



# South Milford Parish Council

## Quarry Land Improvements

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South Milford Parish Council

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## Overview

South Milford Parish Council would like to make improvements to common land on Westfield Lane close to Westfield Close so that the space which is often used by walkers can be enjoyed by more people in the village.

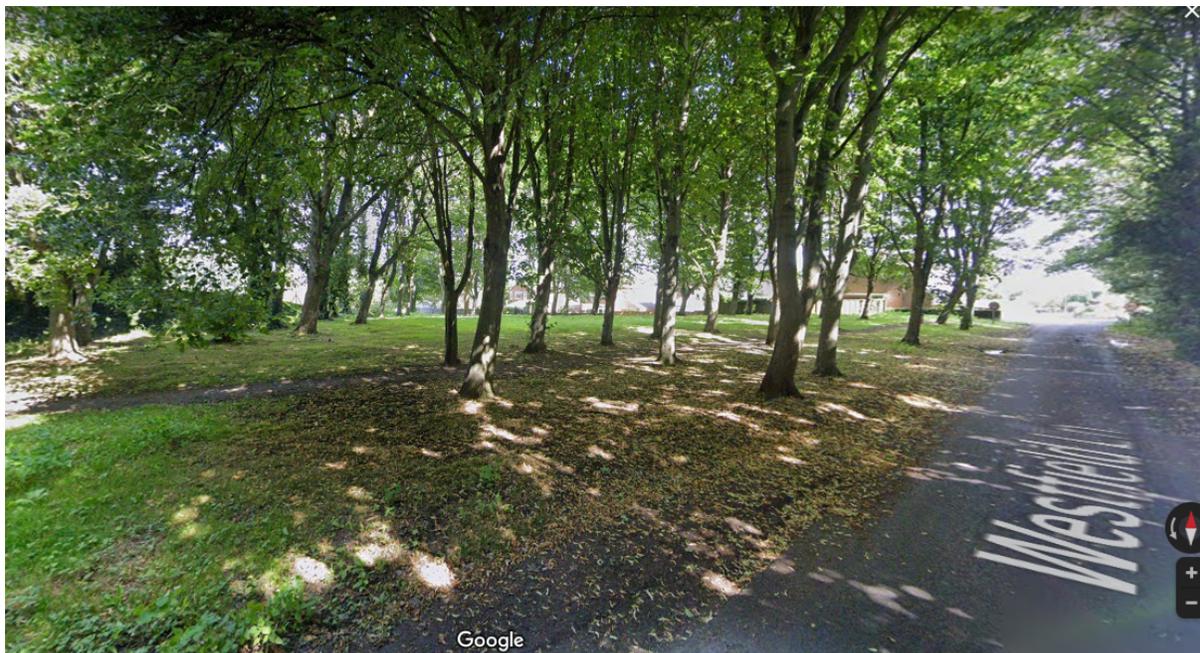
## Goals

1. Improve the land so that residents can make better use of the space, whilst retaining the natural integrity of the space;
2. Utilise the council funding to provide value for money;
3. Improve the area for wildlife.

## Specifications

### Site

The area is by a well used road - though it is currently frequented by walkers. Any improvements made should present no higher highway danger than is inherent currently.



## Fencing and Paths

Fencing that is sensitive to the surroundings should be a serious consideration. Low-maintenance and natural style paths weaving through the area would also be welcome.



## Play Equipment

There should be small natural equipment on which children can play but this should not be the larger type of equipment seen in playgrounds.





## Seating

The Parish Council would like to include some seating - again, the style should be natural.



## Encouraging Wildlife

The Parish Council would like ideas on how the area can be improved to encourage more wildlife to the area - some ideas are:

- Installing bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog shelters;
- Planting shade-loving shrubs and ferns to provide more interest and ground cover for wildlife;
- Planting shade-loving bulbs (for example, bluebells, cyclamen and wood anemones) for interest and to invite bees;
- Offering a water source.

## Constraints and Milestones

### I. Planning

The proposals will be subject to planning permission.

### II. Budget

The project will be funded by Section 106 monies; the amount available is £7000.

The Parish Council would consider funding additional costs subject to the amount and the benefit derived.

### III. Access

Existing access by landowners of adjacent land must not be impeded.

This adjacent land is bordered by an electric fence so this must be factored in when considering the design to ensure safety of people and wildlife.

### IV. Timescales

Section 106 monies must be applied for by July 2022 else the money is lost, therefore, the project must be underway by then.

## V. Key Tasks

- Design and present a costed proposal to South Milford Parish Council;
  - This would need to include an assessment of the existing trees.
- Submit and manage the planning application;
- Project manage the implementation.