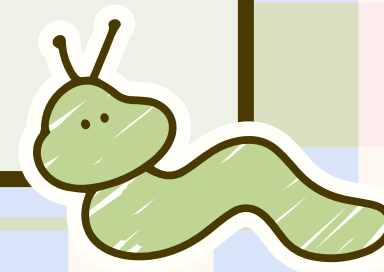


ORCHARD MEADOW

Presented By Puddletown Area Parish Council



PROJECT OVERVIEW

At the heart of the Puddletown Area Parish Council is a simple goal: to take care of the things that make our community special.

BACKGROUND

Orchard Meadow has been part of our landscape since its inception in 2008. Initially accompanied by a management plan in 2009, which saw subsequent revisions in 2019 and 2023, it has evolved alongside our community's needs. The latest update in 2023 revealed potential changes driven by our community, prompting the Council to recognise the growing desires within our midst.



PROGRESS

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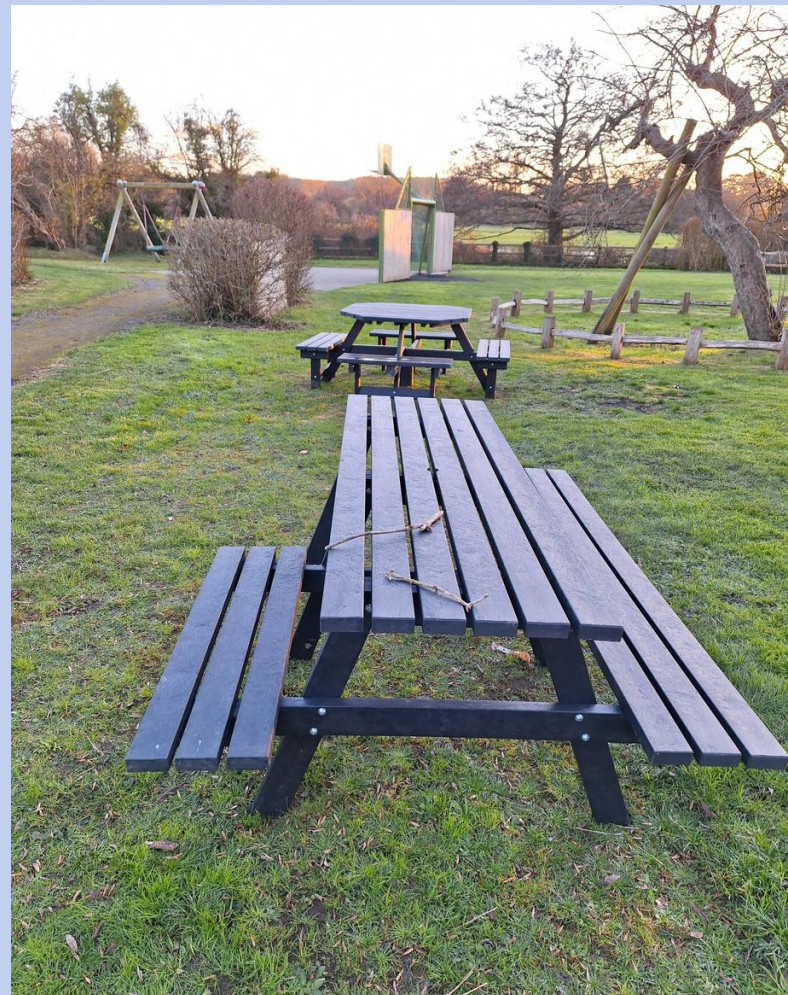
Tree and shrub maintenance has been effectively performed, enhancing the overall health and aesthetics of our green spaces.

02

The installation of a new swing has successfully taken place, enriching our community space with added recreational opportunities.



PROGRESS



03

We're pleased to inform you that we've engaged a new grounds maintenance contractor to ensure the upkeep and beautification of our community spaces

04

We've recently added new picnic benches that cater to everyone's needs, making our outdoor spaces more inviting and inclusive for all

Operational Progress

Like any project, ongoing routine and operational maintenance are essential.

This includes tasks like repairing fences and maintaining or replacing equipment, which will continue alongside any future projects.



NEW CHAPTER

From here on out, we welcome your involvement.

The Parish Council has received various suggestions for areas of improvement, and now, we're eager to hear your thoughts on them, plus any more idea on how we may continue to improve the area.

IDEA - ONE

One area that has garnered more suggestions for improvement over any other is the Hay Meadow. Several residents have expressed that it's not meeting their expectations and would like to see enhancements made. One proposal is to transform it into a vibrant flower meadow, with a couple of scattered picnic spots, creating inviting spaces for families to relax, enjoy lunch, and immerse themselves in the beauty of the flowers.



IDEA - TWO

Hedges - To remove or reduce in height the hedge along the southern and northern boundary, allowing everyone to enjoy an unobstructed view of the countryside beyond.



IDEA - THREE

Benches, the proposal is to remove those reaching the end of their safe usable life and gradually replace them. Additionally, residents may have the opportunity to sponsor memorial benches as part of the replacement process



IDEA - FOUR

Waste Land - Adjacent to the western entrance of Orchard Meadow lies a small patch of neglected land overrun by brambles and ivy. Suggestions have been made to clear this area and restore it to mowed grassland, enhancing its appeal and accessibility.



IDEA - FIVE

Swale - Over the years, the Swale has been neglected in terms of proper clearing and maintenance. It's now imperative to address this issue. Additionally, the fishing platform and bench are showing signs of deterioration, reaching the end of their safe usable lifespan. One suggestion is to clear the Swale thoroughly and replace the platform and bench with similar structures, keeping in mind new regulations that require a 1-meter fence around this area.



IDEA - Six

More Equipment. When someone says what new equipment should we have in a playpark, people start thinking about, slides, swings, roundabouts, equipment for children, but what about adults? Would you like to see an outdoor table tennis table in Orchard Meadow? Would you play Bocce Ball (similar to pétanque but, bocce ball uses larger and lighter balls)?



CONCLUSION

Your input is invaluable to the Parish Council. We believe that creating a parish everyone can take pride in requires the active involvement of its residents. Whether you have positive or negative feedback about the proposed ideas, or if you have additional suggestions, we urge you to reach out to the clerk, Michelle, at 01202 670105 or via email at clerk@puddletownareaparishcouncil.gov.uk. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

All feedback to be received by 20th May 2024 for discussion at the June meeting