



# ***Weaverham Parish Council***

Weaverham Community Centre, Russet Road, Weaverham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW83HY

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## **Councillors are summoned to attend the Environment Committee Meeting**

to be held at the

Weaverham Community Centre Russet Road, Weaverham CW8 3HY

on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 1915

### **Agenda**

- E01 To **elect** Chairman of the Committee
- E02 To **elect** Vice Chairman of the Committee
- E03. Welcome & Register of Attendees, **approve** any apologies for absence.
- E04. **Public Open Forum** Members of the public are invited to address Councillors and table issues of concern. This session will last no longer than 10 minutes.
- E05. To **receive** any declaration of Interests
- E06. To **approve** minutes of meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.
- E07. To **discuss** safety issues to all road users and pedestrians which has been raised by a resident.
- E08. To **discuss** VJ day event.
- E09 To **discuss** e mail from resident regarding a cycle track, Ally way from Church Road to Tesco.
- E10 To **approve** hiring a skip to remove rubbish from the shed.
- E11 To **obtain** quotation for a bicycle rack at the play park.
- E12 To **discuss** funding for Mini police to visit Safety Central by coach at a cost of £350.00.
- E13 To **discuss** creating a memorial wood /coppice at the bottom of Lake House Field with funding from Mersey Forest with Council contribution £2k.
- E14 To **discuss** TWM SIDS update.
- E15 To **approve** quotation from Cheshire Groundcare Ltd for a height restriction posts for the old youth club car park at a cost of £1770.00 +VAT.
- E16 **Clerks' Update.** The Clerk to update the Committee on any matters.
- E17. To **Confirm** date of next meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ 7.15pm

Signed

Adrian Morgan  
Clerk



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## Minutes of the

## Environment Committee Meeting

held at Weaverham Community Centre, Russet Road, Weaverham  
on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7:15pm

Present John Freeman (JF), Mike Gerrard (MG), John Pether (JP) and Iain Lasseter (IL).

**In the absence of the Chair & Vice Chair, Cllr John Freeman was appointed to chair the meeting.**

- E63. **Public Open Forum** No Members of the public were present.
- E64. Apologies were received from Cllrs Jason Endress, Peter Wilkinson, Roger Moss and Rees Lasseter were **approved**.
- E65. No new declaration of interests was received.
- E66. The minutes of meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were **approved**.
- E67. The Weaverham High School pupil survey suggestions for youth provision in the village was discussed. Clerk & IL to form an assessment matrix to help evaluate their suggestions **approved**.
- E68. The damage to kerbs on the High Street was discussed. The Clerk & JF to walk the High Street to identify where the damage is for reporting to CWaC. **approved**.
- E69. Mundo Enterprises Ltd would like to hire Lake House Field to hold a football summer club. The information the clerk requested has not been received therefore, the committee are unable to recommend approval of the request at this time **approved**.
- E70. The Clerk updated the Committee on the following matters: -  
E70.1 We have been offered a free Oak tree by the Mersey Forest. Clerk to identify where this can be positioned. **approved**  
E70.2 Youth Club car park sign. A quotation has been received from Simply signs £70.00 + VAT. Clerk to provide appropriate wording.  
E70.3 E mail from Sports England requesting updated information. Clerk & JF to provide the requested information **approved**.  
E70.4 Additional quotes are being obtained for the stage hire for VJ day. Early indications are suggesting that we can get it down to around £2650 +VAT. **noted**.  
E70.5 E mail from IL identifying issues with the drains from the Swimming Pool to the sewage network due to a blockage. There seems to be manhole cover that is covered up. IL & Clerk to look at the area to find the manhole cover. **noted**.
- E71. To **Confirm** date of next meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Meeting closed at 8.00pm**

Signed as a true record.

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk

FOA Adrian Morgan

## Chapter One

My Wife and I have lived in this lovely village for the last 11 years but have visited for the last 40 years. The M.B5153 is the only B road in the United Kingdom to be bestowed with motorway status! High Street is part of this motorway.

