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From: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council
Sent: 08 January 2019 17:01
To: 'Nigel Chambers'
Cc: Malcolm Whittley
Subject: RE: Tree & Hedge Planting

Dear Nigel,

I acknowledge the safe receipt of your e-mail and attachments and confirm these will go forward to the Town Council meeting next Wednesday 16th January. I will of course let you know the outcome shortly after the meeting.

It was good to meet you both and hopefully Councillors will be receptive to your ideas. The procedure is to gain approval in principle from the Full Council and subject that approval being given, then you will be introduced to the Open Spaces Committee who would be delegated the task of working with you throughout your 50th anniversary year, as you have described in your brief outline.

I will be in touch again shortly.

Best regards,

Richard Bishop
Town Clerk



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From: Nigel Chambers <chambers_nigel@hotmail.com>
Sent: 08 January 2019 13:58
To: Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council <townclerk@swaffhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: Malcolm Whittley <malcolmwhittley@yahoo.co.uk>
Subject: Tree & Hedge Planting

Dear Richard,

Thank you for making time to meet with Malcolm Whittley and myself in early December allowing us to present to you our proposals for tree and hedge planting within Swaffham Town Council's jurisdiction to mark and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Chartering of the Swaffham Rotary Club.

Malcolm's theme for his Presidential Year is the Environment and adding to the current stock of trees and hedges within the Town would endorse this theme and could be a significant environmental addition helping to soak up Swaffham's toxic air pollution, particularly the proposed completion of the hedging to

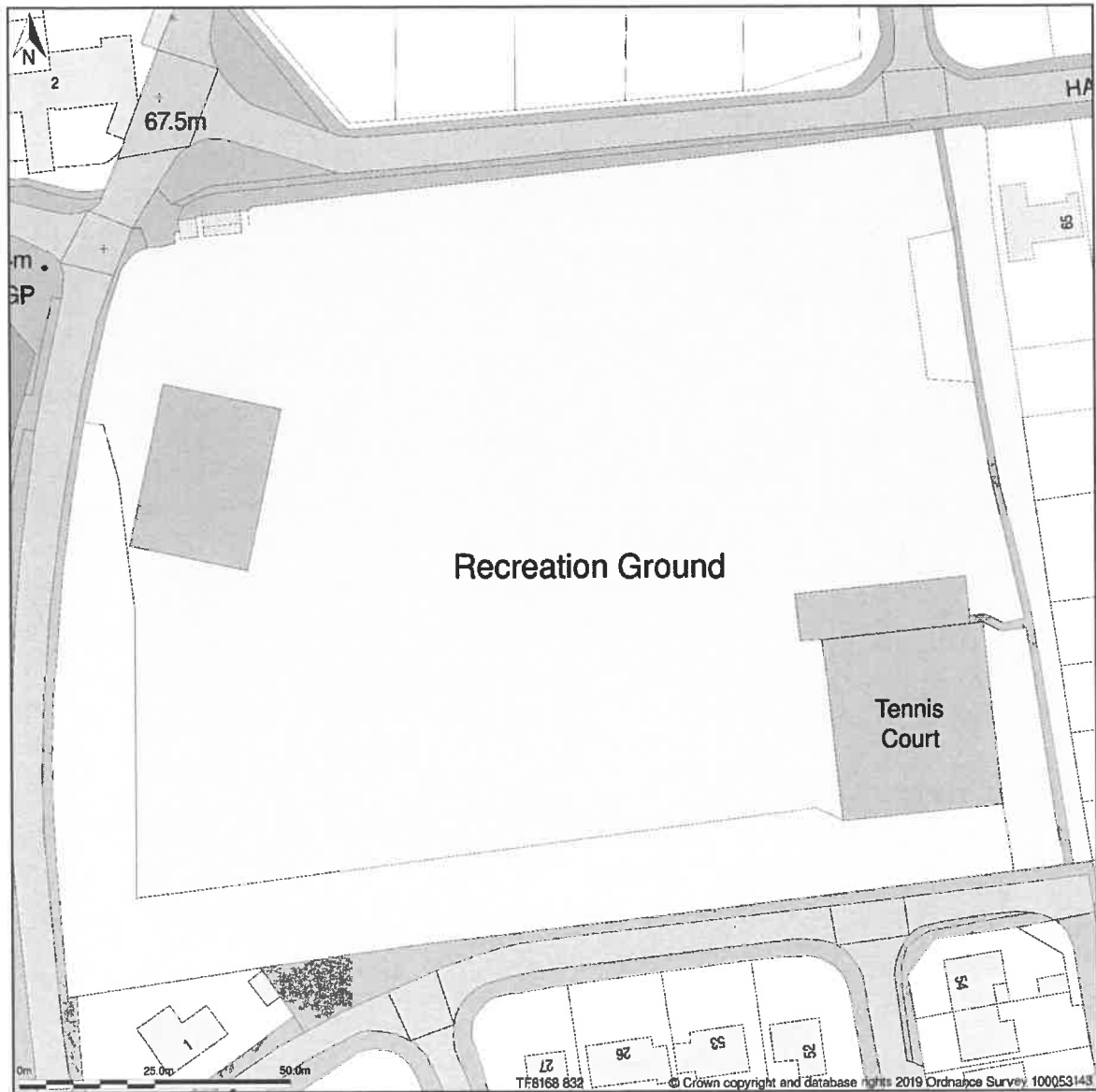
the Recreation Ground, researchers have found that hedges are brilliant natural filters thanks to their short size and tight knit foliage.

