

<b>Subject:</b>	Land and Nature Working Group (LNG) activities for the attention of town councillors
<b>From:</b>	Geoff Griffiths on behalf of the LNG
<b>Date:</b>	24 June 2022
<b>Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Producing a banner and poster for the Riverside Festival (30<sup>th</sup> July). The banner will represent a 'timeline' of the history and future of the River Evenlode. The poster is to advertise the LNG and the evolving Nature Recovery Plan for the four parishes of Charlbury, Finstock, Fawler and Cornbury.</li> <li>2. Scoping funding opportunities for paid Coordinator and/or Technical Expert – request for support from the Town Clerk</li> </ol>	
<b>Financial implications:</b> [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Banner/poster: £150</li> </ol>	
<b>Communications:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proactive communication/engagement with the public about the grass-cutting regime is needed – request for support from the Town Clerk / Engagement team</li> </ol>	
<b>Main report</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Land &amp; Nature Group (LNG) continue to meet monthly, usually in the Friends Meeting House. Additional meetings are held to discuss specific issues, often with external groups. For example, with the Evenlode Catchment Partnership to discuss plans for the Riverside Festival.</li> <li>2. Hedgerow days: training in survey techniques for members of the public arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.</li> <li>3. Development of the Nature Recovery Plan (across the four parishes of Finstock, Fawler, Charlbury and Cornbury) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing discussions and support from Treescapes</li> <li>- Proposed contact with landowners in Fawler with a view to trialling the NRP with one interested tenant farmer</li> <li>- Two public consultations in Finstock, a which c. 30 residents have shown interest in local projects (community orchard, restoration of roadside verge and flood mitigation)</li> <li>- Review of LandApp as a suitable mapping tool</li> <li>- Meeting with Bruce Winney (Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy) to discuss the timetable for the Charlbury and parishes NRP and the technical/data requirements (see brief document attached, describing the NRP process at parish level and how it fits into the Defra timetable for the county-wide Local Nature Recovery Strategy).</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

- Proposal for a paid Nature Recovery Coordinator position +/- technical expert to assist with collating/analysing data
- 4. Continuing development and monitoring of the grass-cutting regime for Charlbury, including recent meeting with residents of Ticknell Piece.
- 5. Wildlife corridors / hedgehogs: sightings have been recorded in the town and a plan for where to create connections between gardens is being drawn up, in conjunction with residents.
- 6. A request for guidance on management of Land at Little Lees (protected under S106) has been received from residents of Potter's Close.