When the survey was carried out to determine which roads in the village should be restricted to 20mph, the average speed was shown to be 33mph ( 1mph more and you can be fined for breaking the speed limit ) I have stood with our local PCSO on two occasions while she carried out speed checks. She was at a terrible disadvantage due to being in full view of drivers wearing hi-vis and a large camera.

Another major concern is the chicane at Wheat Sheaf Public House, a few weeks ago while walking to the shops a single decker Orange Bus mounted the pavement missing me by inches. I believe this is also a concern to the council as I have seen a group of its representatives apparently discussing the situation.

Finally the zebra crossing close to the Smith's Lane junction is a waste of space as a number of drivers ignore its very existence. Many pedestrians prefer to cross at the junction with Forest Street these include unaccompanied school children some of whom ( being fearless ) step onto the road believing that vehicles will just stop allowing them to cross.

Over the recent weeks I have raised the issue of the misuse of Forest Street and the problem of safely accessing it by foot. This being with a cross section of Weaverham residents not just residents of Forest Street itself, not one person believes that the status quo should remain. Many of those spoken to refer to Forest Street as a RAT Run with both speed and weight limits being broken.

Kind Regards

Robert Tate

Safety issues relating to all road users and pedestrians:

- 1) restrict access to Forest Street from High Street to the 7.5t limit (which is an existing requirement but not enforced) Emergency Vehicles and Residents access only otherwise closed to through traffic. (7.5t limit would include the likes of Post Vans, Online Deliveries and Grocery Deliveries) The footpath would be carried through across the entrance forming a sleeping policeman. The double yellow lines on Forest Street being removed for the whole length up to the Fieldway junction, the top half of Forest Street remaining unchanged from Fern Way. New signage would be needed.  
There would be only one exception to the above, that being access for the refuse vehicles.
- 2) The existing zebra crossing would then be moved to entrance of the Forest Street Junction. If zebra crossing it should have sparkly posts and brightly shining orange balls on top. Alternatively a Pelican could be used.
- 3) Finally from number 44 High Street to Withens Lane the speed limit be reduced from 30 to 20mph.



## Introduction

Residents have discussed perceived problems with traffic movements and traffic circulation on **High Street (HS) (B5153)** and **Forest Street (FS)**. Issues include footpath condition and widths, traffic volumes and speeds, road conditions including potholes. This overview focuses on Forest Street.

Below, the existing layout is described and possible options considered for variations in the layout to try to improve the road and environment for local residents.

## Perceived problem with existing situation

### Existing Layout

**Existing deficiencies:** The volume of traffic turning into **Forest Street** on **High Street** from both easterly traffic and westerly is relatively low, except in the early morning when FS is used as a rat-run to **A49**. However, the general running speed of traffic on these HS approaches to FS is problematic. Additionally, the road alignment of HS is substandard, with restricted geometry and forward visibility and because of the protected nature of the area these cannot be improved to current standards.

FS is a narrow one way street from HS through to LA junction, **Fern Grove** is a cul de sac off FS, it is two-way but with only left turn out onto FS, there are various properties off FS that have driveway access direct of FS. There is potential on-street parking for 6 vehicles in front of the terraced properties at the northern extent with potential for 3 vehicles further south.

On FS the speed limit is 20mph through from HS to **Lime Av (LA)**. Thereafter, it is 30mph on FS south and on LA it is 20mph in front of the school.

Traffic flow is generally low but numerous vehicles accessing FS from HS do accelerate very hard into FS at its northern end. This is most notable in the morning.

The 7.5t weight limit is often exceeded by HGV's delivering construction material etc;

## Possible Revisions to improve the traffic and environmental situation

### Option 1

#### ***Reverse direction of traffic flow.***

From the southern end of FS remove the no entry signs and markings but forbid entry to FS from HS. Keep all other features and configurations, change the regulations on **Fern Close**. Keep all other regulations, such as for the primary school, as is.

Exit on to HS will become problematic as the visibility to the right is restricted and during main traffic hours the volume is relatively higher and variable and would make this manoeuvre problematic with an inducement for school traffic to use this as a rat-run in the afternoon.

