

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD, 8 June 2020, cc: Chris Howard, Mike Band, Rod Weale, Parish Clerk**

### **REPAIR OF OUTLET DAM ON SHAMLEY GREEN DUCK POND**

The pond is adjacent to Woodhill Lane and the only remaining pond on the Green. Repair of the leaking outlet flow dam has been completed for a cost of £960, with private funding, after it appeared that no resources were available from the relevant local authorities. It was also hoped that a recent report on wildlife at the pond could be used to inform the work, unfortunately although the study was undertaken some weeks ago it has not been possible to obtain a copy, without any explanation of the reason for delay. The repair was urgent in view of the exceptionally dry weather, as the leakage exceeded the inflow of water to the pond. Earlier in the year Patrick Mannix and Jim Drummond effected a temporary repair using clay from the base of the pond. However repetition of the leak at the base of the dam required a more fundamental solution. When support was requested, Waverley commented that the pond frequently dried out in the Summer. This suggestion was misleading and completely baseless. Only once in the last 35 years has the fire brigade been commissioned to prevent such disaster. Such ill informed comment, combined with the apparent lack of any responsible Ranger, seems to indicate there is no effort by the local authority to retain any history or knowledge. Such now only resides with long term local residents, however there is no attempt to tap or use this.

The repair took the form of replacement of the leaking dam by one of similar construction. There were no other changes to the pond and no impact on other water flows. Since the dam was completed the water level in the pond has continued to rise, and is now flowing over the top of the dam.

The repair was carried out by Ed Carpenter of Acquacraft at Woodcote Park Nursery, Send. The work was commissioned and paid for by Patrick Mannix of The Court House, Shamley Green. A copy of the invoice is attached. The work



was carried out to a high standard. Ed Carpenter was recommended by Sean Harrison, formerly Woodlands Advisor to the Surrey Hills AONB. Ed Carpenter has experience of management of ponds, including pervasive weed removal, which may be of interest in future.

It is planned to install a small fence to deter dogs from using the site as an entrance to the pond and damaging the banks, and when the weather is suitable to complete dressing of the site.

On the left hand side of the dam, at the edge of the pond near Woodhill Lane, old timber baulks are decaying. Replacement needs a survey soon, including Highways assessment of the lateral pressures of increasing numbers and weight of traffic on Woodhill Lane.

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Invoice

Patrick Mannix

June 1st 2020

Shamley Green pond repair

£800

Plus vat

Total £960

**Kind Regards**

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