



Gatley Carrs Conservation Group Addendum Update Notes 26th June 2024 following the Ordinary Quarterly Meeting held on 25th June 2024

Further to various concerns that were raised in the Quarterly Meeting on 25/06/24, Peter Owen arranged a meeting on site today (26/06/24) with our local Greenspace officer, Darryl Falconer. Points discussed were:

1. **OVERGROWN ORCHARD AREA:**

ISSUE: The normal cutting patterns of the council contractors has not been maintained and is now totally overgrown. Why has this been allowed to happen? Is there a change of policy?

ANSWER: Daryll will make enquiries as the visible evidence confirmed our concerns.

2. **POND AREA:**

ISSUE: What can be done about the overhanging trees which are blocking the views and any flight lines for visiting birds and blocking out light onto the water? Also, the pond channels need attention as they are getting choked with reeds. Visual evidence on site confirmed the situation.

ANSWER: Daryll will contact the local council expert to best ascertain what can be done, how it can be done and assess any possible cost implications to us.

3. **JAPANESE KNOTWEED:**

ISSUE: We visited each visual outbreak and identified 5 plants around the site plus a large growth on the island.

ANSWER: Daryll will arrange some immediate treatment that he can carry out as he is registered to deal with this.



4. **WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

ISSUE: I explained the issue with the appointed contractor not being willing to cut in wet weather and the resultant overgrowth of grasses that has occurred.

ANSWER: Daryll has agreed to contact the contractor and also another alternative contractor to ensure we get a requested cut and clear at the end of August. I asked him to confirm that the agreed carry over contract cost will still be funded by the council now we are in a new financial year.

5. PATHWAY CUTTING:

ISSUE: Like the orchard area this seems to have been reduced considerably, why?

ANSWER: Daryll doesn't know so will investigate.

6. NETWORK RAIL WORK:

There is nothing to report as Daryl has heard nothing.

7. GREENSPACE MANAGEMENT PLAN

ISSUE: The Council 3-year plan for greenspaces which was promised 12 months ago is still not even written beyond a rough draft stage.

CONCLUSION:

Clearly standards are dropping without us being advised which makes it difficult for us to manage. All of these points need addressing and I have every confidence that Daryll will report back as soon as possible and then we can take it from there.

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