#### ***Not Recommended***

I agree it would most probably make matters far worse;

**Option 2*****Forest Street - Cul-de-sac***

Configuring FS as a cul de sac with entry either at HS or LA. FS is predominantly of substandard width throughout its length. There is no space available for a satisfactory turning head resulting in conflict with other, local, road users. Service vehicles, refuse, delivery vehicles etc, would be presented with added problems. Through traffic would be removed. Turning manoeuvres problematic.

***Problematic.***

***I agree it would most probably make matters far worse;***

**Option 3*****Forest Street - Limited access for residents and service vehicles***

Maintain the existing configuration of FS but with limitations such that access is restricted for "Residential Access and Service Vehicles only". All features would remain as similar to existing but the rat-run for school traffic and those who go on to A49 would be removed.

The regulations for signage could preclude this option and also the practicalities of it working as intended as the control to exclude traffic to **Fieldway** and **Longmeadow** would be problematic and would undoubtedly raise many objections.

***Problematic***

***I agree that it is again problematic, Yet if the crossing were positioned as per my sketch (incidentally exactly where the Lollipop lady used to operate, a very fearless lady me thinks) it may make restricted access more viable. The crossing ideally would be the pelican type as near the junction with Withen's Lane;***

**Option 4**

Introduce a physical division in FS at a point just south of FC, with a throttle into FS south. This would give one-way (southbound) traffic on the northern section but two-way on the Southern section. There are only 4 private drive way accesses on this section all with multiple off-street parking, there is also the Childcare centre with 8 parking spaces with adequate turning space.

All traffic markings would need to be revised with special consideration for the school

Control of movement from the northern section into the southern section would be problematic until it becomes customary to the area. This will be a problem to regulatory authorities because of the one-off nature of the scheme and the possibility of misuse.

***Problematic***

***I agree it would most probably make matters far worse;***



Outlook

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**Re: Cycle track**

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**From** Tracey Lambert <[redacted]>**Date** Wed 07/05/2025 14:17**To** Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk>; gillian.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk  
<gillian.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk>

Hi, I just wondered whether my suggestion of a cycle track in Weaverham was discussed at the environment committee? Please see below.

Also I have a few other items that I would appreciate you putting on your agenda.

I wanted to ask about the dilapidated building next to the Turkish restaurant which looks awful in the village and must be a health and safety risk with rats probably. Can the PC please put pressure on to have to knocked down or refurbished? It's been there for years.

Also when using the alley way from church lane to Tesco it's such a disgrace with broken glass and litter. Would it be possible to put new fences up to block off the parts where people can loiter? I am concerned about the safety of myself and children walking down there and the opportunity it presents for trouble. If it was just a narrow walkway that would close it off for drinking and smoking.

Thanks for responding on the youth club. I would imagine parents would be happy to help raise funds and maybe future PC events could have a small charge towards the refurbishment. Bonfire night this year could ask for donations for example as well as grant applications you may be making. We do need better facilities and activities for children of high school age. A bike track would be perfect with all the fast drivers we seem to have on our roads.

Thanks in advance

Tracey

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Nov 2024, at 10:56, Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Tracey,

Thank you for your email and the suggestions you have made.

So far as the old Youth Club in concerned it is currently the Council's intention to replace the existing building with a new building and we are working with our architect to firm up the plans for this. We will also need to raise some significant grants to support the money that the Council has set aside for the redevelopment.

I will bring your email to the attention of our Environment Committee at their next meeting.

Kind regards

**Pete**



Peter Wilkinson  
Joint Acting Clerk to Weaverham Parish Council  
01606 854451

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**From:** Tracey Lambert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 27 November 2024 23:31  
**To:** Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk>; gillian.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cycle track

Hi I sent the below email a while ago but didn't receive a reply. Could you please let me know your thoughts. It would be good to provide more facilities for young people in the village. Is there an update on the youth club building at all?

