

Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Update on 'no-mow' scheme and agree next steps

Report to: Planning and Development Committee 26-03

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under: Environment Act 2021

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and it should be considered as the basis of all decision and policy making

Public Sector Equality Duty (*Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act*) The areas selected will be used to support conservation and biodiversity in-line with the environment act. Existing pathways will be maintained and areas used for sport and recreation.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

This supports the council's and parishes effort to reduce its carbon footprint, with the draft plan moving 16,500m² from being on the grass cutting cycle, to being managed to increase bio-diversity, habitats, and contribute to reducing carbon emissions in the area.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal¹

It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241)[Tick]

Decision making

✓Finances

✓Property

✓Staff

Events

✓Legal

Inspections

Written/verbal

✓communication

Insurance

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment including risk management proposals for consideration been included for consideration and adoption by the council? (Financial Regulation 17b)

No.

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?



Background

- Local councils have a duty under the Environment Act 2021 to conserve and enhance biodiversity. This is being taken into account in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (2025-2040) policies.
- Last year council agreed to trial 'no mow' areas during the growing season, with comms and signage to inform residents during the process.
- Reducing grass cutting in certain appropriate areas is helping to create biodiversity corridors/beelines.
- Based on feedback from the bio-diversity meeting with councillors, it was agreed to trial areas in 2025, with feedback to be collated. Where appropriate, areas could then be amended.
- Maintenance strips alongside paths/roads were cut for safety/visibility/prevent overgrowth.

The trial was successful with only two adjustments of areas, in response to resident feedback.

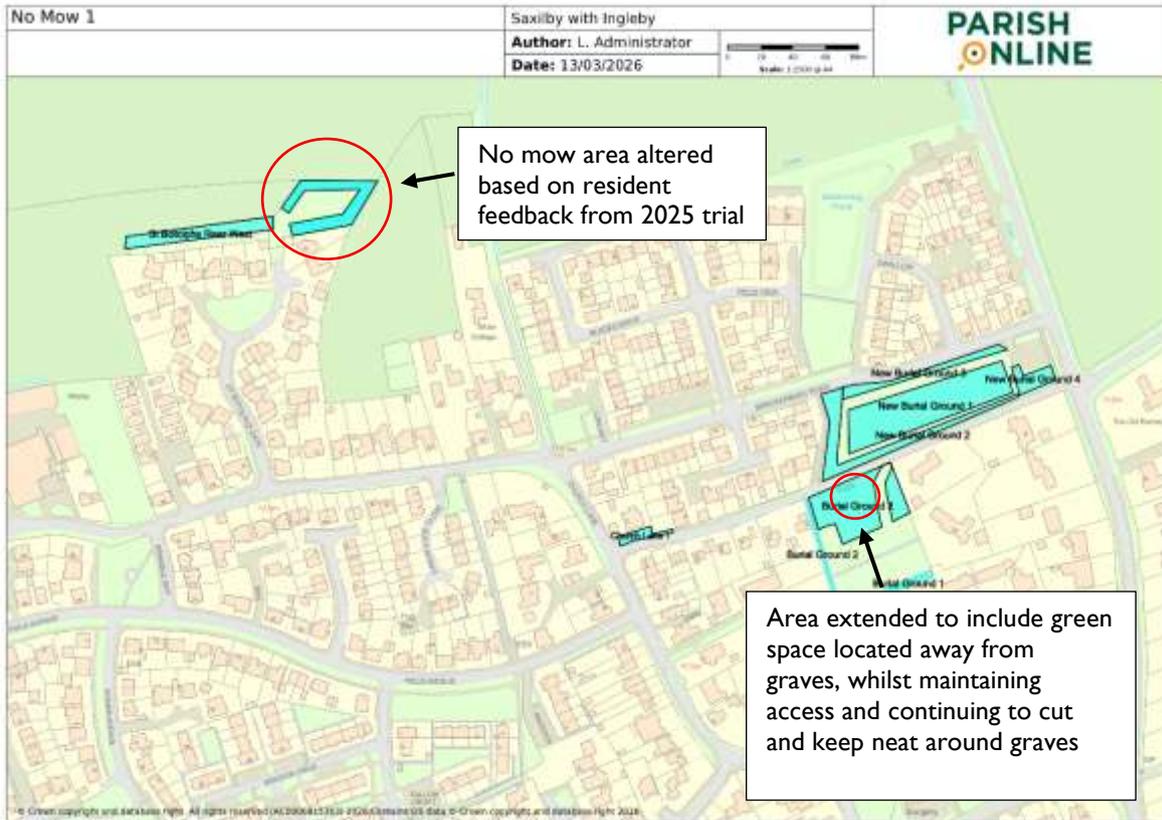
- These were to add Sellars Walk back to the cutting schedule and remove from the no mow scheme.
- To cut St Botolph's Rear East in the centre, so it can be used recreationally (and leave around the edges for wildlife)

