

Wildflower Garden Flipchart Feedback

	Can this be a better amenity area?	Questions	Concerns	Comments/Suggestions	Answers/ Actions
1	<i>A place to stroll to, for less mobile residents, a tranquil place to enjoy, a place to rest after climbing the steps, giving a more useful purpose o a bare amenity area, strengthen community spirit, help pollinators, somewhere to go if you feel low, a chance to learn about wildflowers and insects.</i>				
2	General concept	Will access rights be affected? Need to find out who owns the fence.			<i>Landownership and access will be checked when GSPC take over lease from CW&C. We do not expect to remove existing access. A 1.5metre border of grass will be left around the perimeter for access and maintenance of hedges and fences.</i>
3	General concept.	Please can the Parish Council be clear on what decisions			<i>Yes, GSPC agreed in principle to support the project when it was presented to them by volunteers from the community. Funding opportunities were available for Crowd-</i>

		have /havenot already been made.			<i>funding and grants. A provisional plan was drawn up. The plan and budget will be reviewed with the aim of presenting a report to September PC. The land is currently amenity area so no change of use is involved.</i>
4	General concept -			Definitely support a Wildflower area – Much better than the unkempt wilderness at present; Fully support, development of local houses with drives means some wildlife/green areas have been lost. It will give wildlife a home; Current grass area is pretty nondescript..	
5	General concept			Keep it simple, meadow flowers and bug hotels = low maintenance + maximum benefit to pollinators and other invertebrates (most important part of food chain for the animals we love. –birds, hedgehogs &c + most aesthetic	
6	General concept			A good use of a neglected area. Good for pollinators and people to enjoy: In support of wildflower area, it will bring interest and put people in conversations in a positive way. Thank you for this brilliant idea, we are in support ; Flowers would brighten up the area; A nice area to sit with	<i>Thank you to all who have supported the concept and for all the comments and suggestions.</i>

				small/young babies to rest and enjoy nature	
7	General concept - Information	Will there be a noticeboard?			<i>We hope to install a display board with information about the garden. It could be two-sided to include information about the local community and GSPC like other noticeboards in the parish.</i>
8	General Concept - Accessibility	Could the steps up from the pub be replaced by a ramp to provide better access for prams, wheelchairs &c?	Paths must be even for disabled and partially sighted – No flagstones. Paths must be accessible for wheelchair users.	Perhaps raised bed for the visually-impaired and less able.	<i>Better access between Church Lane and Oaklands has long been an aspiration and is mentioned in the draft Neighbourhood Plan. There was originally a ramp up from Church Lane, which was changed to steps after people complained that the ramp was too steep. It would be very costly to install but we will take the issue into consideration when finalising the layout of the wildflower garden which will be accessible.</i>
9	General Concept - Design		Any physical constructions would detract from a 'Wild Flower Meadow'		<i>There is already a street lamp, a no balls games sign and a litter bin. We will aim to keep any street furniture as inconspicuous as possible. The aim is to create a tranquil garden, rather than an open meadow which could be used for games. Herb beds are suggested alongside the path from Church Lane and a maximum of two seats. See also 58 below. We may need some secure storage for tools and equipment.</i>
10	Dogs	Will dogs be allowed on the area? If not this could upset some people.	Area currently used by dogs and cats; Dogs poo on grass verge.	Currently dogs can go on all grass freely. As long as they don't play ball games? Dogs bins /poop bags	<i>Crime Prevention have advised that dog-walkers can help deter anti-social behaviour so we would not want to exclude responsible dog walkers. We would expect dogs to be kept on leads There is already a bin on site which would be retained.</i>

We 11	General Concept - Finance	Is this a waste of money if there are no benches? Why not invest in an alternative area?			<i>We believe that a small amount of seating is required. People pledged money specifically for the garden concept which included some seating..</i>
12	Maintenance responsibility	Currently the area is maintained by CW&C – Who would be responsible for the area after the change?; Who will be responsible for maintaining it?			<i>The Parish Council would lease the land from CW&C and would be responsible. We hope to build on the Greenspace volunteers' involvement at Hooks Wood and the Village Green volunteers who are mainly involved in the area around the village hall. We've had a good response from volunteers and welcome their involvement.</i>
13	General concept, A chance to learn about nature and the environment.			Another area for children in playschool to go and to learn ; A competition to guess the plant/flower about flowers, birds &c and also Infant Classes in school. Invertebrates survey; Celandine Spring watch to monitor Climate Change Wildflowers as Science, History & Medicine.	Agree

