



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee
Wednesday 7 October 2026**

Agenda Item 10 – Moat Pond Update

Purpose of the Report

Members are required to:

- **NOTE** the report on progress at Moat Pond and **CONSIDER** the recommendations.

Background

At its meeting on 9 September, the committee was given information about forthcoming improvement works at Moat Pond.

This report is intended to update members on progress since that meeting.

Latest Updates

In late September, the parish council's Projects Officer engaged landscape professionals Bath Land Management to assist with the works. This report is outlined at **Appendix 1**.

The contractor has been recommended to us by other parish Clerks in Swindon.

As advised by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, the parish council would look to commence this work during the winter dormancy period from November 2027 to March 2028 to minimize disruption to wildlife and biodiversity. Allocated grant funding towards this work is due to be spent by October 2028.

Recommendations

1. To **APPROVE** the allocation of £55,000 for the Moat Pond project.
Budget lines available:

S106 Funds – Moat Pond Funds	£18,912 Available
CIL Funds Still available / unallocated	£114,223 Available
Agree to allocate <u>£36,088</u> from <u>CIL funds</u> for the project.	

2. To **AGREE** the recommendations 1-8 in the report at **Appendix 1**.
3. To **APPROVE** dredging work for the winter dormancy period from November 2027 to end of March 2028 to minimise disruption to biodiversity and wildlife.

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