Thanks  
Tracey Lambert

Sent from my iPhone

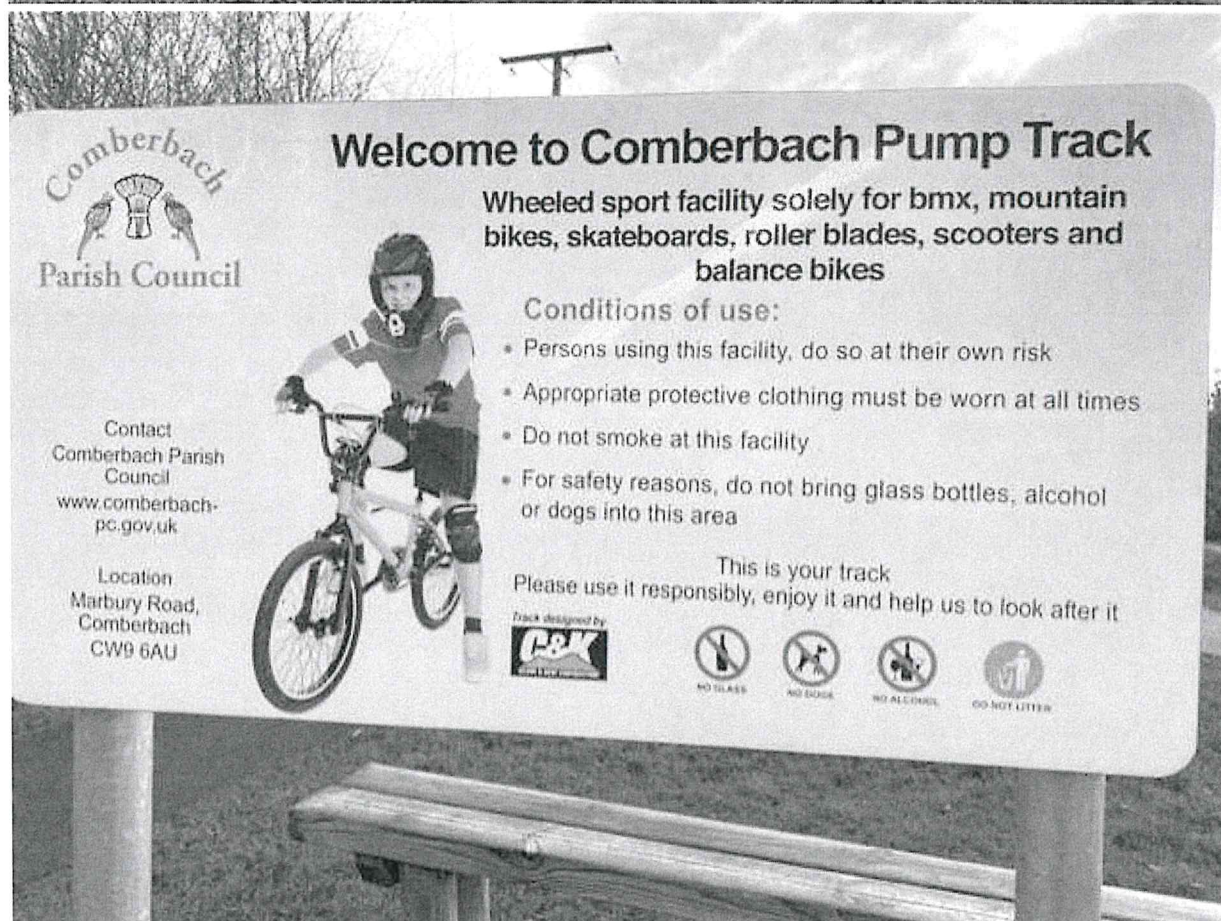
Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tracey Lambert <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** 14 January 2024 at 12:03:17 GMT  
**To:** gillian.edwards@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Cycle track

Hi Gillian  
Hope you are well.  
I wonder if you can please talk to the Parish council about a bmx pump track or cycle track in Weaverham? There is space by the old youth club. I took my son to comberbach last weekend to their pump track and we could really do with this in Weaverham as there is nowhere to safely cycle in the village. The other idea is a cycle track around the edge of the lake house field. Kids could learn to ride their bikes there and it wouldn't interfere with football pitches etc. I've attached pics of the pump track and the contractors name. I see children cycling on busy roads so would be worth the investment. As much as the free events the PC put on are good I'd like to see the money go towards something permanent for the children. We moved from a small chester village recently that had a pump track and feel there is not much for children from 10 yrs upwards in Weaverham.  
Thanks for considering.  
Kind regards  
Tracey









Outlook

**Re: Council Agenda**

From Iain Lasseter <iain.fineswim@hotmail.co.uk>

Date Mon 28/04/2025 11:05

To Clerk <Clerk@weaverhamppc.co.uk>

Hi Ade

Just a couple of things from last week.

