



AGENDA ITEM NO: 6

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

14th DECEMBER 2015

Title: Valley Walk – Wildlife Corridor

Officer presenting report: Julian Cox

Recommendation:

- a) To **note** the work progressed in the original report.
- b) **Agree** funding to complete the tree stump work.
- c) To **consider** the further funding request submitted to the Neighbourhood Forum

1. Background

In May 2015 Becky Belfin the BCC Conservation Officer made a site visit to Valley Walk with residents and NP representatives to ascertain what work could be safely carried out in the area to improve the areas accessibility to residents without risking important habitats in the area. A report was written with recommendations. Appendix 6a

2. Work Carried out to date

The proposals put forward by Becky Belfin went to the Pride of Place group for consideration and prioritisation. It was felt that they were all important and needed although resources meant that we had to identify work which Parkworks could complete for us over two days, their services were provided free of charge to the partnership.

Matt Bennett the tree officer for South was able to provide some further assistance as part of his maintenance and work at no cost to the partnership. For example he surveyed the whole of the valley walk foot path and raised order to crown lift any trees with low canopies obscuring sight lines. The path had not been looked at for a number of years and was in quite bad condition. Cost £3,248 – covered by the Tree Management Service

3. Funding required

Matt Bennett has received quotes to remove and poison the multi stemmed trees either side of footbridge and highway bridges of

Fulford Road & Briscoes Avenue, this was identified in the report and Matt Bennett has provided a costing for this work to be done. Cost: £325

4. Further Request

The Neighbourhood Forum was presented with the following request by Keith Way

Funding for the following....

Clearing the access and viewpoints on pigeon house stream, Valley Walk.	£900	2 days work Jan/Feb 2016 and 1 day in Aug 2016.
Clearing footpaths around Macey's and Lampton Ave.	£900	3 days work Jan/Feb 2016
Removing Spanish bluebells from Valley Walk.	£300	1 day Mar/Apr
Mowing flower meadow at groves	£300	1 day Aug/Sept
Native British wildflower seeds/plugs For use in DVNP area	To be agreed	

- a. The forum made the following points a discussion about planting wildflowers but not this actual document. The forum agreed that funding should be allocated for wildflowers, in general, as they do improve the area but not necessary specific to this site. This has already been agreed at a previous partnership.

Will get Teije to provide a list of areas where there is potential for wildflowers in the community that could be discussed and agreed at the next Pride of Place meeting

- b. Keith, understandably, is concerned that some of this work should be carried out at the beginning of the year. Although it was mentioned at the last Pride of Place no decision was made, leaving this as a decision to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

- c. The work to open up the streams is part of the proposal in Becky Belfins report; some of this work has been completed but there are other parts that are outstanding as we couldn't fund or complete it all. Hopefully a full account of what had been completed from Becky Belfins report will be available verbally at the December Partnership meeting, as at time of writing a complete list was not available
- d. There is a question whether BCC Parks can do this work under the normal contract or if other budgets are available.