

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Land at Milford Hollow
Committee : Full Council
Date : 4 Sep 2023
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1. Report Summary:

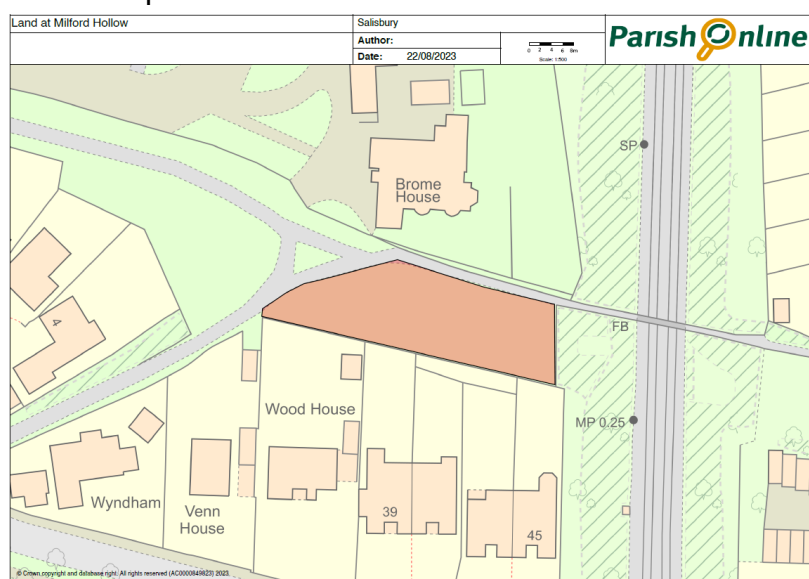
1.1. This report considers the lease or license of land at Milford Hollow to the Milford Area Preservation Group.

2. Background:

- 2.1. The Milford Area Preservation Group (MAPG)'s mission is to "Preserve, Protect and Restore the fragile landscapes of Milford (Salisbury) and surrounding areas". This group was formed over 40 years ago and is currently considering becoming a charity.
- 2.2. Details of their activity and history can be seen on their website.
<https://www.milfordpreservationgroup.com/>.
- 2.3. The group has undertaken work in the area of Milford Hollow, with the support of Salisbury City Council (SCC) where needed, to improve the paths, planting and biodiversity. This has transformed the area into a 'thriving and accessible wildlife haven'.
- 2.4. MAGP wish to secure the future of the site by agreeing with SCC a lease or licence agreement which sets out SCC and MAGP responsibilities and commitment to this area of land.

3. Milford Hollow:

3.1. A map of the area under consideration is shown below.



3.2. This land is owned by SCC.

4. Lease/Licence Agreement:

- 4.1. SCC has taken legal advice on the drawing up of suitable agreement to ensure the land at Milford Hollow is appropriately maintained if this land is transferred to a third party, and that there is a clear understanding between the parties.
- 4.2. It will contain the following considerations:
 - 4.2.1. to be for a minimum of 5 years,
 - 4.2.2. responsibilities of both parties clearly set out.
 - 4.2.3. termination arrangements will be explicit.
 - 4.2.4. rent to be peppercorn.
 - 4.2.5. SCC to retain full right to enter the land for any reasonable purpose.
 - 4.2.6. SCC to maintain the trees but costs to be shared.
 - 4.2.7. MAGP to maintain the land as an open accessible community space.
 - 4.2.8. Rights of way are to be maintained.
 - 4.2.9. SCC to empty the bins, as currently.
 - 4.2.10. SCC able to monitor use of this land.
 - 4.2.11. Land only to be used in line with stated purpose.

5. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council:

- 5.1. Thank the MAGP for their dedication which has improved this area of the city for local residents.
- 5.2. Agree in principle that this land can be leased or licensed to MAGP and delegate the details of the agreement, which are to be in line with para 4 above, to the Clerk, in consultation with the Leaders of the Council if required.

6. Wards Affected: Milford

7. Background papers: Nil.