

Clerk's Report

ES54 PUTLANDS FIELD

The Council has again been contacted by the resident of Stace House expressing concern about the water accumulating in the corner of Putlands Field adjacent to his property. This was brought to members attention at the meeting on January 2020. Members asked that the drainage pipes to football field should be checked and that further advice should be sought from KCC.

A CCTV survey of the pipes was carried out and they were shown to be intact and working.

Requests have been sent to KCC asking for further advice but none has been forthcoming. Independent drainage companies have also been contacted, but again none have been able/willing to attend the site. However, a contact has now been identified and it is hoped they will be able to give advice.

The residents concern is that the bund holding back the water will fail and flood his property.

The excess water can be pumped into a tanker and removed at a cost £850 for the tanker plus the cost of the disposal of the wastewater (TBC). This would be a short term solution.

An further update will be given at the meeting, but members are asked to consider whether removal of the water would be appropriate.

ES59 ELM TREE PLAYING FIELDS

It is suggested that the following should be included in the agreement:

Paddock Wood Football Club will be responsible for:

- erecting the fence and dugouts as per the planning permission granted (20/02149/FULL)
- the upkeep and repairs to any of the fences and dugout.
- Cutting the grass around the fencing and the areas inaccessible to the gang mower.
- if for any reason the club folds, the club will remove all structures and fencing if requested to do so.

In order for the club to apply for the grant they need a letter from PWTC confirming that permission is given for the work to be carried out.

Putland field
28 Jan 2021



Putlands Field 28 Jan 2021,



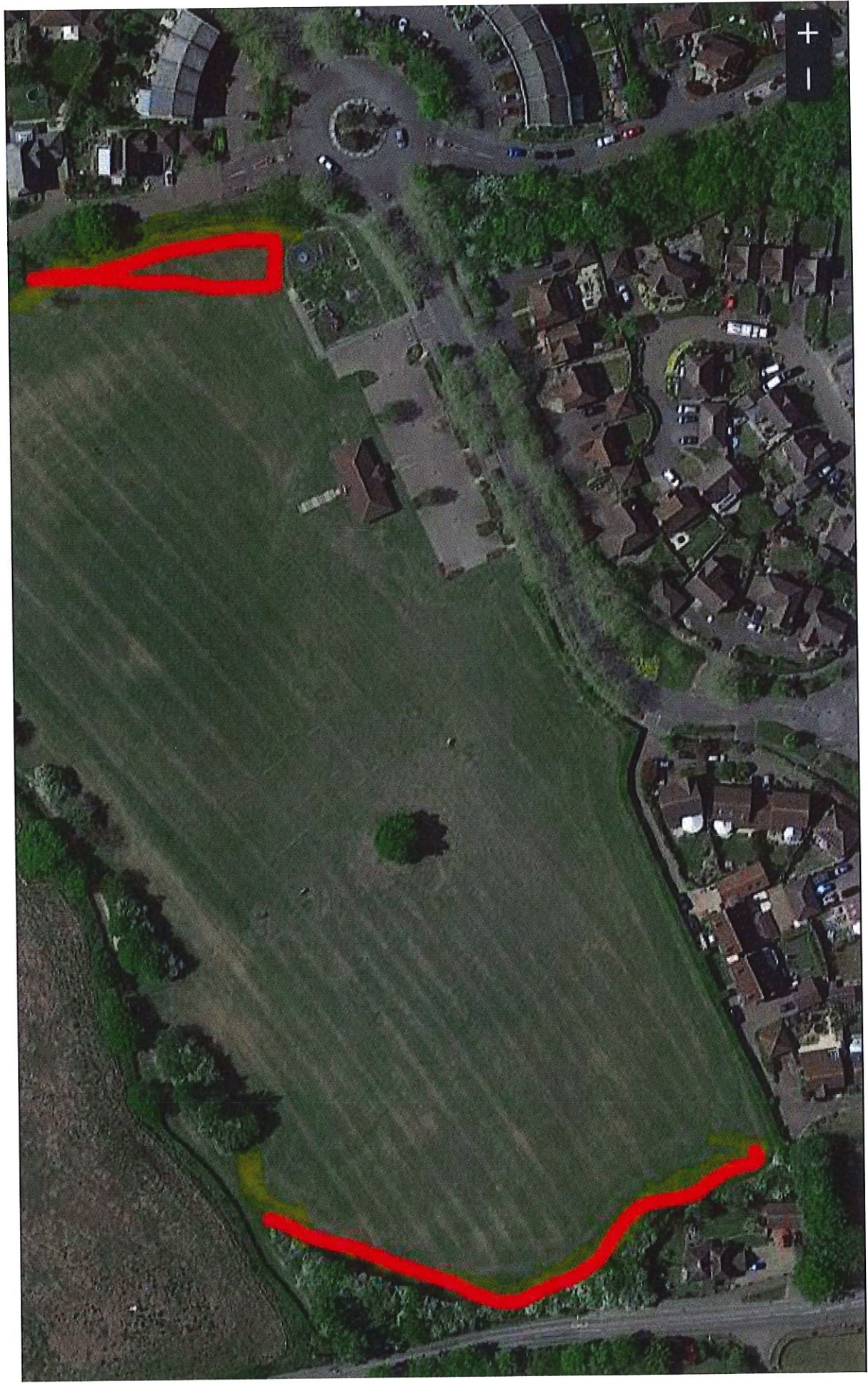
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Green lane to be left unmown for wildlife purposes.



