

# WENDRON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Notes for the meeting on June 13

### **Gareth Mitchell's mower.**

You will remember that a malicious and criminal act put Gareth's mower well and truly out of action. It has now been repaired and I have copies of the invoices concerned. Gareth's insurance only covers him for the theft of his tools – not for (what is seen as) everyday wear and tear. The repair of the machine came to a total of £373.74 (following that repair the machine had to have a full service which, with discounts, came to £100.00)

I do not think it unreasonable for the Council to pay at least some of the cost of repair.

### **The land at Carnkie**

Sheila, Marion, Clive and I met with a couple of dozen residents on the newly acquired land at Carnkie to discuss its future use. (The children wanted a tree house, a rope swing, a bicycle path ... and a Jacuzzi!) The adults simply wanted a lightly maintained wild area (though blind eyes would be turned to 'dens', the occasional, improvised, tatty rope swing, riding bikes along the path ... and paddling in the stream)!

To achieve that end, it is clear that a considerable amount of top soil will be needed to grade the very steep slopes and cover the rubbish that has been used to make up the land. (I understand that there may be opportunities to be paid for granting permission for top soil from new housing projects to be tipped on the site.)

Once this hard landscaping is in place there are a number of 'improvements' that will make this area a credit to the village. In no particular order

- the stream needs to be dug out (stepping stones might be placed in the bed of the stream to allow children the opportunity to explore)
- a small pond might be dug out
- the old path needs to be reinstated
- an earth bund needs to be put alongside the road to prevent unauthorised parking
- the new top soil needs to be seeded/planted with wild flowers native to the area
- bird boxes need to be placed in the trees
- picnic tables and benches might be sited on the land

It was suggested that villagers themselves would make every effort to help with the upkeep (picking Himalayan balsam before it seeds, cutting brambles etc.).

It was also suggested that the Cornwall Wildlife Trust might be able to offer helpful advice.

Once the hard landscaping is in place (come the late autumn), a second informal meeting with residents of Carnkie might be productive.

In order to make progress, perhaps the Council would consider a proposal to grant delegated powers to the Chairman, to Cllr Mrs Warren and to the Clerk enabling them to make day-to-day decisions relating to this project.