

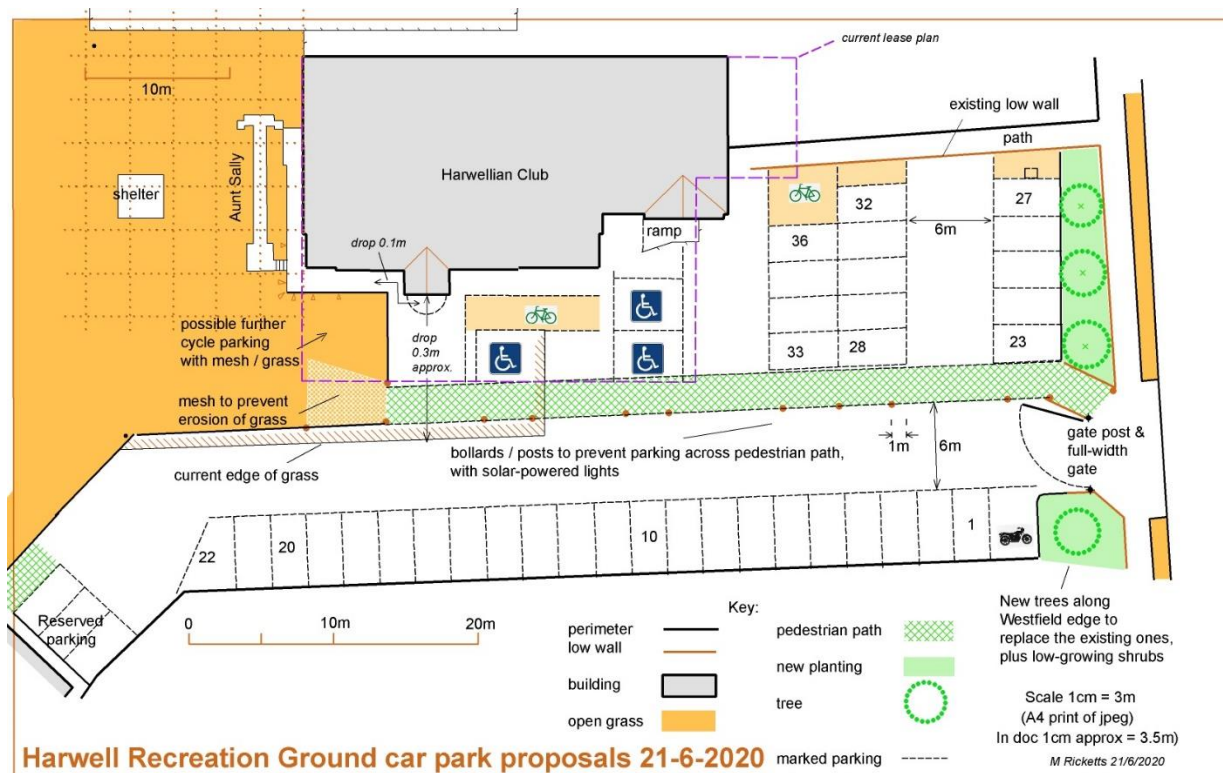
Lands Committee June 2023

Update for new committee on various matters.

