

LOCKINGTON VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council wishes to update the Parish on progress with the Village Green.

The Parish of Lockington is now the legal owner the Village Green, ensuring a green space at the centre of the village for perpetuity. A permanent access into the green has been created and is now complete, however, for safety reasons the gates remain locked shut until the green is made safe and developed.

The main purpose of this communication is to remind everyone of the results of the survey undertaken in 2020 and seek to ensure that the results are still valid today. The forward plan is then to discuss this at an open meeting on Tuesday, the 15th of October 2024 @ 7pm in the Village Hall.

Survey Results:

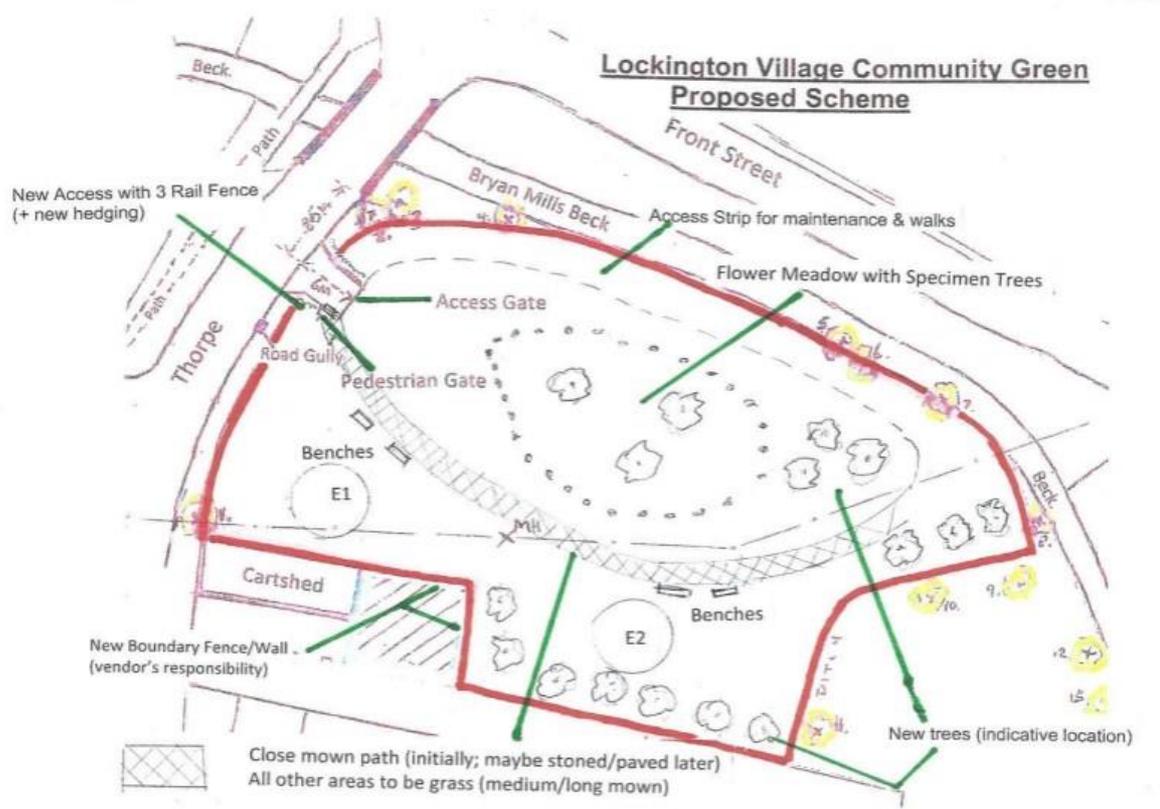
- 88% of survey returns supported the land exchange.
- 78% of survey returns supported a village green.
- The table below indicates the top 5 like/dislikes.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ON THE GREEN?	WHAT WOULD YOU NOT LIKE ON THE GREEN?
Grass Field, Wildflowers, Shrubs & Trees (58)	Children's Play Area (25)
Seating/Benches/Tables (52)	Groups of Youth's (9)
Children's Play Area (25)	Car Parking provided (8)
Area for National/Village Celebrations/Fete (8)	Covered Seating/Pavilion (8)
Covered Seating/Pavilion (6)	Dogs on Leads Dogs roaming free (7)

The legal exchange of the paddock and the planning/construction of the access took a lot longer than expected. So, the question now is, are the results in the table above still valid today? The other outstanding issue is the funding for the development of the Green. At present, the PC do not have this funding in place, but they are working on this.

Prior to the meeting the PC would ask for any question that you would like to raise at the meeting, are sent to the Clerk by the end of September. This will ensure we have all the correct information available at the meeting to answer your questions.

Indicative Plan



1. As shown on the plan by cross-hatching, a walkway to be provided with benches. This could be close mown initially (maybe stoned/paved later if, say, grants are available). The remaining site area to be medium/long mown or even left as long grass, to reduce maintenance. Some flower beds may need including (minimum maintenance).
2. E1 & E2 – these are suggested reserved/potential areas for some of the ideas that have been flagged to date (from the previous survey), but probably for a later stage.
3. There is a sewer running through the site (and a manhole (MH)). This will not compromise use of the site providing there are no permanent buildings constructed or trees planted within 5m of the sewer line.

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