Can we 1. under Clerks matters, include getting a small skip to tidy the remaining rubbish from the shed by the pool.

2. For Environment, request a bike rack, to be located on the tarmac side, next to the shed, by the pool

I will be at the meeting around 7.25pm, as am in the pool until 7.15pm, so give my apologies

Cheers Iain






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**RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025**


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**From** Michelle Gillett <Michelle.Gillett@cheshire.police.uk>

**Date** Fri 23/05/2025 13:59

**To** Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk>

No it should be fine, thank you!

**From:** Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk>

**Sent:** 23 May 2025 08:43

**To:** Michelle Gillett <Michelle.Gillett@cheshire.police.uk>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025

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Michelle, I cant get this approved till end of June is this going to be a problem?

Ade

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**From:** Michelle Gillett <Michelle.Gillett@cheshire.police.uk>

**Sent:** 22 May 2025 17:53

**To:** Clerk <Clerk@weaverhampc.co.uk>

**Subject:** Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025

Ade

As discussed, can you let the school know asap so it can be booked.

Thanks

**From:** Admin WPA <admin@weaverhamacademy.org.uk>

**Sent:** 20 May 2025 09:43

**To:** Michelle Gillett <Michelle.Gillett@cheshire.police.uk>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025

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Hi Michelle

Please see below for the coach quotation to take the children to Safety Central in September. Please can you let me know if this is ok and I will reply back to Walkers and book the coach?

Many thanks

Jo

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** <galla@holmeswood.uk.com>

**Date:** Tue, 20 May 2025 at 09:36

**Subject:** RE: Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025

**To:** Admin WPA <admin@weaverhamacademy.org.uk>



Hi Jo

Thank you for your quotation request. Please find listed below the price we have for you:

30 seat vehicle

**Price: £350.00**

The above is a quotation only and no booking has been made. If you would like to book or have any questions please contact us

Many Thanks

~~Gail~~

**From:** Admin WPA <[admin@weaverhamacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@weaverhamacademy.org.uk)>

**Sent:** 19 May 2025 14:19

**To:** Gail <~~[gail@linwood-uk.com](mailto:gail@linwood-uk.com)~~>

**Subject:** Coach Hire Request - Monday 22nd September 2025

Hi Gail, Tina

Please could you provide me with a quote for a coach to take the children to and from Safety Central in Lymm on Monday 22nd September. Leaving school at 9am and then returning in time for the end of the school day. There will be approx 23 children and 4 adults.

Thanks very much.

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~~Jo Wright~~

Office Manager

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**Weaverham Primary Academy promotes the work-life balance of its staff. We do not expect our staff to respond immediately to e-mails or respond outside of normal working hours nor to send emails of thanks for replying.**

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~~Jo Wright~~

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Outlook

**Re: Oaks at 80 ceremonial tree and Memorial Woodland Copse Proposals**

From Clerk <Clerk@weaverhamppc.co.uk>  
Date Tue 27/05/2025 06:46  
To Ben Greenaway <ben.greenaway@merseyforest.org.uk>

Ben, thank you for your proposal. I will put this to council on June 23rd which is our next council meeting.

It was good to see you. I will be back in touch once I have had the necessary approvals.

Regards  
Ade

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From: Ben Greenaway <ben.greenaway@merseyforest.org.uk>  
Sent: 23 May 2025 16:14  
To: Clerk <Clerk@weaverhamppc.co.uk>  
Subject: RE: Oaks at 80 ceremonial tree and Memorial Woodland Copse Proposals

Hi Adrian

Please find attached plan for a Memorial Woodland copse at Lake House Field Weaverham. Please see the costings that make up a potential grant sum from us. (SEE ALL TABS)

Some savings can be made on the Gross sum that includes fencing and wildflowers by using volunteer planters to save on labour and by getting free trees.