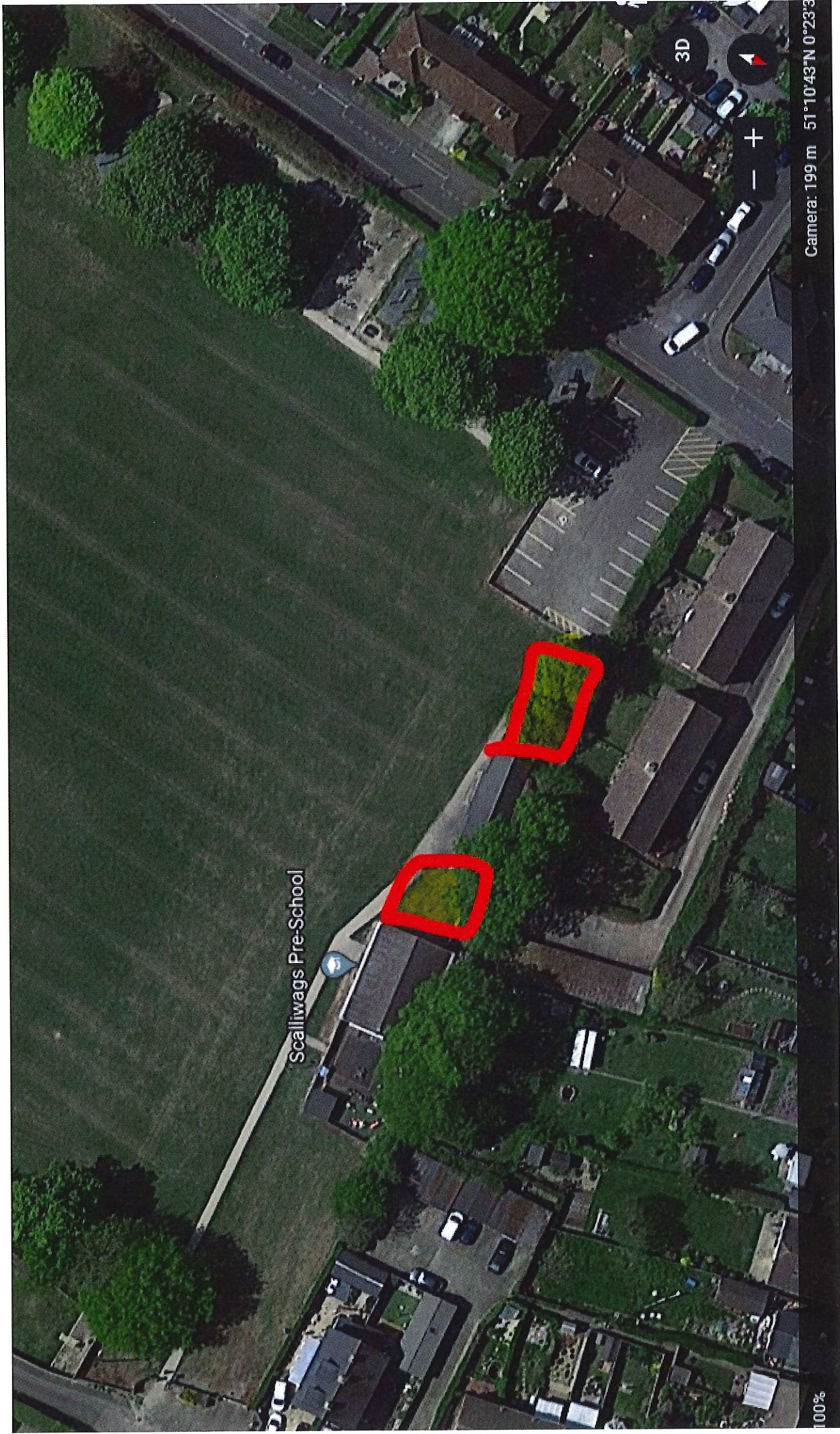
Green lane playing field.

