

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
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OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING 2ND APRIL 2024

**Proposal for the WPC Grounds Team to cut the whole grass area
between the Parish Council office and the Health Centre**

- Currently the WPC Grounds Team cuts approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the grass area between the Parish Council office and Wroughton Health Centre. The other $\frac{1}{4}$ is the responsibility of Wroughton Health Centre.
- This means that the 2 parts of this grass are usually cut at different times, often on different weeks, and on a different frequency, meaning that the area just looks unkempt – please see photos below:



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Rough area/ longer grass = Health Centre's area
Mown grass = WPC's area



- The EHT memorial bench is now sited on the edge of this grass area and the division in responsibility for the mowing schedule, results in a grass area behind the bench which appears to be poorly maintained.

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- WPC's Grounds Team kindly cut the whole area a couple of days prior to the ECC 50th Anniversary Event to improve the look of the grass area behind the memorial bench.
- The Grounds Team has indicated that it would only take them an additional 10 minutes to cut the Health Centre's area of grass. We would not do this without agreement from the Health Centre. WPC would not take on any responsibility for the hedge, shrubs or trees which grow in this area – these would remain the responsibility of the Health Centre.
- It is hoped that this might encourage the Health Centre to ask their contractor to spend the additional time gained on maintaining their shrubs close to the flagpole/ remove the brambles.
- Treating this grass area as a whole rather than mowing it as 2 separate parts would improve the area for residents, and better respect the work done by the EHT Trustees who are mentioned on the plaque on the bench. This in turn would reflect well on WPC.

Recommendations:

1. Clerk/ Deputy Clerk to email Wroughton Health Centre with an offer to cut the Health Centre's area of grass between the Health Centre and the Parish Council office at the same time as cutting WPC's area of grass, as a gesture of goodwill, to improve the amenity of the area for the benefit of residents.
2. This would be on the basis that the hedge, shrubs and trees remain the responsibility of the Health Centre.
3. If the Health Centre is agreeable, encourage them to ask their contractor to spend the additional time gained on maintaining their shrubs close to the flagpole and removing the brambles.