Otherwise, you may need to ring fence some spend from your reserves which may be a useful interim backstop to cover yourself if savings or unexpected contingencies arise.

All other support from Mersey Forest is FOC.

If you want me to run through anything let me know.

We can in the meantime replace one Oak and plant another pending your ceremonies in August. You will need to water them in over the coming months.

If you want to go ahead, please let me know and I can make a formal offer.

Kind Regards

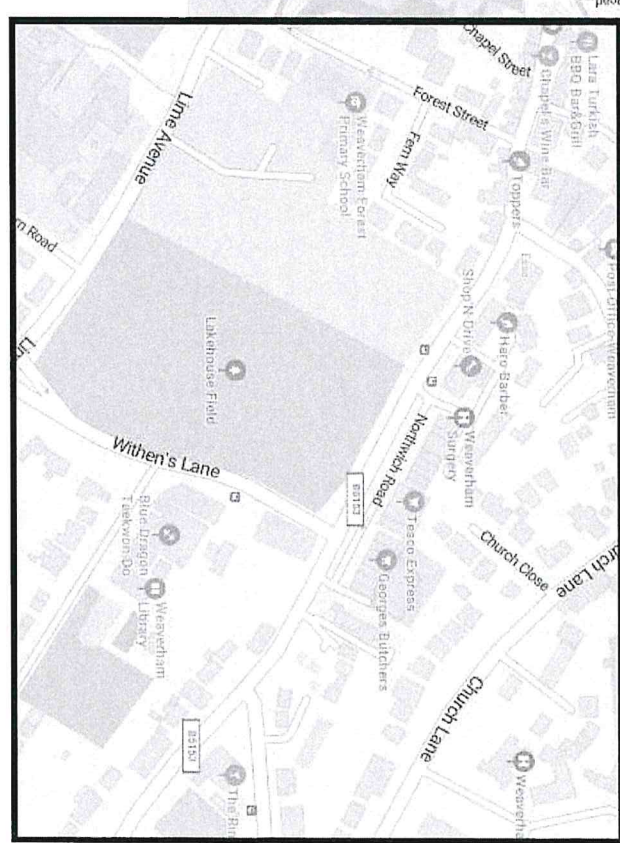
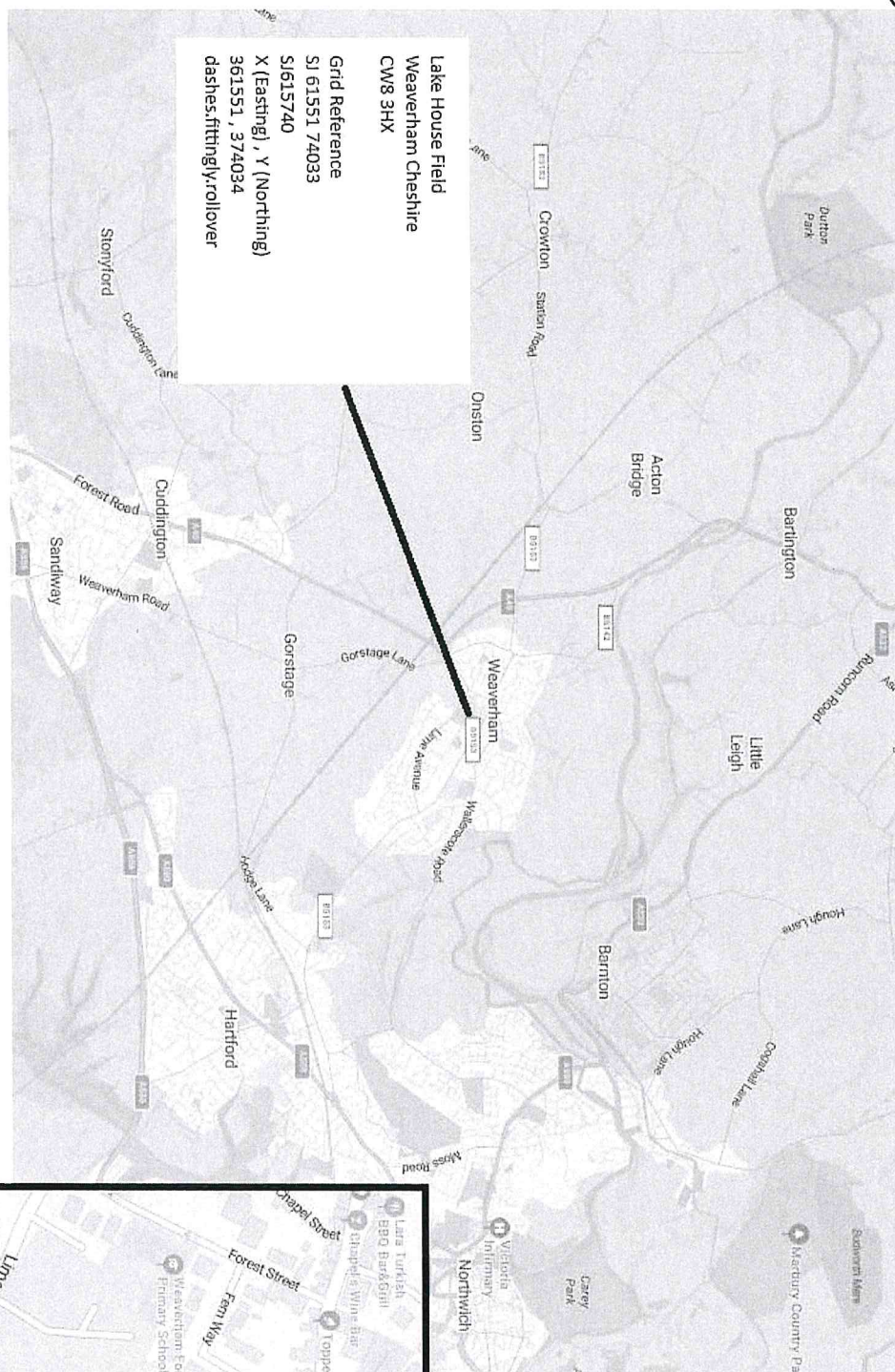
Ben

