

The working group met with Alan Turner from the Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS) to discuss the best way forward for us re fundraising. After going through all the pros and cons, we have decided not to join the Duxford Community Centre (DCC) charity, but instead will form a non-affiliated group "Friends of Brewery Field" or Friends of Duxford Community Green Spaces" (name tbc) and to use this as a vehicle for fundraising. Although this group will not have the advantage of being a charity, it will provide a freedom to fundraise that we would not have within the DCC and the loss of money due to non charitable status was seen to be minor in comparison to the ease of getting started as a non-affiliated association. A draft constitution is being drawn up in line with that required for charities, should we wish at some time in the future to change status. By doing this, if the annual income is regularly greater than £5K, we can easily convert to charitable status at a later date. The constitution will be written with Brewery Field in mind, but will be wide enough that it can be used for other community green areas in the Parish afterwards.

Envirocare will mow the short areas of the field once before the airshow in July. After the airshow, we have yet to find someone to cut and remove the hay for us. As there is ragwort in the field, we may not be able to sell the hay for animal feed. If anyone can help us, please contact the Clerk. The hay needs removing as to leave it lying would be detrimental to the development of a successful wildflower meadow.

We would like DPC to consider funding from precept, a maintenance contract to mow short grass areas of the field every 2 months and to cut the hedges on the north and west boundaries twice per year (specifically excluding those hedges bordering Elms Close, which will remain the responsibility of the residents). This maintenance contract would become effective in the Autumn of 2018 when the hedge will need cutting.

The field is owned by DPC and will become an area from which the whole community will benefit, so this request to fund from precept seems logical. We feel that such an important village asset should be maintained in the same way as other community areas such as the Rec, the Biggen etc.

In addition, we are asking DPC to fund one more cut over the entire field, just prior to the September airshow (this will be after the hay has been removed).

As we are not yet ready to move forward, we have extended the landscaping tender by one month and will select one of the 3 candidates at the August DPC meeting.

The construction of the entrances will be put out to tender as 3 separate jobs, as the vehicle entrance will need to be completed first. We expect to comply with all the planning conditions and be able to start work on the interior of the site in the near future.

Proposals for July DPC:

- **To request DPC to fund from precept, a future a maintenance contract to mow the field every 2 months and to cut the hedges on the north and west boundaries twice per year (specifically excluding those hedges bordering Elms Close, which will remain the responsibility of the residents).**
- **To agree to fund 1 more cut, over the whole field, (after the hay has been taken) just prior to the September IWM air show.**

If you are unable to attend the DPC meetings and wish to make specific comments, please either:

- email clerk@duxfordvillage.com
- use the 'contact us' tab on the www.duxfordvillage.com website;
- attend a Parish Council surgery, normally the first Saturday of the month at the Laceys Way community centre;
- leave a comment on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Duxfordgreen>, or
- write to The Clerk, Duxford Parish Council, 24b Laceys Way, Duxford