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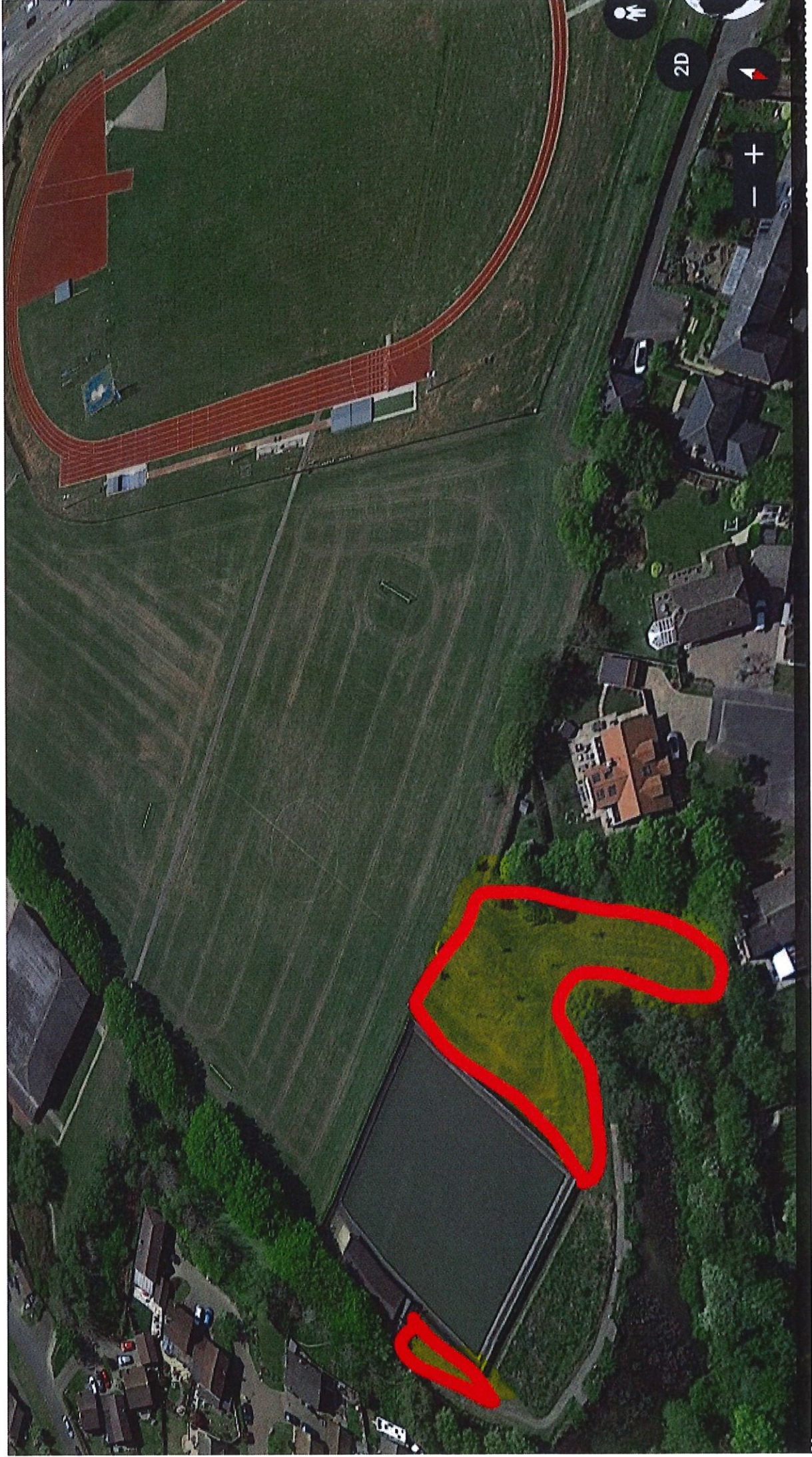
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St Andrews field



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Potlands field.



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Memorial Field.



