

WESTON ON THE GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

7th October 2026 Parish Council Meeting



Agenda Item: 26.441.12

Central North Lane Pond Works

1. Overview of Project

The central pond on North Lane requires clearing of vegetation and tree maintenance to the surrounding trees to reduce shade on the pond.

An ecologist provided reports on the state of the pond and work required in 2024 and 2025 (attached in folder).

2. Quotes Obtained

Treeworks: Parish Council contractor Bicester Tree Services quote for works identified via parish tree audit £900 +VAT.

Pond clearance: JM Miller quote for works identified by ecologist plus removal £950 +VAT.

3. Grant Application to Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE)

A grant application was submitted to the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) to cover works required at the pond in the centre of North Lane. The application requested support with tree works (£900.00 +VAT via Bicester Tree Services) plus works to remove reeds and silt from within the pond (£950.00 +VAT via JE Miller Services).

The grant has been approved by TOE and work is required to be undertaken by June 2027.

Bicester Tree Services have previously obtained planning consent for the works and can schedule the work for January 2027.

The Parish Council are required to pay for the work undertaken and then submit the invoices to be claimed to TOE.

4. Parish Council Funding

The Parish Council has sufficient funds within their bank accounts to accommodate the payment of these works prior to submitting the invoices to TOE to receive the approved grant payment. The 'Contingency' budget line can be utilised which had £3,710.64 remaining at the end of Q2 FY 2026/27.

A contingency spend amount will be requested to ensure any unseen works can be accommodated. Any additional funding required e.g. bulky garden waste bins for additional clearance could be taken from the 'General Village Maintenance' budget line which had £1,500.00 remaining at the end of Q2 FY 2026/27.

Future maintenance of the pond to maintain the vegetation growth and surroundings will be required by volunteers.

5. Resolution to Approve

Resolution To Approve a spend of up to £2,000.00 +VAT to undertake works on the pond in centre of North Lane as detailed in quotes provided to cover tree works and pond clearance.

To Note: a grant of £1,850.00 has been offered to the Parish Council from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment to support these works (TR/DB)