

# Ownership of The Stocks report

10 March 2023

## OVERVIEW

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WODC have proposed that Chadlington Parish Council take over ownership of the The Stocks open space.

## BACKGROUND

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When the Stocks area was developed, the open space was offered to Chadlington Parish Council. The Parish Council declined to take on the ownership of the land, and it was transferred to West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC).

WODC are currently responsible for this land and its maintenance.

The Parish Council has some benches on this land.

There is an electricity supply on the edge of the land, installed by an individual, without the knowledge of WODC.

## PROPOSAL

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Following an enquiry from the Clerk regarding permission to take over the electricity supply, WODC have undertaken a review of this land.

WODC have proposed transferring ownership of this land to the Parish Council.

## COSTS

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The cost of transfer has not been determined.

The Parish Council would take on the maintenance of the land:

- Public liability Insurance cost – no change
- If events were run on the land under PC control, events insurance would be required.
- Grass cutting – indicative cost of £84 per cut has been received.
- Trees and hedges– a tree survey would be required, and regular maintenance of trees/hedges undertaken.

## COUNCIL DECISIONS

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- To agree whether to delegate the Clerk to enter into further discussions with WODC regarding taking over ownership of the Stocks open space.
- To request the Clerk to obtain estimates for the grounds maintenance.