

Meeting of Environment Group on 5th July 2018

Present: Mick (Chair), Nick, Jo, John, Keith, Jeremy, Liz

Apologies: Wesley

Assessments of fields:

- All the fields that are accessible from either a public road or footpath have been assessed according to their physical criteria.
- Keith has used the information about historical artefacts and archaeological finds to identify those fields of historical significance on a large scale map.
- Although many of the fields within the parish are very attractive, it was agreed that only a limited number should be proposed as significant open spaces.
- Several hedgerows and verges seemed to have particular wildlife value and the group wondered whether some special protection could be afforded to the most important of these.

Views in and out:

- Views into the village from Gilmorton Lane and North Kilworth Road, and towards the church from the direction of the M1 and from the footpaths to the north, are seen as particularly important.
- Views out of the village from the church in all directions, from the path out of Walcote towards Misterton and across the lake, from the footpath towards the stream, across the 'conker field', **across the field to the north of Chapel Lane and along Brook Street and the stream** are all felt to be important to the character of the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Designations:

- The committee agreed the areas it would like to designate as significant green spaces.
- In addition, the committee felt that a number of hedgerows, verges and bands of trees adjacent to different roads and footpaths should be afforded some extra recognition or protection and would like to explore ways this could be achieved.

Actions:

- Mick will visit as many farmers and land owners as possible to identify any further important wildlife or ecological resources in the plan area.

- John will add the template to the drop box which will enable the survey information to be recorded electronically.
- John and Jo will add the historical information to their typed survey sheets and will pass the map and schedule to Jeremy.
- Jeremy will type his survey information onto John's electronic template, adding the historical data and will pass the map and schedule to Liz
- Liz will type her data, along with Wesley's, Mick's and Keith's adding the historical information.
- Everyone will add their completed data to the drop box

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WAS PROPOSED AS THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST AT 7:30 AT 13 CHAPEL LANE (assuming John M and Wesley can make that date)