



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership 26th March 2012

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Title: Crox Bottom Priority S106 Works

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the spend of £15,364.63 of S106 money in order to implement improvements and install items of park furniture as agreed with the local community for the improvement of Crox Bottom.

That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the list of suggested improvements and prioritises the work to be funded from S106. Any items or work not completed from the list will be included in the Crox Bottom Management Plan which will also consider longer-term investment requirements.

Background

1. The Dundry View NP has a devolved S106 budget of £24,663 for work to improve Crox Bottom Open Space. At their meeting on the 20th December 2011 the NP agreed to allocate the following funding - habitat management works (£4298.37), the preparation of a management plan for the future enhancement and improvement of Crox Bottom by the Council (£5000), with the remainder (£15,364.63) for immediate improvement works to be agreed with the Dundry View Pride of Place sub-group. This S106 money expires on the 25th May 2012.
2. The Dundry View Pride of Place group (Environmental subgroup) discussed the devolved money for Crox Bottom at their meeting on 12th December 2011. The group requested that local people were involved in developing a plan and in making decisions about the improvement works.

3. On 27th February a group of BCC officers and members of the local community met on site to put together a list of priority works to be implemented using the identified budget for immediate works (£15,364.63). This meeting followed earlier discussions with local people at local meetings and site walkabouts.
4. The priority works agreed on the walkabout in February were presented to the Pride of Place group on 12th March 2012. The group were largely in agreement with the presented list, with a couple of small tweaks requested (in blue italics below). Appendix A is a map showing the location of the proposed work.

Map Ref	Work / items required	Cost
A	Supply and Install Parks Notice Board with overhead sign stating ' Crox Bottom' <i>The group suggested a larger Brissco entrance sign and the smaller parks noticeboard at both entrances.</i>	£1300
B	Reprofile bank to recreate pathway. Grass over to create an informal path (not a tarmac path) and sow wildflower mix.	£689
C	Level and supply and install 2 x metal picnic tables to be sited on concrete bases. Supply and install one dog waste / litter bin. Bin to be located away from the picnic tables.	£2639 £850
D	Supply and install one David Ogilvy metal bench looking towards the weir. This area is hardstanding already but may require levelling. Supply and install dog waste / litter bin (bin to be sited away from bench on the path).	£1050 £850
E	Supply and install one finger post with 3 prongs pointing to Hartcliffe Way, Hengrove Way and Novers Lane. <i>Pride of Place group requested some additional prongs on the sign pointing towards Headley Park, Hengrove Mounds, Dundry Slopes.</i>	£650

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F	<p>Paint existing fence green.</p> <p>Paint existing barriers and gate green to match fence.</p> <p><i>Pride of Place group (and walkabout attendees) requested that Community Payback undertake these works rather than parks contractors – so costs would be paint and time taken by community payback. Suggestion that any underspend to be spent on additional signage.</i></p> <p>Fill in two ditches to either side of entrance.</p> <p><i>Mixed opinions about this – one view was that filling in the ditches would allow cars to access the site, the other was that leaving the ditches attracts fly tipping and trolleys and could be a hazard for people. Suggestion is that this is deferred to the management plan in order to develop a better solution</i></p> <p>Supply and Install Parks Notice Board with 'Crox Bottom' (as at A).</p> <p><i>The group suggested a larger Brissco entrance sign and the smaller parks noticeboard at both entrances.</i></p>	<p>£1175</p> <p>£1000</p> <p>£896</p> <p>£1300</p>
F	Supply and install Pagoda style entrance to Hengrove Way entrance.	£2833.20
Total	Project Management Fees @ 8%	£1229
		£16,461

- 4 Please note all costs shown are estimates and include for supply and installation.
- 5 The total cost of the proposed items exceeds the amount currently available by £1096.
- 6 Other work mentioned as part of this process are listed below and will be included in the Crox Bottom Management Plan.

- Plant tree avenue along new cycle path starting at Hengrove Way entrance.
- Regrade other steep pathways particularly the one from Durville Road entrance.
- Provide access signs into the site from surrounding streets.

These works have not yet been designed or costed.

