

PORLOCK PARISH COUNCIL

REPORT – GROUNDS AT MEADOWHAYES HIGH BANK CAR PARK



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Location: Meadowhayes

Inspection carried out by: J Jones, Clerk & RFO and A Binding grounds maintenance contractor

Background / introduction

This report summarises the outcomes of a site inspection conducted at Meadowhayes. Following a report from a member of the public the inspection aimed to assess the condition of vegetation, accessibility infrastructure, and community maintenance. The findings inform recommendations for ongoing management and improvements.

Options or recommendations

Following the inspection, the following remedial actions have been taken or are recommended:

Tree Monitoring

- Several of the new trees have since died these will be remove and the grounds made good. Replacement of these trees is not recommended.
- Continue to observe remaining trees and keep watered during dry periods

Accessibility Improvements:

- Relocation of the waste bin has been undertaken to support mobility users and keep pavements clear.

Vegetation management

- Follow up with the owners of 'Bradwell' to discuss the dead and or remining fruit trees and Ivy vegetation to agree a plan of action and how the hedgerow and trees are properly maintained.

Financial and legal considerations

- **Ownership Responsibility:** The green space is under council's jurisdiction to maintain; however the hedge belongs to the property council need to seek agreement on how this is maintained going forward.
- **Budget Implications:** Ongoing vegetation management should be reviewed against the future operational maintenance budget.

Summary of findings

- The recently planted trees have failed due to lack of maintenance
- Older potentially dead trees have been overtaken by mountain ivy growth.
- The boundary hedge while some maintenance has been undertaken by the property owners, debris has not been cleared away.
- Access to the pathway has bene restricted by the positioning of the waste bin.

Sources of information

- On-site inspection conducted by the clerk & grounds maintenance contractor.
- Visual assessment of vegetation impact.

- **Image references:**