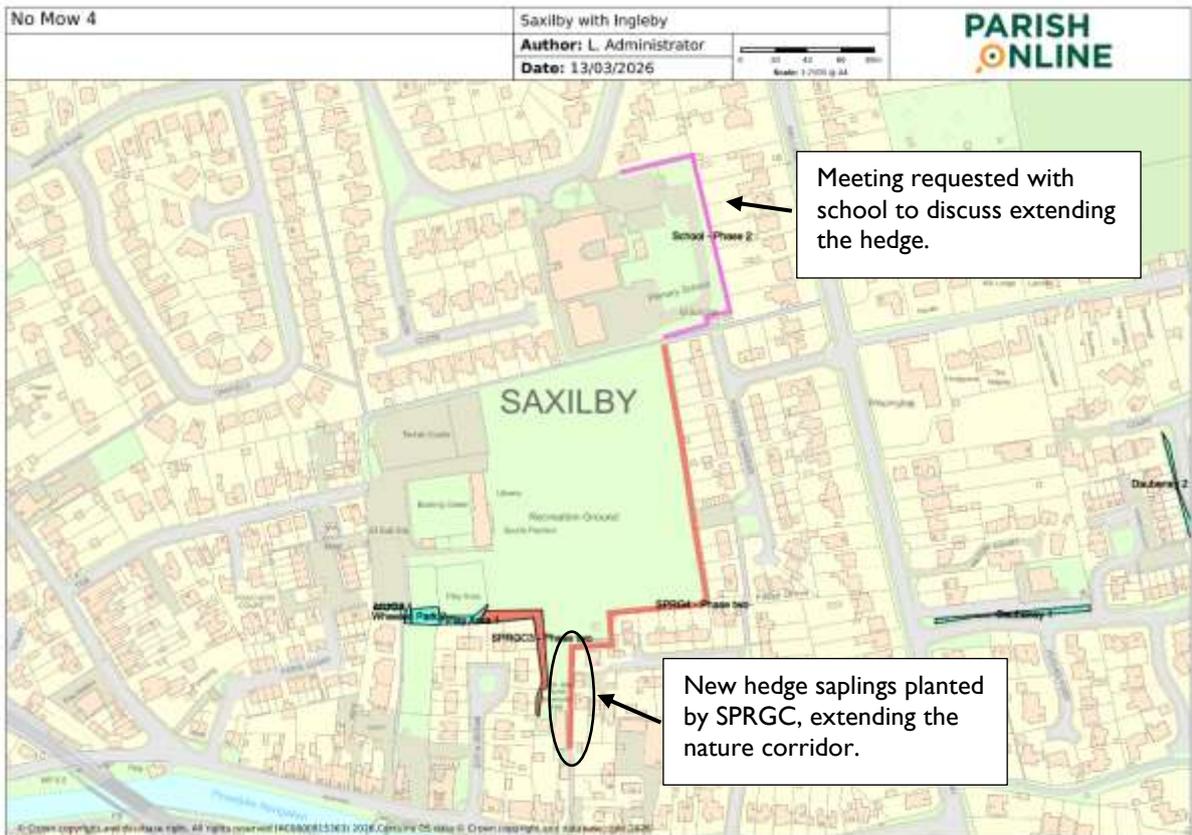
Next Steps

It was proposed that phase two could look to collaborate with residents and local organisations to see if they would like to become involved to extend the biodiversity corridors.