Grant sum estimated cost based on area	5900
total costs	7280.01
shortfall	1380.01
SAVINGS	£1,220.00
Net shortfall	£660.01

Site	Gross Grant 24/25 £5,500.00 Site Claims Guide	
AS, SC, SP, or P, for the 2m grid	NET spend	£7777777
(Middlowers: We have proposals for 12200m <sup>2</sup> – all of the middlowers are within the open space calculations.		

Standard Trees	130
Screeding of turf using a 600mm wide bucket on a small digger - scrape and flip turf to create a planting area for each tree at 2m spacings	
Gross Area	Ha
not planned	0.22 m2
path at 6m width	0.46
	0.05
leaves, brush, post and turf with sheep	2200 all in fenced wood open space
metring	110
Possible cost savings ? SEE CELL B35	
community planning	
with support	
turf supply by	
private organisation	
FREE	
AI Messey Forest	
support and	
coordination is FREE	







Weaverham Memorial Wood Oaksat80

Differentially mown edges (longer) to prevent wandering into planted areas.



Infrequently cut to encourage wild plants

new woodland shrubby tree species

Rowan, Guelder Rose, Birch, Hawthorn, Spindle Blackthorn, Wayfaring Tree, Hazel



Post and wire fence with sheep netting



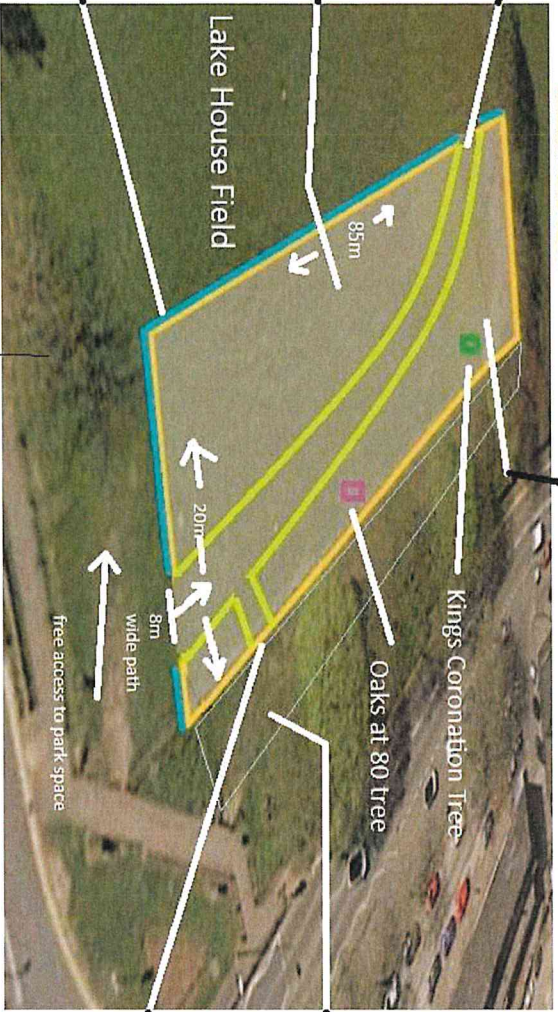
Woodland thinning can be used for dead wood hedging for access control or habitat piles



new woodland larger tree species



Sessile (Welsh) Oak, lime, Hornbeam, Manna Ash, Elm, English Oak, Wild Cherry, Bird Cherry, Sweet Chestnut, Scots Pine. Giant Redwood.



Dog walking area

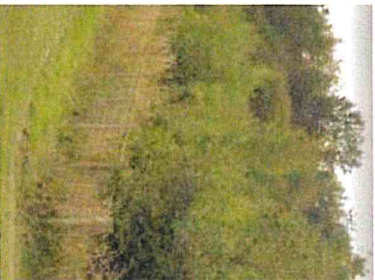


existing maintenance gate

Exposure to nature improves wellbeing - relaxation, mindfulness, forest bathing



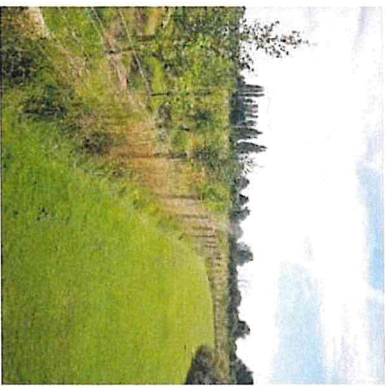
Bluebell and other wildflower seed sown into woodland



Community involvement in planting aids adoption and acceptance of new woodland



fruiting and nut trees in mix







Dear Customer

Important announcement from TWM Traffic Control Systems

