

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**Prinnels Pond Update****1. Background**

- 1.1 Following on from resident and Councillors requests, the Parish Council grounds team have met with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and agreed a schedule of works around the perimeter of the Prinnels pond off Grandison Close.
- 1.2 Work has included removal of bramble and reduction of shrubbery around the fence line of the pond and coppicing hazel along the outer edges. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust also requested the removal of a large willow tree and this request has been passed to the Swindon Borough Council tree gang for consideration.
- 1.3 Now that the work has been undertaken, it has exposed the original fencing and edging. In many parts this has lengths that are broken or missing – see pictures:



- 1.4 The grounds team will replace missing or broken fence lengths where it is possible to do so. However a longer term plan should be considered. To replace the perimeter fencing and secure the platform area is likely to be in the region of £3,000-£5,000 and would be difficult to complete without disturbing the habitat.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Councillors note the work undertaken at the Prinnels pond and consider the formulation of a longer term plan.

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