DRAFT Policy
Metal detecting

Hythe Town Council
www.hythe-tc.gov.uk

To Hythe Town Council
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Status DRAFT Policy
Responsible officer Town Clerk and responsible financial officer

Subject Metal detecting

1 Summary

- 1.1 All references to 'the council' or 'Hythe Town Council' in this document will include land owned by charities for which Hythe Town Council is sole corporate trustee.
- 1.2 From time to time, the council receives requests for permission from individuals or organisations wishing to carry out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by the Council.
- 1.3 This document sets out the policy of the Council regarding such requests and is effective from the date that it is adopted.
- 1.4 It supersedes any previous arrangements that may have existed and any such arrangements made between the Council, its tenants and / or other persons or organisations will cease to have effect from the date of adoption of this policy.
- 1.5 Local authorities have the power to ban metal detecting and other activities through the use of byelaws. In the absence of any such byelaws or other specific restrictions on metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by the Council, the use of metal detectors on such land is regulated by this policy.

2 Policy

- 2.1 In general, metal detecting is not permitted on any land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council– including any land to which the public has a right of access.
- 2.2 Any proposal to carry out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council will only be considered where detecting will form part of an appropriate programme of research.
- 2.3 Persons or organisations wishing to carry out such research will need to apply in writing to Hythe Town Council for permission to use a metal detector as well as to undertake associated survey work on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council.
- 2.4 Permission for such activity may not be given by an individual councillor nor by any tenant of land owned by the Council
- 2.5 Permission will only be given on the understanding that the primary aim of allowing surveying / detecting is the gathering of information on the archaeology of the land in question.

- 2.6 Any individual carrying out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall hold a current National Council for Metal Detecting [NCMD] membership card showing details of their £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance cover.
- 2.7 Any organisation carrying out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall hold Public Liability Insurance to the same level.
- 2.8 Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall always observe and adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD which is a condition of membership and includes reference to the voluntary Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting.
- 2.9 Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall strictly observe and adhere to any guidelines or special conditions and area boundaries, which may be set out by the Council and/or its tenant(s) from time to time and to any terms and conditions with respect to metal detecting access specified in agri -environment agreements which may cover all or part of the said land.
- 2.10 Any individual or organisation carrying out metal detecting on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall record finds on the said land with third parties including
- 2.10.1 the Portable Antiquities Scheme [PAS]
 - 2.10.2 Historic Environment Records [HER]
 - 2.10.3 Any museum service only after gaining the appropriate permission of the Council to do so and then to an accuracy of findspots that all parties are comfortable with.
- 2.11 All parties must abide by the terms and conditions of any agri-environment schemes that specify mandatory reporting of all finds made on land covered by such agreements with the PAS.
- 2.12 All treasure as defined by the Treasure Act 1996, together with any artefacts including, amongst others
- 2.12.1 metal objects (including coins, weapons and jewellery etc.), worked flints, pottery, building materials, slags and worked bone found on land owned, leased or managed by Hythe Town Council shall remain the property of the Council or the Council's landlord (depending on the wording of the tenancy agreement) respectively. The rules and procedures as set out in the Treasure Act 1996 will need to be followed and complied with (see <https://finds.org.uk/treasure> for further information).
- 2.13 Tenants of land owned by Hythe Town Council will be provided with a link to this Policy and will be made aware that it is their duty to ensure that its details are complied with.

3 Adoption

- 3.1 This policy was adopted by Hythe Town Council on 15th March 2018



Member of: The Sport and Recreation Alliance

MODEL SEARCH AGREEMENT

I.....being the owner / occupier of land premises

known as.....situated at.....

agree that in consideration of the payment to the landowner / occupier of.....% of the value or rewards arising from the recovery of any property or objects found by the undersigned [herein after called the licensee(s)] over the value of £ , the licensee(s) may enter the said land or part thereof to search for items of buried or other material, whether antique or modern.

This agreement shall continue in force from (date)until (date).

Provided that: -

1 The licensee(s) shall hold a current NCMD membership card showing, details of their £10,000,000 Public Liability Insurance cover.

2. The licensee(s) shall always observe and adhere to the Code of Conduct as set out by the NCMD which is a condition of membership and includes reference to the voluntary Code of Practise for Responsible Metal Detecting (See overleaf).

3. The licensee(s) shall strictly observe and adhere to any guidelines or special conditions and area boundaries, which may be set out by the owner / occupier from time to time and to any terms and conditions with respect to metal detecting access specified in agri -environment agreements which may cover all or part of the said land.

4. The licensee(s) shall record finds made on the said land with third parties including The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS), Historic Environment Records (HER) or any museum service only after gaining the appropriate permission of the landowner to do so and then only to an accuracy of findspots that all parties are comfortable with. All parties must abide by the terms and conditions of any agri-environment schemes that specify mandatory reporting of all finds made on land covered by such agreements with the PAS. (*Agri-Environmental Schemes are not applicable to Scotland and Wales*)

Special conditions and boundaries,

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SignedOwner / occupier Date.....

