

The working group continues to monitor the current situation. A bi-annual review and site meeting has taken place. Comments on local social media and full council are noted.

- The overall appearance of the site is currently suboptimal. The following action has been agreed.
 - The lengthsman will clear the roadside and up to a metre inside our boundary as soon as he is able. He has been asked to prioritise this work. Clippings etc will be left onsite but in a careful manner.
 - He will clip the ivy, from the trees and the effectiveness of this action will be reviewed in the spring of 2019
 - A risk assessment survey with a qualified arboriculture consultant is arranged for Tuesday 6th November. (This being just one part of the bi-ennial assessment of all trees on Parish Council land). Only the trees for which we are responsible, will be reviewed with particular reference requested to those in and around the former pool.
 - The finance committee, as a matter of principle, has agreed to look sympathetically on any costs involved in complying with the survey's recommendations. Thus, enabling swift action where appropriate

- The PC has previously agreed to allow the pool to return to a natural wetland, but at all times reviewing other options. We will consult with Worcestershire County Council and Worcester Wildlife Trust. We have successfully registered for the natural networks scheme on active ways of managing the site, balancing the appearance and ecological demands. A meeting with them, involving a site survey, is arranged for the 8th November 2018.
- The full council should review progress at its meeting in December 2018, endeavouring to agree time specific action in 2019.
- The desire of returning the former mill pool to its pre June 2016 status is still an aspiration for some residents
 - The PC agreed to be open to listen and support any group of residents wishing to organise another restoration project. At the last review in 2017, the costs of restoration, both the initial project and ongoing maintenance, were assessed as too large for the PC.
 - The P.C. must consult with 'North Worcester Water Management' on any proposed change and follow its guidance. This is ongoing
 - This organisation has been recently contacted and an updated review of the situation and outline updated cost will be reassessed. The legal liability is vast.
 - A sale of the pool may also be debated. This is to be considered again at a future full council meeting
- We will report on our progress, keeping residents informed by all means.

Councillor Bob Morgan November 2018

