

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Prinnels Pond Update Report**

#### **1. Update**

- 1.1 At the November meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, Councillors received a request to undertake improvements to the Prinnels pond, off Grandison Close.



- 1.2 Since the last Committee meeting, two site visits have been undertaken and a draft schedule of works has been identified as set out below.

- There are two big willows and a couple more small willows (seeded or rooted twigs). The big willows need pollarding, and the small willows should be removed. This is to stop the willows drinking the pond dry each summer. Parish grounds team to do what can be done from the ground.
- Issue of rubbish and flytipping. Area to be monitored by volunteers. Significant flytipping to be removed as reported. Consideration of pond scraping for silt removal later in the year.
- Removal of nettles on the slope.
- Ornamental bushes/bramble patch to remain.
- Wetland wildflowers to be added to enhance the summer display.

- 1.3 Another consideration for the Parish Council is the removal of the life ring structure. Life rings have been traditionally deployed in areas of open water, however Swindon Borough Council removed the majority of life rings as they required a regular inspection and were often vandalised.

#### **2. Recommendations:**

- 2.1 The Leisure and Amenities agrees the schedule of works.

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