

Glebe Field meeting

28th March 2019. The Trinity Centre, 4pm – 5pm

An open meeting for Church and community

Hosted by Phil Cansdale (Vicar), Erica Staples (HT Warden)



Points arising from individual table discussions:

- Parking – limited, sympathetic, matting type
- Community/Men's shed (for repairs, mending, chat)
- Beehives / Orchard
- Retain grazing but only sheep
- Children's natural activity area
- Fruit trees / Windfall project garden
- If any part of Glebe Field developed for parking the space/cost should be contributed to by the school and football club as well.
- Windfall project / communal garden
- Sensory garden
- Biodiversity survey – need to know what's there
- No building, except shed/s
- Widening road at church corner to enable disabled parking
- Community garden – for children
- **No tarmac**
- Increase biodiversity

Further general discussion raised the following issues:

Problems with the whole area for both parking and traffic.

Helen Ball (Town Clerk), suggested the following officers should be invited to a meeting to advise on all the issues raised:

Highway Engineer
Countryside Team member
Tree Officer
Biodiversity Officer
Archaeology Officer

Need for discussion on how important the biodiversity and environmental aspect of the land is. Lots of things could overlap:

- Big enough for garden and grazing?
- Shed?
- Parking on part of Glebe Field – mix of opinions
- A few disabled parking spaces – mixed support

Points from Post-It notes:

- Sensory Garden
- Community shed
- The Glebe Field needs to be kept as an open space. Definitely no housing, but simple building to support other activity on the field should be allowed, e.g. tool storage for gardening.
- A small part given over to a garden for use by adults with learning disabilities as in The Windfall project.

- Disabled parking is here
- Beehives
Orchard
No build
Retain grazing - sheep
Forest School
Plant for Windfall
- (Resident of Church Road): Clearly the whole issue of parking for church, school and playing field needs to be comprehensively addressed. It is the responsibility of the church to be part of that plan by making a part of the Glebe Field available.
- It would be good to explore fully whether any of the other areas in front of the church could be used for parking
- The historic purpose of a Glebe Field was to supplement the income of the incumbent so a pig farm would be entirely appropriate. More realistically some productive fruit and vegetable growing should be carried on.
- Survey (biodiversity)
No building (except sheds)
Improve access Church Road
Community gardens children
Preservation of ancient hedgerows
Addition of disabled parking – no tarmac
Increase biodiversity over the site