

## **HAWTHORNE and PYNHAM MEADOWS - PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

Chidham & Hambrook Parish Council is the registered owner of Hawthorne Meadow and Pynham Meadow. The intention is to develop these as complimentary public open spaces. The meadows are located on the west side of Broad Road in Hambrook between the housing developments known as Hawthorne Gardens, to the south and Pynham Crescent, to the north, respectively.

### **Hawthorne Meadow**

This is an established beautiful wildflower meadow where dogs can be exercised. Funding has been secured for further developments to include:

- direct pedestrian access to Hawthorne Meadow via a footbridge from Broad Road
- limestone hard surfaces to allow wheelchair access from the footbridge to a group of picnic tables and benches near the hawthorn bushes in the centre
- an information board and a dog bin station close to the footbridge.

Planning applications have been submitted to Chichester District Council and we await their consideration. Work to the meadow is expected to be started within a few months.

The Hawthorne Meadow enhancements are already funded and approved and are waiting for planning consents prior to actual implementation.

### **Pynham Meadow**

In mid-2020 a successful public consultation took place with residents which resulted in a consensus for there being natural spaces with minimal structural development within the meadow.

Allotments and a community orchard will be developed to the north of this meadow. In this area a new drainage ditch must be excavated as a priority, to ensure water flows are maintained.

A key feature of the meadow will be an open grassed family amenity area surrounded by a fence for safety and security. Work will also be undertaken to mitigate the current surface water issues in this area of the meadow. Pedestrian access will be via Pynham Crescent or via an existing access off Broad Road at the southern end of the meadow. This access will also be used for work vehicles such as grass cutting etc.

Pynham Meadow will be a dog free zone and will be the only community leisure facility in the area where children can play without dogs present.

Fruit and nut trees will be planted in the orchard and other varieties of large trees will be planted around the edges to increase biodiversity. It is also proposed to introduce a mini-wood (Miyawaki Forest) subject to confirmation of funding. An allotment area will be developed to the north-west of the meadow and fenced off.

Councillors are busy working with a contractor to further refine the layout of the various proposed aspects of this meadow and the latest Pynham Meadow layout plan is attached separately.

Additional recreational features will be added following the landscaping works including picnic table, benches, and children's activity resources, some of which are subject to finance.

The landscaping and grass seeding works commenced in March with the aim to continue through April followed by the drainage ditch works, allotment works and the works vehicle and pedestrian access.

Planting and other works will then follow based on seasonality and wildlife considerations.

At present the footpath (FP258) along the western boundary of both meadows is the only link between the two meadows. Provision for limited works vehicular access between the two meadows is planned.

Attached is the latest layout plan for Pynham Meadow and a costing from our selected Lanscaping contractor.

The planned overall cost is £42,795 but we have added a 15% contingency giving a total budget spend of £49,214. POSAC requests approval from the Parish Council to execute against this plan and budget.



20 x  
allotments

New open drainage ditch

Orchard

Amenity area - good  
quality grassland  
mown regularly  
With fencing around  
for security

Miyawaki  
control  
forest

Raised  
grass  
humps

Existing access for  
service vehicle and  
pedestrians

Miyawaki  
Forest

## **PYNHAM MEADOW - QUOTE FROM CONTRACTOR A**

### **Meadow preparation and ancillaries**

Flail plough, rotovate, seed and roll meadow 5 acres total

Topsoil - 25 tonnes per acres, cost to supply and spread 5 acres

Remove path north/south

Clear amenity and allotment areas of hardcore

Membrane and perforated pipe for backfill trench where drainage pipe removed to enable

French drain

Seed cost amenity area

Wild seed cost for other areas

Connecting water pipe, move small oaks, widening intersection between meadows, creating soil banks, repairing post and rail fence

**£10,700.00**

### **Entrance from Broad Road**

Supply and fit 12' timber gate, 2 posts and appropriate gate furniture

Pedestrian gate and connected fencing

Fencing along Broad Rd either side of gate

Bollards fitted

Creating vehicle turning point with plastic grid system

**£5,895.00**

### **Pathways**

Pathways - sandstone type 1

**£10,850.00**

### **Amenity area fence**

2 rail post + rail fence (like external) with 3' rabbit fencing x 200m

**£6,000.00**

### **Allotments**

Allotments fencing 170m metal fencing

Pedestrian gate

**£9,350.00**

TOTAL QUOTE AS AT 29/03/2022

£42,795.00

Contingency 15%

£6,419.25

**£49,214.25**