14	Public Liability	If someone injures themselves on this land will the Parish Council be sued?			<i>The Parish Council already has good public liability insurance cover which will protect members of the public and volunteers.</i>
15	General concept - Seating	If there are no benches then who are they doing this for?			<i>Benches are an integral part of the project to encourage less mobile people to take a stroll.</i>
16	Suggestions submitted by Pre-School			Bug hotel, lights, decorations, flags, sparkles, fairy-house, windmills, bird house, bird feeders, bat house, hedgehog house, colourful flowers, poppies, herbs, a wooden den, a pond, bench seating/ a toadstool to sit on	<i>We loved the drawings the children had done of their ideas. Many of them match those that came from older generations. We are sure there will be fairies in the garden.</i>

	Paths	Questions	Concerns	Comments/ Suggestions	
17	Paths - general		Including a path brings some challenge and disadvantages.	You don't have to do a formal path straight away – can come later if needed. Too expensive; I think some main paths + log stepping stones into some parts	<i>The details of the path will be considered carefully and will be designed to reduce opportunities for nuisance but ensuring that the garden can be accessed by all. The plot of land is already an amenity</i>

			<p>Would have to consider putting in extra lighting for safety.</p> <p>Potential for increased noise pollution for neighbours</p> <p>Path would decrease the amount of land for wildflower meadow.</p>		<p><i>area so people have access now. Paths through the garden will enable people to get closer to different types of flowers.</i></p>
18	Layout of path		<p>Any formal path seems contrary to the concept of a wildflower meadow</p>	<p>Love idea of paths and wild garden; Perhaps a single path down the middle, rather than a loop, therefore keeping away from boundary</p>	<p><i>The path will be kept to the minimum required to provide access. Following advice from CW&C officers, there will be one main path curving around the middle of the garden with grass paths off it. These smaller paths will be varied each year in rotation.</i></p>
19	Materials/surface/ cost		<p>Keep it simple, chippings or gravel; All of the options will cost a fortune (than mown grass)</p>		<p><i>The surface must be suitable for all abilities We have now been advised that regularly mown grass will be suitable for all abilities. Over £8,000 has been raised much of which will pay for installation costs.</i></p>
20	Materials / Surface Mown grass		<p>Against mown grass – area is <u>very wet</u> in winter – mud-bath; Mown grass paths would sink relative to surrounding area, and get muddy and slippery. Some kind of hard surface much better; Disagree that mown grass is wheelchair unfriendly. A</p>	<p>Mown grass favoured, level of use I suspect doesn't warrant more; Mown grass more in keeping with wildflower/nature friendly area; Rural canal towpaths stay grass-covered all with relatively frequent use.</p>	<p><i>We are aware of the moisture in some parts of the ground and will plan accordingly.</i></p>

			surface properly drained and (?) will be fine		
21	Materials/surface Reinforced grass (plastic grid)		Reinforced grass degrades, look at verges on Arrowcroft Road – expensive too; Grass/reinforced grass would become muddy; Reinforced grass less environmentally friendly.		<i>We want the path to be accessible all year round so these issues will be taken into account. Grass paths have been recommended by CW&C officers providing they are regularly mown.</i>
22	Materials/surface/ Crushed stone		Crushed stone not low maintenance if lightly-used, weeds will break it up quickly. Weed clearing does too. ; Crushed stone –difficult to manoeuvre self-propelled /pushed/assisted		We have now been assured that regularly mown grass will be accessible.
23	Materials/ Tarmac		*Tarmac - ££ but meandering path with raised beds might be favourable for broader ability to participate in enjoyment and maintenance. Tarmac is 'urban'		Tarmac will not be used.
24	Materials/surface			Use Camomile path – hard-wearing	<i>Might be an option for some of the garden</i>

