

The Stocks report

06 March 2024

OVERVIEW

The green at Stocks is currently owned by WODC. The Council has asked WODC if the ownership of The Stocks green can revert back to the Council.

BACKGROUND

The green at the Stocks was originally given to the Parish Council when the land was developed.

The Parish Council chose not to take on the ownership of this area, and ownership was transferred to WODC.

WODC has been managing this land, and pay for mowing and maintenance.

The Parish Council contacted WODC regarding the area when the issue of the transfer of responsibility for the electricity supply was raised. WODC indicated that they had not given permission for an electricity supply and were not aware that one existed.

WODC indicated that it would be supportive of the ownership of this land being transferred to the Council. The Council agreed to the principle of the land being transferred, but were concerned about the costs of this transfer. The Clerk contacted WODC for information about the process and any costs involved.

UPDATE

WODC have advised that they needed to seek legal advice before progressing the transfer. This legal advice has not been received yet, and it has been indicated that, as this is not a priority for WODC, it may be some time before the advice has been obtained.

Residents raised concerns last year about the change of mowing regime for the Stocks which meant that it was left unmown for most of the summer.

The Clerk held a meeting with a WODC officer regarding the concerns, and a modified mowing schedule was created by WODC and agreed with Ubico.

The Parish Council has not been asked to remove its street furniture at this time.