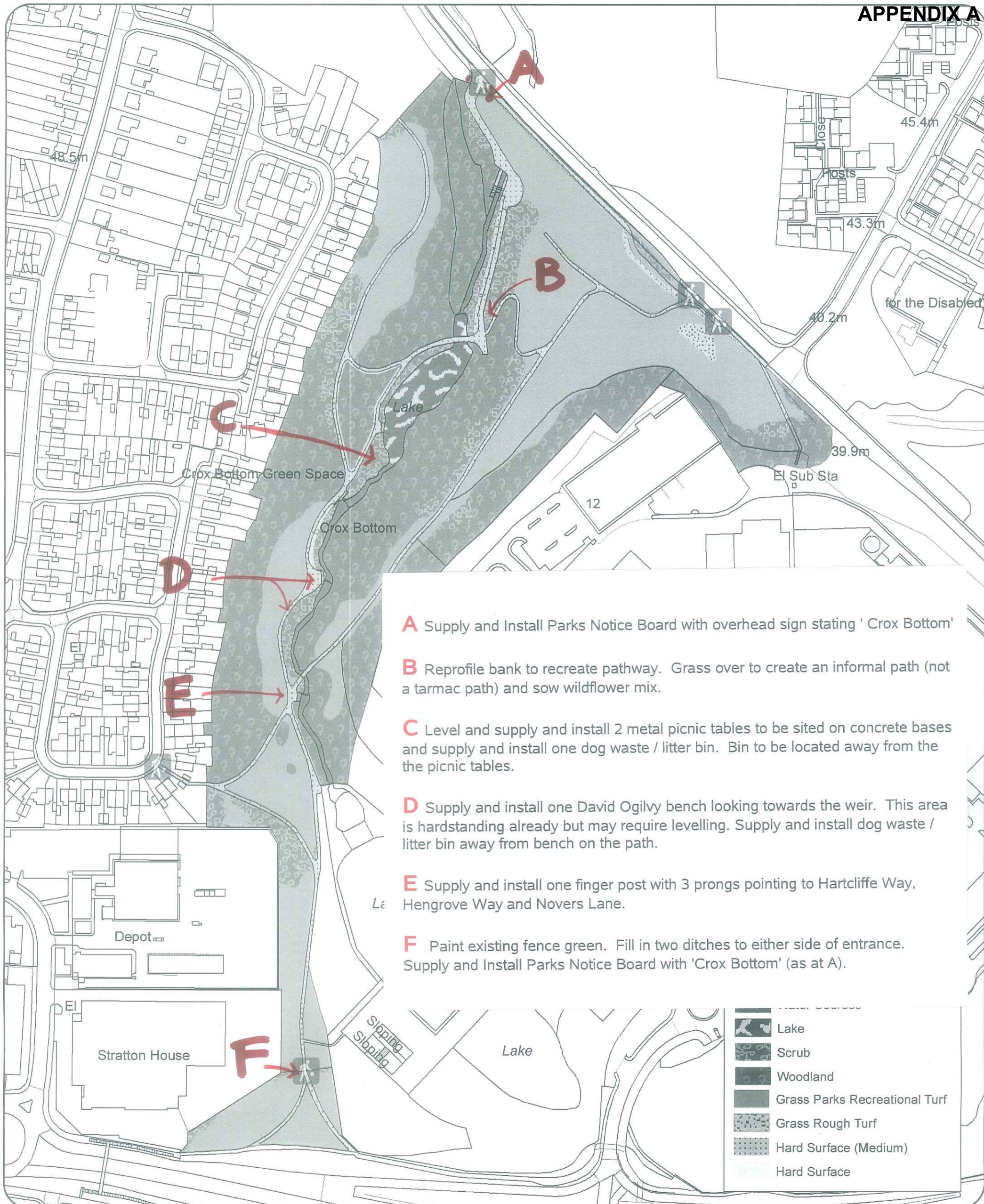
7 Habitat Management Works (funded by £4298.37 as part of the original allocation agreed) are completed and the following work has been achieved:

- Grasslands to the north have been cut and the scrub has been pushed back to the fence line to increase the size of field for future grazing.
- Young trees thinned by northern lake. Some scrub thinned along Pigeonhouse Stream and along paths leading up westward from the lake (will need further work in future years).
- Paths leading to northern grasslands have been tidied and widened, scrub has been pushed back and leaf litter has been pushed off the path.
- A dead chestnut tree has been felled.
- A willow tree has been felled.
- An alder has been felled.
- Willow with major decay to cavity at base of main stem - monolith at 6m.
- Willow historic monolith - top two metre section removed to maintain habitat.

8 Following agreement of a priority list of improvements to be funded from the available S106 funding a Management Plan for Crox Bottom will be produced. This will include recreational and ecological management objectives to maintain the value of current and future investment in the site, and to illustrate how existing resources can best be utilised to protect this investment. An important element of this process will be the inclusion of a Landscape Assessment of the site including proposals and options for improvement. The plan will provide design, specifications and estimates for priority enhancement works, including to wildlife and woodland areas, footpaths, signage and watercourses.

In preparing the plan BCC officers will continue to engage with the Pride of Place environmental subgroup of the Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership to define priorities for current and future investment in the site.

It is anticipated that the Management Plan will be available from late May/early June.



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- F** Paint existing fence green. Fill in two ditches to either side of entrance. Supply and Install Parks Notice Board with 'Crox Bottom' (as at A).

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