

Letting the grass grow

Reducing our carbon footprint in Wellesbourne

When grass is allowed to grow, more carbon is sequestered above and below ground. Not all this carbon remains in the plant, roots push carbon into the ground feeding microorganisms that live there. Longer grass means longer roots and more carbon pushed into the ground.

Longer grass is more resilient in drought and flood.

Different mowing regimes create different wildlife habitats which lead to increased biodiversity. Increased biodiversity increases resilience to climate change.

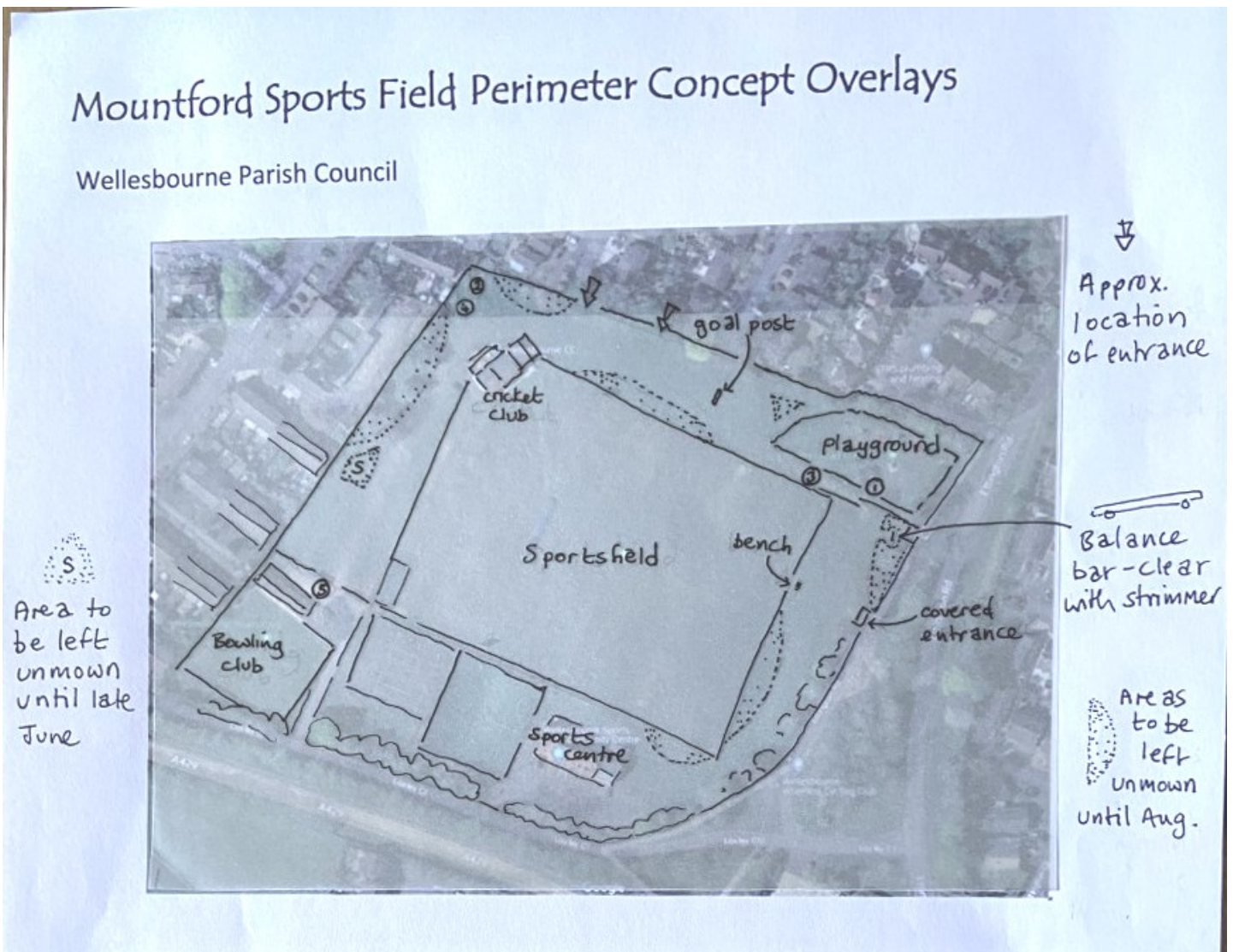
The Parish Council has recognised the Climate Emergency and pledged to be come carbon neutral by 2030. Allowing longer grass will offset some of the harder carbon reduction elsewhere.

We are trialling this changed mowing scheme in three areas:

- The Mountford sports field
- The green on Willow Drive
- The Dovehouse play area.

You can see the plans here.

The Council will monitor the areas and welcome comments. We do intend to increase benches in the coming years so that more people can sit out and enjoy these spaces and the increasing wildlife to be found there.



Willow Drive Concept Overlays

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Possible site for a bench



Areas for grass unmown until late Aug



Areas for grass unmown until late June - or Aug

NB Exact location of trees not clear

Dovehouse Drive Playground Concept Overlays

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⇨ Park entrance

⊃ Grass left unmown until Aug

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