	Other suggestions				
25	Materials /surface Other suggestions			Raised wood paths? With wires to stop slips.	<i>Raised paths might affect accessibility.</i>
26	Maintenance	Who will be responsible for maintenance?	Planting at the edges would impact on maintenance of existing boundaries.	Whilst it is CW&C's responsibility to maintain the paths including weed/plant control, residents could do more to keep vegetation down rather than complain about it.	<i>GSPC will lease the land from CW&C so the Parish Council will be responsible but we hope to build on the community spirit evident through Greenspace's creation of Hook's Wood and the various projects undertaken by Village Green.</i>
27	Other comments		Spend money on a playground at Hooks Wood. Waste of money if no benches.		<i>The Parish Council is already supporting Hook's Wood through an annual grant which is actually more than the total cost of the wildflower garden</i>
28	Other comments		Paths and people will do nothing for wildlife		<i>The land is an amenity area. We hope to encourage a greater understanding of wildlife through the creation of the garden</i>
29	Other comments			A music place?	<i>No, it is not intended to create a 'venue' for entertainment. The aim is to provide a tranquil haven for residents, wildlife and pollinators.</i>
30	Other comments		Make sure it is not used by horses		<i>The plot was provided nearly 50 years ago and although there are a lot of horses in GS we are not aware that they have ever been a problem in Fox Cover and cannot imagine the wildflower garden would change that.</i>
31	Other comments			Bird bath on a path somewhere	<i>Birds do need water and this could be considered but we don't want the garden to look too formal.</i>

	Seating	Questions	Concerns	Comments/Suggestions	
32	(Rest and enjoy the surrounding s. Arm rests to ensure sitting only, and height and stability for people with limited mobility.				
33	Seating general			A break at the top (of the steps) would be welcomed for some.	<i>Anyone with walking difficulties will know how resting places are needed. The path from Church Lane to Oaklands is an important link between the old and the newer parts of the village. It links the school, shops and village hall, to the pub, church and Wicker Lane area.</i>
34	Seating general		Definitely no benches; No to benches – listen to the residents it impact; No benches – too much disturbance to wildlife; Any formal seating can (and has been) a farce; No seats; No to benches of any sort, just enjoy the flora and fauna; Benches attract people – am not in favour of benches.		<i>Some seating is essential to enable the garden to be accessible to all but we recognise the concerns which actually relate to incidents in the 1980s. Since the bench was removed, nearly 40 years ago, the amenity land, provided for the benefit of the whole community has had little use. Advice from Crime Prevention has been shared with residents to show that we are trying to address their concerns and mitigate against opportunities for anti-social behaviour. E.g. there will not be any play equipment and the layout will</i>

					<i>be designed to prevent ball games and around the garden.</i>
35	Seating /back rests		If we have seats they need backs.	If you have to have – one without a back –simple plank or post; Locate away from fences close to metalled path.	<i>Seating will be minimal, possibly just one 2 seater and one single seater, with arms. They would not be installed until the final stage of the creation of the garden and will be removable if necessary.</i>
36	Seating general			Yes to benches – a nice place to meet friends and chat. Benches would be good. They could be removed if any problems arose; Benches fine but don't site near the streetlamp.	<i>If there were any problems we would work with the local police to tackle any nuisance, as the Parish Council and PCSO have done in the past at the Gowy, and tackling the use of nitrous oxide cannisters.</i>
37	Seating Accessibility			Benches need to be OAP friendly, Not too low Arm rests Comfortable; Seats suitable for OAPs; Bench yes please, Us oldies need to rest; Summerfield resident would like to use seating. Benches on natural area -E.g. bark to avoid muddy puddles	<i>Guilden Sutton has a higher than average older population and we should take account of their needs.</i>
38	Seating general		Everyone has their own gardens to sit in – benches –waste of money.	Benches needed to relax and enjoy	<i>Not everyone does have a garden. Sometimes people want a change of scenery, especially those who are housebound or can't get out much</i>
39	Seating – Nuisance & Anti-social behaviour		Benches will encourage anti-social behaviour; Any formal seating can (and has) been a focus for anti-social behaviour. Previous bench was removed by a Parish		<i>As above, GSPC will work with the PCSO to tackle any issues of Anti-social Behaviour. We have taken advice from Police Crime Prevention in planning the layout.</i>

