

Langley with Hardley Parish Council Meeting 4 July 2023.
Background documents

Item 8. To discuss the success of the 'No Mow May' initiative.

Mixed feedback has been received by the Parish Council. 3 comments relating to the length of the grass making the play area unusable in the May school holiday and 1 from the contractor. A copy of the e-mail sent to the contractors for discussion at the meeting is copied below.

Thank you for cutting the play area today, the area in between the obstacle course was particularly bad I know as I was there with the children on Friday. You raise some good points about 'No Mow May';

- 1. Due to NO MOW MAY you have missed scheduled cuts on days you are mowing.*
- 2. You have accounted quite a bit of upset from locals asking why you haven't cut it in May.*

The Parish has had feedback from residents and from yourselves and it's been a mixed bag to be honest, if you've got anything to add please let me know. Councillors will consider whether to continue with 'No Mow May' in May 2024 at their meeting next month (4 July). In particular they will;

- 1. Comment on your question if leaving the grass has been beneficial for this period.*
- 2. Note your comment What damage will be done to wildlife that has take up residence in that time?*
- 3. Respond to your point That contractors (ie yourselves) should not have to deal with upset from locals why the grass hasn't been cut*
- 4. Respond to your suggestion that posters explaining NO MOW MAY next time if this is to carry on*

I note your comment Also it is now going to take a lot of work to get it back to how it was this not allowed for in original quote as MO MOW MAY was not implemented . Please advise if this means you will be asking the Parish Council to pay extra on top of the original quote - this will be important in the discussions too.

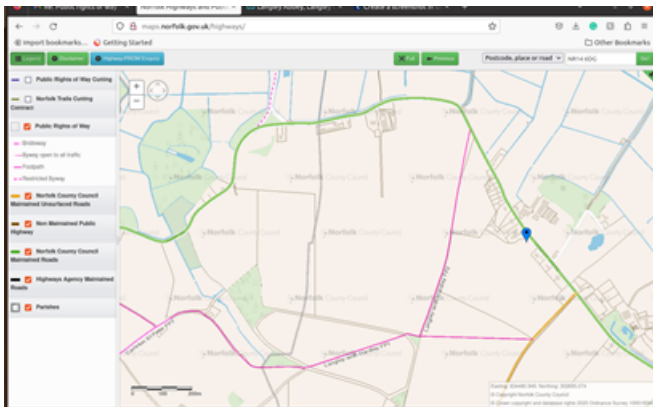
Nb the contractors invoice for this quarter has been received and there are no additional charges.

Item 10. To discuss and agree on a course of action resulting from the minutes 5 (1) and 5 (3) from the last meeting, in relation to public footpaths on land owned by Langley Abbey Estates Ltd.

Public access to Land owned by Langley Abbey Estates Limited is shown on the following map;

<http://maps.norfolk.gov.uk/highways/>

Please enter NR14 6DG in the search bar which will give you a larger and interactive view.



Item 11. To discuss dates for whole Councillor in person training. Training dates for all Councillor in person training provided by Norfolk Association of Local Councils. To follow.

Item 13. Provision of a litter bin at Hardley Staithe.

In response to two separate residents concerns over there being nowhere to put rubbish at the Staithe, a litter bin has been requested. Annual collection charges are £74.40 plus VAT. Full details of the process can be found here:

<https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/types-waste/litter-dog-bin-information-parish-councils> A typical example of a bin and fixings can be purchased for £259 + VAT. Maximum capacity for emptying is 110l

<https://uk.glasdon.com/litter-bins/outdoor-litter-bins/topsy-2000-tm-litter-bin-express>

An alternative the Council may wish to consider is signage encouraging people to 'Take your litter home'.

Picture supplied by a local resident of the dog waste bin at Hardley Staithe overflowing at the end of May 2023:



15. To discuss the preservation of Heritage Road Signs

Councillor to provide further details on this item.