

Report on Jubilee Field: 14/06/21

On the 14th of June Jubilee Field was topped by James Rogers who attends to other council's meadows/fields including Framlingham. The option of keep areas of the field uncut were explored however, me (Cllr Spall), Mike and John decided that this would not be appropriate for the initial first cut which was agreed with Mr Rogers too as the most suitable option. The field had also grown too long to be kept as a meadow for wildflowers and wouldn't of been possible to maintain at the length it was. Therefore, all the field was topped leaving the field to serve its purpose as a playing field, Mr Roger's ensured he trimmed around the playing equipment and park benches alongside the edges of the field. He charged a total of £180 including VAT. Future expenses for the field have been left undecided as the parish need to confirm whether the whole field will be topped each month or leave some parts of the field wild. I propose that we top the whole field on a 3 weekly basis or monthly whichever is most suitable and needed to accommodate for the growth of the field. Mr Rogers outlined the price of topping the field would decrease for the foreseeable future as the time needed to top the field will be shorten in comparison to the initial cut. After the parish have decided how the field will be maintained after our monthly meeting on the 13th of July I will get in contact with Mr Rogers and confirm a monthly quote and pursue a permanent contract with him on behalf of the parish. This will ensure that all residents can enjoy our playing field all year round and prevent the field overgrowing again making it unable to be used as a playing field for residence. It is to my knowledge the some parish council members would like to see some areas left wild however, after considering the accessibility to the park and advice off Mr Rogers I would politely suggest that we as a parish re consider this idea and consider creating a meadow in another location in Sweffling (Location of a wild meadow can be discussed on the 13th).

John Stanley s currently in contact with Adnams to explore whether the council can apply for a grant via Adnams to secure a second goal post for Jubilee Field. He is currently in contact with Adnams and exploring our options in obtaining a second goal. Overall, I propose that we consider a meadow at a different location and after having conversations with local residents surround the field, this would be the best option.

There is a piece of agricultural machinery that has be disposed off at the top left of the field however, when meeting with Mr Rogers next I will ask if it's possible that he disposes of it for a fee as he has appropriate machinery to hand. There also appears to be old posts that was a concrete fence which current posses as a hazard due to breaking away leaving sharp edges alongside the left hand side. This will be looked into how to solve this as this is likely to be a costly expense.

Mike I do apologise that this is as done via email and not a document I'm currently in Spain so my resources are limited.

All the best,

Erika Spall