			Council decision; Benches will encourage ASB, as in the past; Attract nuisance don't have one.		
40	Seating ASB		Youths occasionally sit on steps from Fox Cover to village drinking. Don't encourage them by installing benches		<i>Incidents that are a nuisance should be reported.</i>
41	Seating ASB			Why not a leaning post as an alternative?	<i>At least one proper seat would be needed but a leaning post could be considered</i>
42	Benches materials Wood			Wooden please; Rustic benches (split log style); Natural benches; Benches should look rustic - wood, natural material; Could we afford one hardwood tree trunk "bench" (See RHS Bridgewater, Salford) Guess we need a couple of proper seats/benches too. Hardwood would look good in a meadow.	We are advised that recycled plastic in a chunky 'wood' style would be best. Durable, and low maintenance.
43	Bench materials Wood			A big tree trunk could provide somewhere to perch at the same time as being a benefit to wildlife.	Seating is needed for less mobile people and we want to keep seating to a minimum in view of the concerns of Fox Cover residents.
43a				Uncomfortable logs for seating.	<i>Is this a suggestion to deter mis-use or a comment on another suggestion about logs for sitting on?</i>
44	Bench materials concrete		Concrete UGLY		No concrete is proposed.

45	Bench materials plastic			Recycled plastic for low maintenance; Simple bench 'plastic' wood.	<i>Agree. Some recycled materials look very convincing and are low maintenance.</i>
	Plant & Animal Habitat	Questions	Concerns	Comments/ Suggestions	
46	Habitat Bird	Could we have bird feeders that allow the local community to come along and feed the birds /top up with family.			<i>The original plan was for nesting boxes and bug hotels. Bird feeders can be considered once the garden is established but we will need to take account of other issues (see below)</i>
47	Habitats Bird feeders		Bird tables attract squirrels and rodents; No bird feeders to allow wildlife to thrive first – birds will follow!	Using correct wild flowers for food for birds would mean that bird tables/feeders are not needed. No squirrels/rodent.	
48	Habitats Bats			Bat boxes? Often introduced into new constructions sites as part of planning and conservation	<i>We've been advised that bats would be more likely to appear further along Church Lane where there are more trees so bat boxes would be unlikely to be used in the garden.</i>

49	Flowers, trees and shrubs		Not enough red flowers;	Celandines are a barometer of Spring – Use to survey Climate Change. Electrons leaping? A few native trees – rowan, damson wild apple but not to many otherwise the flowers would be shaded.	<i>Great ideas to help us all learn about Climate Change. Trees would impact on wildflowers but we propose one small dwarf fruit tree towards the top left corner of the garden.</i>
50	Habitats Hedgehogs			Hedgehog boxes; Something for hedgehogs	Hedgehogs need gaps in hedges and fences so that they can travel between gardens. We could consider a hedgehog box once the garden is established.
	Habitats Insects	Beehives?		Log area for children to lift logs and explore for bugs	We will start with simple bug hotels and bird boxes. We've been advised to concentrate on solitary bees who need single tubes – we might try a few clear plastic ones to make them easier to see.
51	Habitat Pond	If there is a pond who would be liable if a child falls in?	No pond, even a shallow pond can kill a child. A pond would be a health & safety issue.	A small /safe/shallow pond to attract dragonfly and frogs and newts.	<i>Ponds can also help teach children how to be safe near water (see Caldby Valley Nature Park and a suggestion from our own Pre-School) but we do not plan to install a pond in the wildflower garden. There is already a pond at Hooks Wood.</i>
52	Compost bins			2 compost bins; Let's have a habitat pile to encourage creepy crawlies and bugs	<i>We would need to arrange for composting of any grass cuttings but we do not plan to have more compost bins.</i>
	Programme & Tasks	Questions	Concerns	Comments/ Suggestions	
53	Tasks A Hospitality B Mowing/Raking		A; J and K opposed by 5 Fox Cover residents who say it will "disturb my enjoyment of my home and do nothing for wildlife"		<i>See previous answers. There may have been some confusion about the reference to 'hospitality' which was intended to refer to support for volunteers such as feeding and watering when working on site.</i>

	C Sowing seeds D Seed collection E Seed Head Shaking F Weeding G Bulb Planting H Birdbox Building I Bug Hotel Building J Path construction K Bench Installation		<p>"I have been a resident of Fox Cover for 48 years. We had an issue with a bench in the early 80's which was eventually removed. I strongly object to J&K but am happy with the rest of the project.</p> <p>"No to A, J and K. Start listening to the people it will impact on instead of the people it does not."</p> <p>Strongly object to A J and K, This will impact on my home life.</p>		
	Programme /Tasks	Questions	Concerns	Comment /Suggestions	
54			Rotovating in winter and leaving for 4-5 months means a big dirt park in winter for those that currently use it daily.		<i>We have taken professional advice on the schedule of work required and the timing of it. Rotovation will not be needed. The existing grass surface will be scraped off mechanically and removed in September and seeds planted in October.. A 1.5metre border of grass will be left around the perimeter.</i>
55		Could a few residents learn how to scythe by hand to		<i>Can the scythers do it bare-chested like Poldark? We've included all comments and views so this one stayed in, along with the no ball games dogs.</i>	<i>There will be opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills but you won't have to look like Poldark to be involved.</i>