No Mow Areas:







No Mow 5

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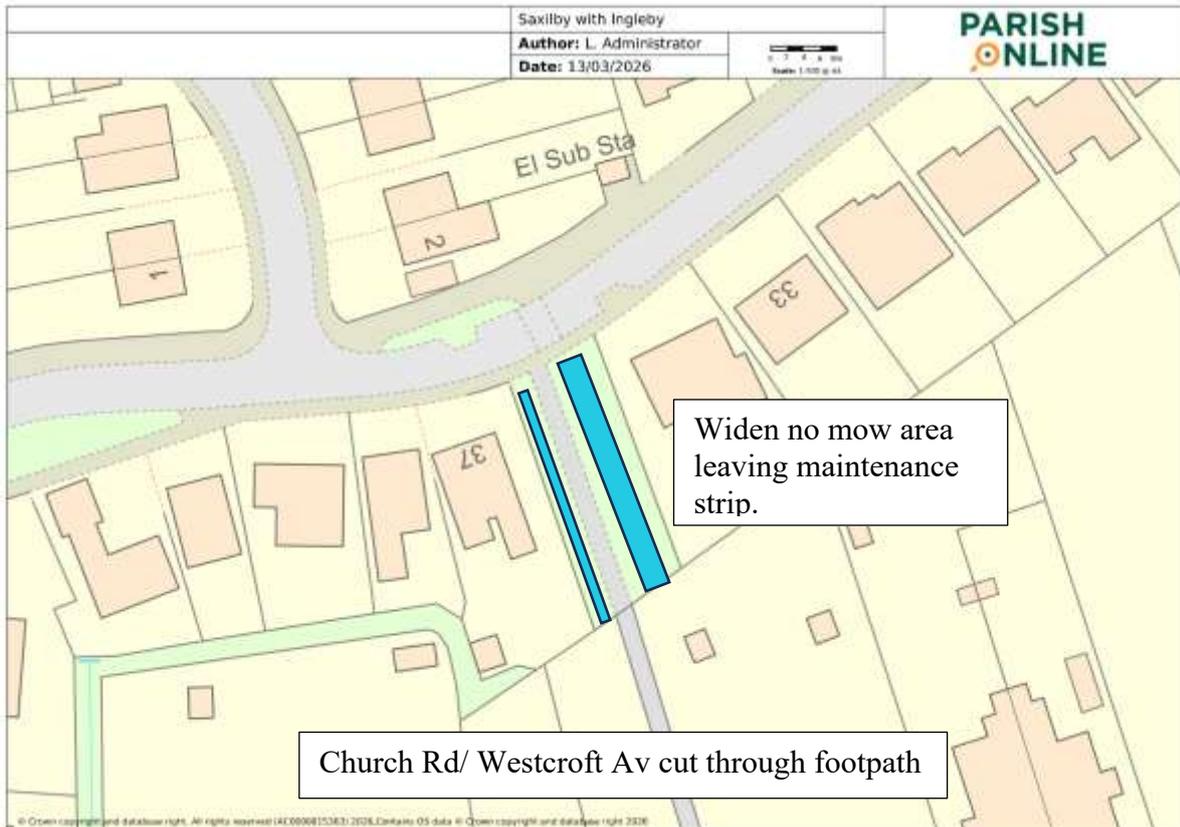


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Widen no mow area
leaving maintenance
strip.

Church Rd/ Westcroft Av cut through footpath

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RECOMMENDATION(S):

That committee notes the report and resolves to:

1. Note the updated no mow maps and continue scheme embedding practices.
2. Inform residents by sharing comms on the scheme
3. Re-install signage on green spaces
4. Seek to extend the bio-diversity corridor by promoting to
 - a. Residents and
 - b. Local organisations including Sykes Lane Green Space owner