SignedLicensee Date

Name

Address.....

The National Council for Metal Detecting

Code of Conduct

1. Do not trespass. Obtain permission before venturing on to any land.
2. Respect the Country Code, leave gates and property as you find them and do not damage crops, frighten animals or disturb nesting birds.
3. Wherever the site, do not leave a mess or an unsafe surface for those who may follow. It is perfectly simple to extract a coin or other small object buried a few inches below the ground without digging a great hole. Use a suitable digging implement to cut a neat flap (do not remove the plug of earth entirely from the ground), extract the object, reinstate the grass, sand or soil carefully, and even you will have difficulty in locating the find spot again.
4. If you discover any live ammunition or any lethal object such as an unexploded bomb or mine, do not disturb it. Mark the site carefully and report the find to the local police and landowner.
5. Help keep Britain tidy. Safely dispose of refuse you come across.
6. Report all unusual historical finds to the landowner, and acquaint yourself with current NCMD policy relating to the Voluntary Reporting of Portable Antiquities in England and Wales and the mandatory reporting requirements in Scotland. See:
<http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/index.asp>
7. Remember it is illegal for anyone to use a metal detector on a designated area (e.g. Scheduled Monuments (SM), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or Ministry of Defence property) without permission from the appropriate authority. It is also a condition of most agri-environment agreements that metal detecting access is subject to certain rules and regulations including mandatory finds recording. Details of these agreements and the access conditions they impose are detailed on the NCMD website.
8. Acquaint yourself with the terms and definitions used in the following documents: -
 - (1) Treasure contained in the Treasure Act 1996 and its associated Code of Practice, making sure you understand your responsibilities.
 - (2) Advice for Finders of Archaeological Objects including Treasure 2006.
 - (3) The voluntary Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting to which the NCMD is an endorsee.
 - (4) Advice for finders in Scotland: see
<http://www.treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/html/finders.asp>
9. Remember that when you are out with your metal detector you are an ambassador for our hobby. Do nothing that might give it a bad name.
10. Never miss an opportunity to explain your hobby to anyone who asks about it.

THRYBERGH PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY ON METAL DETECTING ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND

Permission for Use for Metal Detecting on Council Owned Land

You must obtain permission before venturing on to land owned by Thrybergh Parish Council. This can be done by contacting the Clerk, Terry Craven. This can be done via email: terry.craven@btinternet.com or by phone on: 07455 897038.

Do not undertake metal detecting activity on any Council land without permission. Permission will only be granted to persons who hold public liability insurance up to a value of £10,000,000 for any one incident. Further advice can be sourced from the National Council for Metal Detecting at www.ncmd.co.uk

On application, the customer will receive a decision (either positive or negative) within 5 working days.

Excluded Council Owned Land

It is illegal for anyone to use a metal detector on a protected area (e.g. **Scheduled Archaeological Sites, SSSI, or Ministry of Defence property**) without permission from the appropriate authority.

The Council will not authorise the use of a metal detector on any of the Councils sports pitches or formal and informal play areas

Permission for Use for Metal Detecting on Council Owned Land

Do not trespass or you will be at risk of personal prosecution. The Council cannot give permission on privately owned land as permission must be gained from the land owner. Confirmation of land ownership can be confirmed at www.landregistryservices.com

General Information

If you have received permission to use a metal detector please can you ensure you adhere to the following;

Respect the Country Code - Do not leave gates open, and do not damage crops or frighten animals.

Wherever the site, do not leave a mess or an unsafe surface for those who may follow. It is perfectly simple to extract a coin or other small object buried a few inches below the ground without digging a great hole. Use a suitable digging implement to cut a neat flap (do not remove the plug of earth entirely from the ground), extract the object, reinstate the grass, sand or soil carefully.

If you discover any live ammunition or any lethal object such as an unexploded bomb or mine, do not disturb it. Mark the site carefully and report the find to the local police and landowner.

Help keep Britain tidy. Safely dispose of refuse you come across.

Report all unusual historical finds to the landowner, and acquaint yourself with the current NCMD (National Council for Metal Detecting Code of Conduct) policy relating to the Voluntary Reporting of Portable Antiquities. A copy can be viewed as appendix 6 of the Treasure Act 1996 code of Practice at www.finds.org

Acquaint yourself with the definitions of Treasure contained in the Treasure Act 1996 and its associated Code of Practice, making sure you understand your responsibilities.

Remember that when you are out with your metal detector you are an ambassador for your hobby.

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