**Addingham Parish Council/ Civic Society Environment Group Site Meeting 2 April 2019**

**Improving the margins of Hoffman Wood Field for wildlife**

*For discussion and approval at the Parish Council Meeting on Wed 17 April 2019.*

1. **Reinstate the hedgerow at the southern end of the eastern boundary adjacent to BMDC’s Cornerstones Depot and No. 2 Cornerstones.**
   * planted as a double staggered row of native species
   * AEG to apply for Woodland Trust hedge packs.
   * to be planted by AEG volunteers, with local youth groups/families in November 2019.

1. **Establishment of a wildflower margin on the eastern boundary**
   * leave the south east corner uncut until late summer 2019
   * AEG volunteers to rake off the arisings and plan planting of yellow rattle seed and wildflower plug plants in autumn 2019.
   * leave a grass margin of 1 metre from the edge of the hedgerow line uncut until late summer 2019. AEG to arrange for botanical surveys to be carried out, and report back to the Council before determining next steps.  This will also help to protect the hedgerow from damage from BMDC’s machinery.

1. **Management of the existing hedgerow on the eastern boundary**
   * ensure that BMDC Parks & Countryside are aware that the hedgerow should not be cut without consultation with the Council.
   * PC/AEG to liaise with BMDC to establish a wildlife friendly cutting regime.
   * continue to maintain the hedgerow adjacent to Wilton Lodge at a lower level.

1. **Establishment of a wildflower margin on the northern boundary with Church Street.**
   * leave the bank down to the stone wall and area under the cherry trees uncut until late summer 2019
   * AEG volunteers to rake of the grass after it is cut
   * AEG to arrange for botanical surveys to be carried out and plan planting of yellow rattle seed and wildflower plug plants in autumn 2019.