

*Action Update*

1. The paths have been cleared and Fernwood Parish Council's Caretaker and Maintenance Operative is checking the area on a weekly basis.
2. Fortnightly grass cutting around the verges has commenced – N&SDC are doing this work on behalf of Fernwood Parish Council.
3. Lighting repairs are booked in for June 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. We have received the 2 refuse bins and 1 dog bin and are awaiting an installation date from our contractor.
5. Currently seeking advice from an Environmental Consultancy company recommended by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust regarding the tree specialist's recommendation to fell 8 trees in the area.

*Volunteer Group*

Following recent Facebook posts, 4 individuals and a scout group have been in contact to say that they would like to get involved. This is in addition to the 57 who expressed an interest in getting involved when we conducted a survey in January 2021.

*Residents' concerns*

Some residents have raised concerns that the Parish Council will not be mindful of the wildlife when looking after the area. There is particular concern regarding the trees that require felling. As detailed above, the Clerk has contacted an environmental consultancy. Their advice will be sought before any trees are felled.

*Volunteers' Group*

Proposed date to meet with volunteers and discuss ideas: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7.30pm Fernwood Village Hall.

Suggested Agenda:

1. Introduction on work to date and what the Parish Council has planned to look after the area. Reassurance that the Council has bought the area to look after the area and preserve flora and fauna.
2. Tree report recommendations and ecological appraisal plans
3. Open discussion on ideas for community activities (e.g. bat box making, bulb planting, litter picking).
4. Open discussion on ideas for a name for the woods.
5. Any other business

*Communications*

It is recommended that the Parish Council considers how to communicate its wish to look after the area and preserve flora and fauna.

Marion Fox Goddard, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022