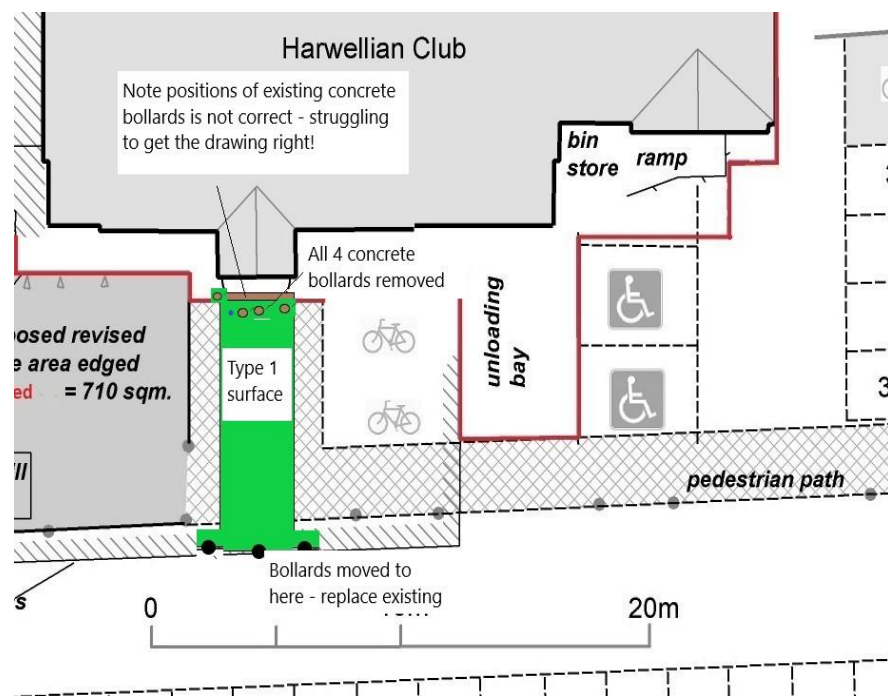
Council has several ongoing projects on hold or stopped pending further decisions.

Rec access project – council is holding £3701 S106 funds obtained for Rec access from the original S106 £10,701 claim. £7000 spent on improving access from A417. Remaining funds were to be for car park gates, solar bollards, signage and planters. Spend by date Jan 2028. Council to revisit these plans following recent discussions; clerk has contacted S106 team to advise them of situation.

Car park project – council has considered total revamp of rec car park. Quotes need to be sought for re-marking/resurfacing/replanting when plans finalised - latest suggested car park plan below but see also plan from Harwellian re: path – no funding available at this time for this project.



The Harwellian has a temporary Licence to use a section of ground west of the club building for open air seating; Club will seek changes to Lease in due course and has plans to change the main access and path, including moving bollards. Recently asked in an email for approval to move 3 concrete bollards and remove another (see plan).



Club gives these reasons:

1. The large bollards are not required outside our door and look ugly
2. The small metal bollards are a trip hazard and we are worried that members and guests will trip over them when entering the path.
3. The large bollards are not a trip hazard and would not cause harm if you bumped into them in the dark.

& surface a path as per same plan to "place path edges and stone up with type 1 finish" .

COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS WORK PROPOSED BY HARWELLIAN GOES AHEAD

Play & gym equipment S106 project – toddler train, activity wall, 4 x gym equipment, monkey bars from various S106 pots as suggested by S106 team, plus replace spinner bowl using leftover funds from staff building. Basketball hoop for out in the rec but if suitable surface is installed planning permission will be required. Alternative could be to put a hoop on the pavilion/staff building so that existing concrete is the surface, or add a section of suitable surface inset into the concrete. Recent discussions have included new safety surfacing on mound in play area, preferred option was Nordic Lawn, & new ramp to access mound, preferred option was a purpose-built long ramp with hand holds. Council has since asked Cllr Dewhurst for assistance as she has experience of play area projects recently. Council will need to apply for S106 funds currently held by VWHDC in various pots from different developments once plans are approved by council.

BMX/pump track S106 project – needs planning permission, review of site and requirements. Council will need to apply for S106 funds currently held by VWHDC in various pots from different developments.

Rec track S106 project – main pot of funding is not now available, could try for grants eg British Cycling. Planning application would need evidence of protection for tree roots. PC needs to finalise exact route. Council will need to apply for S106 funds currently held by VWHDC in various pots from different developments.

The above projects were previously approved following consultation with parishioners a few years ago but delays have been incurred because of changes to proposed plans, start of orchard planting, need to protect tree roots etc.