



# Pond Working Group Meeting

## 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Zoom)

It was raised to note the Million ponds project fresh water habitats trust and refer to this for guidance.

CLlr Selman confirmed that the test pits had been completed to test the ability of the proposed site to hold water.

D. Hanks raised that we should not tidy up after contractor as the groves of the digger create micro habitats. Would need to do more test holes to ensure it would hold water.

D. Hanks highlighted the ground is clay soil so possible it will fill with surface water. Recommend several test holes across site (million pond project). Did not change much as dug down so different depths not required. If they don't hold water may need liner. FWAG recommend not adding plants, just allowing a fresh water source and allowing the pond to eventually colonise naturally.

Volunteers could dig out the surrounding wetland area and a digger used to dig the main pond.

Nature Officer suggested considering creation of a bee bank using left over earth.

**ACTION: Nature Officer to seek quote for removal of trees with ash dieback at the proposed pond site.**

**ACTION: To investigate contractors to dig the pond using digger.**

**ACTION: to fence off small area and dig multiple larger test hole and leave for timeframe. To investigate best option for fencing off a test pit area and use delegated money to clerk to purchase fence and signage.**

**ACTION: D. Hanks to check suitable storage location at Centenary Field for the dead hedge material.**

**ACTION: D.Hanks to draw out pond design specification for contractors. Daisy to send David hanks ecology report for reference.**

**ACTION: Nature Officer to obtain estimates for day rate for pond digger: see pond project info sheet for advice.**

**ACTION: start talking with people on 24<sup>th</sup> July at Centenary Field during the meadow monitoring event and hold a stall.**

**RECCOMENDATION: to recommend climate and nature committee and full council agree to install a pond at Centenary field.**

**ACTION: Nature Officer continue to contact the Frampton Festival.**

**ACTION: to place a paragraph in Frome Valley Voice and ask for peoples views on a pond at Centenary Field (next edition October).**

**ACTION: Nature Officer to add pond outline on google my maps with dimensions and send to pond group.**

**ACTION: to confirm footpath routes and judge on site visit If path can be moved to accommodate pond if required.**

**Climate Nature Officer left meeting 19:30.**