

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Council



OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING 2ND APRIL 2024

Work to clear the old Swan PH car park - Priors Hill

Introduction

- Some residents from Greens Lane asked that WPC cleared the old Swan PH car park on Priors Hill. The area does not belong to WPC. Residents advise that SBC used to maintain it, and residents try to keep it cut back, but it needed the 'hedges' cutting back as they were beginning to obstruct the pavement and also the parking area, and the work required was beyond what the residents could deal with.
- The area has been used as parking for many years by residents as there's no on-road parking on the top 2/3 of Priors Hill as it's very steep and single lane with no pavements.
- The Committee agreed that the Grounds Team could clear the area, but asked for feedback on the time taken etc, so they could assess the resource required v the positive impact on the local community.
- 3 members of the Grounds Team each spent 3 hours cutting back & tidying the site, including cutting back the overhanging greenery, and edging the pavement.
- There was little or no rubbish, but they took 1 tonne of green waste to Waterside.
- The Grounds Team advise continue maintaining this area but to keep on top of it as and when needed (ie: doing little and often).
- Whilst this area is not WPC's responsibility, residents tend to look after their local area better if it's well maintained, and have improved wellbeing if the area they live in looks cared for. Pedestrian safety is maintained if the hedges are kept cut back, and it enables people to continue parking there. Therefore the recommendation is to allow the grounds team to add this area onto their schedule.

Recommendation:

- **Agree the Grounds Team can add the maintenance of the hedges and shrubs around the old Swan PH car park into their regular maintenance schedule around the Parish.**