

SUMMARY OF THE ORCHARD PROPOSAL AT THE BROOM, DOSTHILL

Enclosed:

Proposal for the Community Orchard in the Broom, Dosthill

Background information for Dosthill and Two Gates Residents' Association ('Association')

Plan showing Location of 18 apple trees in the Broom, Dosthill

Provided by the Association to come before the Charities Committee on November 19th 2019.

Background

This matter has been to The Charities Committee before regards a request for an Orchard and Football goal posts.

The Committee requested more detail regards the proposal which have now been received from the Association and which are attached.

The two Associations joined in 2015 and meet regularly to discuss local issues and raise money for projects. They are among other things local, focused on maintaining and improving the Broom for use by the local community.

Some work has already been undertaken, clearing and maintenance/ clearing brambles etc. around the edge of the Broom, installation of benches, and litter picks are regularly arranged by the Association. Signs are intended to be erected etc. bet boxes, compost bins and now the Womens' Institute have proposed an orchard to further improve the Broom.

Please see attached proposal for more detail.

Maintenance

Groups, families and individuals who help to maintain and develop the Broom, including Dosthill and Two Gates Residents Association, have volunteered to preserve the proposed community orchard.

Funding

The purchase of the trees and all maintenance would be fully funded by the members of the Dosthill WI.

Insurance

As far as Staffordshire County Council officers are aware currently, there is no public liability insurance for the Brooms. The Dosthill charity have no cash assets or other liquid investments other than the land itself and therefore funding for this ongoing expense needs to be considered. compassionate

Current Status:

- Officers have invited the Association to consider and respond regarding insurance and funding of the necessary premiums. This correspondence was copied to the member for Tamworth BC who have previously worked with the Association regards Tamworth in Bloom. A response is currently outstanding.
- Ian Gough, Risk and Insurance Manager at Staffordshire County Council, has sought quotes for the insurance to be able to assist the Committee to resolve the issue. The value of the land needs to be established for this premium to be obtained.
- Staffordshire County Council estates officers are working on the property value to facilitate obtaining estimates for PL insurance and a report will be brought back to Charities Committee shortly.