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Subject: Greenfield space at the Potlocks

The history of the greenspace is long and detailed. In brief, the building permission for 3 houses was rejected in 2018 after the builder erected a fence around the land, As a result of the rejection the builder ploughed up the land exposing bricks and paving slabs dumped there during the original building of the Potlocks.He was told to reinstate it to its original state. His attempt to do this was far from the original state. The bricks and slabs were simply spread over the land leaving them exposed. SDDC raised this fact to the appropriate planning department who told the builder to abide by the ruling that the land must be reinstated to its original state.

The builder has never abided by this demand. Despite a number of requests my last information was that SDDC does not have the funds to pursue the matter in court.

So it would be likely that the area designated as a recreational area would be left a dangerous and unsightly mess, very dangerous to any children playing on the area and unsightly due to the fact that it was impossible to cut the grass due to the debris.

Since 2018 a resident took it upon himself to clear the debris. He made significant improvements and filled skips with the results of his ongoing labours.

In the last year it has become possible to mow the grass. To this end the resident took it on himself to purchase a sit-on mower but due to ill health was not able to perform the cutting. This has been undertaken by another resident and is now in a far superior state. (See pictures)

This example of a resident giving up time and money to improve the green,designated as an "ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE" in the village plan deserves some recognition.

The mower cost £700 and needed repairs to the clutch costing £300.

On their behalf I am requesting that the Parish council recognise the efforts of the resident and reimburse the costs he has incurred as it appears unlikely that neither the builder or SDDC wil ever take responsibility.

regards

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The first picture shows the first cutting of the green using a petrol mower which took a number of days to complete.

The second picture shows the latest cutting taking just a few hours incurred. (DELETED AS IDENTIFIES AN INDIVIDUAL).