

## School Field Concern

### Letter to villagers

“Dear All,

As you may be aware the School Field between North Lane and Westlands Avenue/Mill Lane was recently advertised for sale at public auction, and withdrawn a couple of days before the auction.

The School Field has now been re-advertised for sale at public auction on 11th July.

This important and historic green space is used by many within our community for walking, running and connecting with nature. The field dates back to pre-Norman times with its historic ridge and furrow ploughing lines, and supports a diverse range of animals, birds and plants.

We’re looking to establish if there are members of our community who would be interested in collectively bidding for and owning the land, with a view to maintaining it as pasture land (as it is currently).

There is already a small group within our community who are working together with this intention, but we are looking for more people. We are ideally looking for a group of people who are in a position to contribute £10K or more each to own a portion of the field.

However recognising not everybody is able to or would want to do this, we’re also keen to involve everybody who wants to support.

It is also recognised that some within our community contributed to a “fighting fund” to support the School Field previously, which may still be needed depending on the outcome of the auction, or alternatively could be added to a potential purchase if enough money was forthcoming from within our community to purchase the School Field.

If this is something you would like to get involved in supporting financially, please get in touch by replying to this email to express your interest, and we can see what’s possible collectively.

Many thanks,

Weston on the Green Parish Council

This letter was prepared by James Painters of Shepherd’s Close and consent was given for it to be shared with the village.

I consulted Susan Daenke, Planning and Ben Lanham Vice-Chair. Signed. Diane Bohm Chair