		manage the mowing side of things			
56	E seed collecting			Harvest marigold seeds and send to other 'Guildens' with love. Use seeds from foxgloves for growing in pots then sell at village fete.	<i>Lovely idea and harvesting of seeds for spreading elsewhere is an important part of the garden project</i>
57	Programme		I would like to see funding and a clear plan for on-going maintenance for the next 5-10 years if I am to be a supporter. PL		<i>We have already raised over £8,000 and we will be reviewing the budget in the light of inflation and revised plans. We have taken professional advice regarding installation and maintenance and a full programme of work and suggested budget will be presented to September Parish Council meeting. This report will be available when the agenda is published 5 working days before the meeting.</i>
	Volunteers -	Questions	Concerns	Comments/ Suggestions	
58		Do you want a shed? TB; What would be the commitment required for ongoing maintenance.		Offers : - I'll make birdboxes.; My grandson makes birdboxes. I would help with hospitality, E.g. cakes and drinks for the hard workers;	<i>Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. We will need access to a lawn mower and would welcome offers from anyone living nearby who could store one for us. Otherwise we may have to consider some appropriate secure storage on site. We will be arranging for some birdbox and bug hotel making sessions, and would never refuse offers of cake.</i>

59	Volunteers Young people	Could local youth groups, scout groups, support towards any badge work		Get the primary school involved to maintain, like they help out in church. They could help tidying. Involve children in making bird boxes.	<i>We welcome help from people of all ages, though children will need to be accompanied by parent/carer/group leader or school staff. We propose to have a few herb beds along the path from Church Lane and will invite local groups to volunteer to look after them if they wish.</i>
60	A name for the garden			Fox Meadow; Platinum Jubilee garden; Marigold garden. Someone said it was too late to call it 'Jubilee' garden.	<i>Some areas have had jubilee projects in other years and used the name 'Jubilee' in the permanent title E.g. Jubilee Playing fields in Huntington. There wasn't actually a lot of interest in the name at the event on 30th June and we have been using the name Guilden Sutton Wildflower Garden as our title for now. Perhaps we could have a competition to find a suitable name.</i>
61	Other topics footpath maintenanc e		Guilden Sutton benefits from the many trees defining the village but this does not mean they should not be tended/ maintained. Some trees are getting too big and some are dead and should be removed. E.g .Back path from Belle Vue Lane to the Bird in Hand plus cut-throughs get overgrown with shrubs, trees and weed,		<i>These issues have been raised with GSPC who have provided a strimmer for the volunteer footpath warden for occasional use in small areas. Village Green volunteers have tackled some overgrown public areas, but not all overhanging trees are public property.</i>

			Residents or organised volunteer groups could maintain this.		
62	Seating in other areas.	Is there any consideration of a provision for local seating around Guilden Sutton E.g. The Dell?		The Dell, (dip) adjacent to Oaklands is a neglected area and could be made much nicer. E.g. remove a tidy some trees; replace with pleasant trees/shrubs; nature trail	<i>Yes. We agree there should be more seating around the village, and have been looking for possible locations. We also hope that the wildflower garden will encourage people to think of other areas that might be improved.</i>
63	Alternative suggestion	Spend the money on Hooks Wood. Use the money for a play area at Hooks Wood.			<i>Hooks Wood is already provided for. GSPC is currently trying to find a suitable play equipment project to use Section 106 money for so funding for play equipment is not needed at present.</i>
64	Additional suggestion			A WWII memorial so Remembrance Service may be held there rather than the existing memorial; I like to idea of an additional war memorial if benches are rejected.	<i>Closing Station Lane, Wicker Lane, Church Lane and School Lane to traffic is now very costly to GSPC. There might be difficulty for some attendees to get from Church Lane to the garden via the steps, and it might not have the space for the well-attended Act of Remembrance that we have in Guilden Sutton. It might also take some time to arrange for a WWII memorial to be installed, although it</i>

					<i>would be hoped there might be some poppies in the wildflower mix we sow.</i>
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