV	JT	27.11.14

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 Chesapeake House, 11-12 High Street, Bath, BA1 5AQ, 1461225 464 695 email: enquiries@macgregor-smith.co.uk

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Landscape Architecture

project	Jurston Farm	drawn by	LV
status	Planning	checked by	JT
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## Environment and Open Spaces Committee – 19 July 2022

### Chestnut Close Play Area

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek the Committees views in relation to whether it wishes to recommend to the Town Council that it takes on ownership of the Chestnut Close Play Area.

#### 2. Background

2.1 On 13 June the Town Council was contacted by Kate Hicks, Case Manager with Somerset West and Taunton Council (SWT) saying that SWT was going to apply to the Land Registry for possession of the Chestnut Close Play Area as it is currently unregistered. There is a Wellington Town Council sign at the play area, but it does not appear on our Asset Register. SWT currently maintain the play area at no cost to the Town Council.

2.2 The Town Clerk replied to SWT saying that given Local Government Reorganisation next year would it not make more sense for the Town Council to take possession. It was agreed that The Town Clerk would establish whether the Committee would consider recommending to the Town Council that it should take possession of the play area.

#### 3. Play Area

3.1 Photographs of the play area are attached as an appendix to this report. As can be seen the equipment is old and poorly maintained. It is not known how well used the play area is or whether there is potential for more use if it was upgraded.

3.2 If the Town Council was to take on possession of the site, there would be costs associated with that:

- Land registration and legal fees (one off) : Legal Fees £500 plus VAT – Land Registration to be determined based on size of plot of land
- Ground Maintenance £116 per cut - 10 cuts per year £1,160pa (based on costs of Tonedale Play Area (ongoing) :
- Additional Insurance (ongoing) £90pa plus Inspection Costs of £250pa

3.3 The Town Council would also have to consider whether it wants to upgrade the facilities in the play area as it has done at Tonedale. Further work would need to be undertaken to see if this was necessary but the refurbishment at Tonedale is costing £84k (plus VAT) to give a sense of what costs are involved. Individual costs from the Tonedale project that may be relevant to this area are as follows

Welfare	£600
Supply & Install Double Swing	£5,158
Swing surface	£4,360
Supply and install junior play structure	£12,697
Structure Surface	£5,766
Removals	£3,500
	<b>£32,081</b>

3.4 There is £42,500 S106 Funding available from the houses that have been built adjoining North Street Car Park for 'Outdoor Recreation' which could be utilised for upgrading the equipment in the play area.

Dave Farrow  
Town Clerk  
July 2022

# Appendix







## Update on Tonedale Play Area

*For Environment and Open Spaces Committee July 2022*

### 1 Refurbishment Project

Redlynch have acknowledged the order and have put it through to their manufacturing teams for the equipment. There is currently a 10-12 week lead time. When an installation date is confirmed, a notice will be prepared and displayed on site and delivered to neighbouring residents.

### 2 Ongoing complaint

Attached to this report is an e-mail from a resident in Stoneleigh who has contacted the office by e-mail on a number of occasions. In the first instance, the complaint was regarding overhanging trees and noise caused by footballs etc. hitting the metal railings of the MUGA. After some correspondence back and forth, the issue of noise from gatherings on the pitch was also raised. My reply to their latest e-mail is also detailed.

I have contacted the firm who installed the pitch, and they suggest that rubber washers could be installed on the bolts to help ease the noise when the railings are struck by balls. The fixings are covered by plastic covers which are likely to break when removed as they will have become brittle with age, it has been requested that replacement of these are also included in the quotation. I hope to receive the quote before the meeting.

As you can see from the most recent reply to the resident, their e-mails have been forwarded to the local Police team for information. When I last spoke to Sgt Bishop about the area (March '22), he said that no reports had been made in the last 12 months but reiterated the importance of reporting so that they can collect data to inform their patrols. This has been passed to the neighbour.

The overhanging tree issue should have been resolved by the works carried out recently.

