



## Community Buildings Meeting

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Number: CB032 – To consider the next stage of work at the Angela Fox Nature Garden, Queen’s Hall**

### 1. Introduction

The Angela Fox Nature Garden is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of development. The previous 2 years have seen considerable clearing of the site and the landscaping of the lower section of the garden. The next phase for completion in 2023 will see the landscaping of the upper section of the garden take place, and ensuring the security of the garden.

### 2. Proposal

The following items are proposed for completion:

- Log mountain. Arrange to chop them down into smaller pieces which can then be offered out to the community to come and collect for free. This will be the cheapest and easiest way of removing most of it. We could then keep some of the middle-sized pieces and relocate to the other end of the garden if desired or allow everything to be taken away.
- Install the existing willow panels to the far end of the garden (near Cuckfield Rec) as permanent fencing, extending the garden as far as possible into the tree line, to stop dog walkers etc using the space by making garden access secure.
- Level the top section of the garden, building a retaining wall along the existing hedge line between the garden and the Queen’s Hall and at a right angle along from the gabion wall. Plant additional hedging in this section if required to make it more attractive.
- Allow a gap for a sloping pathway to be installed as a continuation of the existing pathway, using the pavements left over from the installation of parking bays at the Village Hall.
- Install a 3m high wire support line along the entire south boundary, providing support for the pleached trees and also support for a mixture of climbing, flowering, scented plants. These can also be used to plug the gaps between the pleached trees if we do not want to purchase any more – it’s not the right time of year to plant these anyway. The wires will also be installed in tiers in front of the brick wall to support the climbers, and eventually hide the Helme & Hallett yard.
- Create large, raised beds ready for planting using sleepers on the levelled area. I’ve indicated 4 but there could be more beds depending on the design of the pathway.

Once the infrastructure is completed, a significant amount of planting will be required. This will be reviewed and quoted for later in the year, as this phase of work nears completion.

3. **Costs**

Chainlink Framework along the south boundary	£1,380.06
Installation of existing rear fence panels	£887.80
Ash tree logs cut up for people to collect	£360.00
Ramp connecting existing lower section to top section (does not include cost to install pavements)	£374.40
Top area dug out and levelled	£1,120.00
Retaining wall along existing hedge between garden and Queen's Hall and lower garden to retain the bank	£1,309.67

This is a total of £5,431.93 ex VAT.

A total of £15,000 has been allowed for development work within the garden in the 2023-24 budget, and we have approx £3,956 to use from the 2022-23 budget.

Further work required will be the installation of raised beds and pathways around the top section. These will be designed and quoted once the above work has been completed.

4. **Recommendations**

The recommendation is to proceed with this work urgently, especially to secure the garden and install the chainlink framework to protect the pleached trees from any further damage (subject to checking whether planning permission would be required for this).

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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023



SECURE FENCE  
INSTALLED  
ALONG REAR  
BE USING WILLOW  
PANELS

LOGS  
MOVED TO  
HERE!



3M HIGH  
WIRE SUPPORT  
INSTALLED ALONG  
ENTIRE BOUNDARY

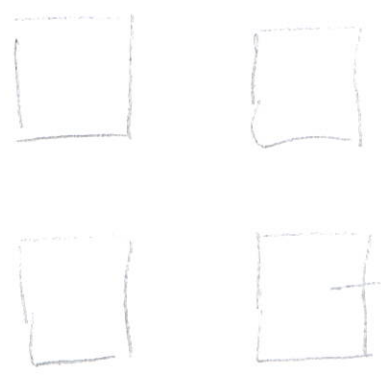
FLOWER BED  
TO BE  
PLANTED



FLOWER  
BED

TO BE  
PLANTED

PLANTING SCENTED  
CLIMBERS



LOW  
RETAINING  
WALL  
SLEEPERS

RAISED  
BEDS

QUEEN'S HALL

TOP SECTION



FUTURE HEDGE  
REMOVAL + ARCH.