It is with sincere regret that we inform you of our decision to close TWM Traffic Control Systems after more than 22 years of dedicated service. This decision has been driven by the ongoing challenging economic conditions.

Despite the remarkable efforts of our team, who have developed innovative products over the years, rising supply chain costs and price pressures have made it increasingly difficult for a smaller company like ours to continue operating sustainably.

As of today, 28th March 2025, we will continue to fulfil orders based on current available stock only. If you have any outstanding orders, we will reach out to you directly to discuss the next steps.

Please rest assured that we remain committed to honouring warranties for fulfilled orders as much as we are able, and we'll do our best to ensure you are taken care of. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, we encourage you to contact us at [sales@twmtraffic.com](mailto:sales@twmtraffic.com)

We sincerely thank you for your trust and support over the years. It has been a privilege to serve you, and we are proud to see our technology in the communities where we live and work. We wish you all the best for the future.

Warm regards

The TWM Traffic Control Systems Team



## **CHESHIRE GROUND CARE LTD**

Wychwood, The Hurst  
Kingsley, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 8AS  
United Kingdom

Tel: 01606 853470  
Mobile: 07734 037922  
Email: cheshiregroundcare@outlook.com

To: Weaverham Parish Council

### **QUOTE**

Date: 25/03/25  
Expiry Date: 25/04/25  
Reference: Height Barrier  
Quote Number: SQ-2278

### **HEIGHT BARRIER**

To supply and install height barrier to youth club as requested.

Based on your requirements we would quote a price of £1770.00 plus VAT.

\*Please note that VAT is charged at the standard rate of 20%

If you have any queries or would like us to carry out this work, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your business!