I attach a copy of the minutes I took of our meeting which I hope is sufficient for you to present to the Town Council's Open Space Committee.

If we are able to obtain agreement in principle we can then move forward to preparing detailed proposals.

Kind regards
Nigel Chambers
50th Anniversary Committee
The Rotary Club of Swaffham
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Recreation Ground Haspalls Road



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The Rotary Club of Swaffham

50th Anniversary Projects and Events

Tree & Hedge Planting within Swaffham Town Council's Jurisdiction

Malcolm & Nigel met with Richard Bishop (Swaffham Town Clerk) in his office 10.00am Tuesday 11th December 2018

Introduction

Malcolm explained to Richard Bishop (RB) that as part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations we would like to mark the occasion by planting Trees and Hedges.

Our proposals were

1. Hedge planting to the Recreation Ground perimeter.

The whole of the West boundary to the Cockley Cley Road and part of the North Boundary to Haspalls Road are defined by post and wire fencing and are without hedging. The remainder of the recreation ground boundaries on the South side and the remainder of the North boundary are defined by established indigenous hedging, in good order. The East perimeter is a well defined boundary directly backing on to the rear gardens of Southlands properties and is defined by a mixture of fencing, typically close boarded. (see attached sketch).

Following a meeting with the Woodland Trust we would like to explore the possibility of completing the hedging to the Recreation Ground by planting a full length hedge to the Cley Road boundary and to complete the hedge to the Haspalls Road boundary approximately 170m in total of hedging.

In principle RB had no objection and was happy to pass the proposal the Town Council's 'Open Spaces Committee' which should meet late January/ Early February. RB advised that the Recreation Ground hedges have been the subject of ongoing discussions in connection with policing hooliganism and as part of that discussion the Council are looking to reduce the hedge height to 4'

2. Tree Planting

Again, in principle RB had no objection to considering this possibility and passing our proposal onto the Town Council's 'Open Spaces Committee'.

Five possible Areas/Open Spaces were discussed:-

- The Camping land/The Antinghams
- Orford Road
- Merryweather Road
- Oakland's
- The Recreation Ground

All areas will require surveying and suggested planting schemes devised. Almost certainly we will require some specialist input.

Conclusion

It was agreed that NC would send an email to Richard outlining our proposals for submission to the 'Open Spaces Committee'.

