

Dear John,

Thank you for adding it to the agenda. It needn't cost a great deal to do - or at least make a good start. I will try to provide the detailed proposal by the 20th October, but meanwhile, the first steps might be to complete the low fence around it and leave the grass and wildflowers to grow for a full year with one single mowing in the autumn, and to stop the use of pesticides along the borders of the piece of land. An information board will let the public know that this project is in progress. A simple, lockable access should be included in the fence for mowing and deliveries to the site and perhaps it might be a good idea to leave a small gap for pedestrian access.

Apart from the construction of a fence and information board, the only financial input from the council initially would be the yearly mowing.

Low cost things which can then be done would include:

Placement of any suitable dead wood or fresh logs from work done within Glinton parish on the site (in an agreed location). This will rot down and provide habitat, and sawdust produced from the grinding out of stumps can be left in a pile for a similar purpose (again, in an agreed location).

Spare, uncontaminated natural rock/stone/broken tile etc from council works in the parish can also be utilised on the site.

Any spare uncontaminated soil from council works can also be placed on the site for use in constructing a bee bank.

Interested members of the public - and hopefully from the Langdyke Trust - can volunteer and begin undertaking work on projects including a compost bin/area, putting up nest boxes, litter-picking etc., and hopefully will also undertake clearing the once-yearly mowing.

The rest can come as and when funds and manpower allow.

I hope this will help.

Judy