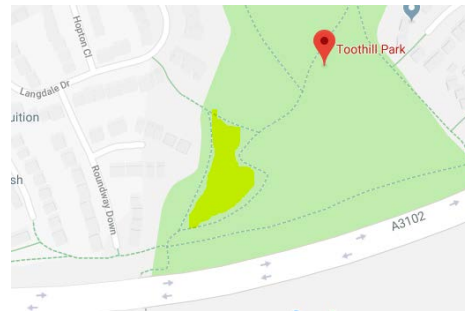


WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Wildflower Meadows Update Report

1. Update

- 1.1 West Swindon Parish Council's grounds maintenance team have indicated that grass cutting may resume mid March this year. It is likely that spring bulbs will be on show at this time and the mower drivers will be instructed to avoid these areas as best as is practicable.
- 1.2 At the November 2018 Leisure and Amenities Committee, it was decided to make additions to the existing wildflower meadows with the following areas identified: The area above Rycote Close and Chandos Close and a section of field at Toothill Park. At this stage, the Parish Council will still need to ensure that the grass cuttings in the meadow areas are baled and taken away. We will ask the Lydiard Turkey's team if they are willing to commit to undertake this work later this year and whether the additional field at Toothill Park is able to be included.



- 1.3 Another suitable addition could be the next strip along Shaw Linear Park, so that there is a continuous set of meadows on that narrow side of the Park.



2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 The Leisure and Amenities considers any additions to the agreed areas for wildflower meadow conservation in 2019/20.

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