### 3 Other items to be completed

Specification for other works to be completed by a grounds maintenance contractor;

- a. Entrance from Milverton Road;
  - i. Lay reclaimed paving slabs to rear boundary of garages (2 slabs wide, 66m approx..) to form path
  - ii. Clear overgrown vegetation and rubbish
  - iii. Replace length of rusty chain link fencing \*concrete posts still in mostly good condition
- b. Entrance from Richards Close;
  - i. Scrape/cut back overgrowing vegetation
- c. Sand down and repaint existing bench and litter bin
- d. Clean with detergent and pressure wash MUGA railings and surface
- e. Scrape back and tidy edges around MUGA

Before the meeting, I hope to meet Ben from Create Landscape on site to gauge an estimated cost. Three quotations will have to be sought and will be presented to the next meeting in September.

**Signage requirements;**

Remove, refurbish and replace vintage Wellington Town Council sign;



Supply and install new signs for each entrance;



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**TONEDALE PLAY AREA**

The equipment in this play area is intended for use by children aged 0-12



**DOGS ARE PROHIBITED**



**PLEASE USE THE LITTER BIN PROVIDED**

**In case of an emergency, dial 999**  
**Postcode; TA21 0BD**

I have approached Somerset Sign and Print for costings on the signage and await a quotation.

#### 4 Funding

Somerset West & Taunton have Section 106 funding pots available for Outdoor recreation and Children's Play that can be applied for (see below). I have spoken to Gail Sloman (S106 officer at SWT) who agrees that the Sportsman Inn funding could be applied for to contribute towards the main refurbishment as it has to be specifically spent on play equipment. Outdoor Recreation is much more flexible and can be spent on paths etc. I will also apply for the £1,200 available from the Rylands Nurseries pot with the remaining coming from the Town Council's CIL reserve.

I have expression of interest forms and I will be submitting them in due course.

Application No.	Site address	Covenant type	Total remaining	Spend deadline
43/10/0130	Sportsman Inn, 46 Waterloo Road, Wellington	Children's play payments	£8,500.00	12/12/2024
43/11/0062	Rylands Nurseries and Sunnymead, Bagley Road, Rockwell Green, Wellington	Outdoor recreation payments	£1,200.00	No expiry

Alice Kendall

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From: Alice Kendall  
Sent: 08 July 2022 11:43  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Tonedale play area

Dear Mr Elford,

Thank you for getting in touch again. The new scheme is aimed at younger children i.e. children under 14 and there will also be a new fenced area with equipment for toddlers (under 3). The existing play area has been in situ since the late 1970s and I think it can be agreed that it needs updating.

You have raised the issue with noise from the pitch before and I explained that you need to report the issues to the local Policing team. As promised, I did forward your correspondence to Sgt Bishop who re-iterated the importance of reporting these matters to them so they know there is a problem and they will include the area in their patrols. His reply in March indicated that no reports or calls were logged regarding the area in the last 12 months. I will forward your e-mail to him again for information but please note that this does not count as an official report. I believe you can make reports online which you may find easier as you have mentioned before that you had problems contacting 101.

Also as previously discussed, I have looked into what can be done about the noise of footballs etc hitting the metal fencing and have managed to contact the firm that installed the pitch. They have made a suggestion which I will be presenting to the Committee at their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July. As part of my report, I will again present your correspondence for their attention.

Kind Regards,

Alice Kendall

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Alice Kendall – Deputy RFO  
12 July 2022



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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 07 July 2022 19:25  
To: Alice Kendall <alice@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk>  
Subject: Tonedale play area

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Hi

Have read about the £100.000 {unbelievable amount in an area that has food banks} on the Tonedale play area, I am wondering what is going to be done about the extra noise this will bring to those of us that have property that backs on to this area? As it stands we are not able to sit outside or open the rear windows during nice weather {this has become normal over the last few years} because of the noise from the pitch as well as the foul language. Everyone has a right to relax, and this noise can start as early as 8am and continue with different changes of people on the pitch till gone 10pm and includes at times rap being pumped out and alcohol.

Then of course there are girls and lads screaming and swearing along with drinking and can go till one or two in the morning. This happens in the winter months as well, Police don't patrol this area so nothing gets done, or if they do its during the day during school times. It seems now the council also don't care as long as its away from the town center.

So the question really is we're any of these problems discussed by the council, or just really not interested? This area was supposed to be for under 12 year olds only, I can't think of any residential area in Wellington that this type of noise would be acceptable. Would be interested in your comments. Regards Rob Elford

