

For the PC meeting on 19th January

ITEM 17. THE THREE COCKED HAT

The SWT survey noted that the following actions would improve the natural habitats of the 3 cocked hat.

Tree crown thinning. The tree survey will identify any necessary tree works for H&S purposes. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that PC budgets will have the funds for further tree works needed to improve the natural environment.

Mowing the grass on a 2-to-3-year cycle. The verges of the 3CH are cut by highways to ensure clear sight lines for traffic. Can the PC consider including the 3CH for an autumn cut and rake on a 3 yearly cycle. This to be included with the Broom Hill and church yard annual cut.

A spring or autumn working party can reduce the bramble encroachment and clear litter.

Reduce the encroachment of the highway and vehicle parking. The Broom Hill working group report of **13th October** included the following:

“It is recommended that Council consider steps to protect the natural environment of the 3 Cocked Hat. Possible actions being to put in a physical boundary to the layby e.g a line of logs, a litter bin, and some signage.”

However, all members of the working group were absent due to illness and **minute 413** does not record any decisions being made.

At the meeting of 19th January, could the PC **please consider and take decisions** over the following:

1. Can the 3CH can be included in the annual grass cut and rake on a 3 yearly cycle.
2. Can the boundary of the parking layby on the 3CH be marked in some way. A low line of logs fixed with upright stakes for example.
3. Can the PC fund a litter bin adjacent to the layby? A large quantity of litter is discarded from parked vehicles. A bin can be emptied by MSDC as it is next to the highway.
4. Can the PC consider placing a small sign on each of the 3 sides of the 3CH to explain that it is a valuable natural habitat and ask that drivers do not park on the grass etc.

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