



# MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Burkes Wood Pond**

The pond at the edge of Burkes Wood has become overgrown in recent years and residents have expressed a desire to have it restored and perhaps include a dipping platform. Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT) visited the pond in October 2020 to give advice on what works could be carried out.

They advise carrying out a full pond assessment in Spring 2021 to give a biological survey of key groups and a full report with management recommendations.

Restoration work would be carried out in Autumn 2021 and could include coppicing the trees on the southern bank, draining the pond and de-silting and then reprofiling the edges and base. The pond would then be left to refill naturally. This would require a specialist contractor and heavy machinery.

We were advised not to fence off the pond but to educate people about safe usage through signage etc.

Survey cost: £525-700 (higher figure includes assistance with restoration contractor)

Estimated cost of restoration works: £2-3.5k

Councillors are asked to:

- 1) Note and comment on this report
- 2) Agree if they wish to proceed with the initial survey and recommend to Full Council for approval

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Pip Alder  
Asst Clerk and Management Officer  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2020