

Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall

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MIDDLETON AND AISLABY VILLAGE GREEN AND TOWN END POND PROJECT PROPOSAL 16th JUNE 2023

The purpose of this report is to seek support from the Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall Pond Sub Committee to complete the renovation of the pond as it is proposed in the following documentation.

Background: Several proposals have been considered involving the North Yorkshire Council, The Village Hall Committee and others which have frustrated any real progress being made. For the residents of the village the priority is to renovate the pond and to provide an enhanced habitat for local wild life and improve the visual appeal of the pond area and village green.

Members will see that a massive improvement has been made since the pond was cleaned out in January 2023 and the hot weather has enabled us to identify all the inlets/outlets of the pond. There are also encouraging signs of the return of some species of wild life. This proposal seeks to:

Build on the improvements to date through 4 tasks:

Task A

1. Build a soak away and holding area for the incoming surface water, and investigate the possibility of a biological filter. The soak away will be filled with Scottish Pebbles over a hard-core base with added river sand.
2. To construct a bund/dam from similar materials across the pond at the current waters edge
3. To fill the spaces between the soak away and the bund with a selection of bull rushes that would act as a filtering bed enhanced with Scottish pebbles
4. The inlet pipe from the village hall would be unaltered, but flows and quality of water monitored.

Task B

1. To discuss with North Yorkshire Council the possibility of extending this overflow pipe to join in the pipe at C and therefore removing the necessity for any further action on the part of the MAVH Committee.
2. To leave any work on this aspect until the outcome of Task B 1 is decided

Task C

1. To observe the work planned for the week commencing 19th June when North Yorkshire contractors will be drilling three test holes in the ditch in Carr Lane, opposite BLS, N.5/7 and opposite The Vicarage. The purpose is to determine the feasibility of a new sump/soak away being installed that will carry the overflow in a new and larger diameter pipe.

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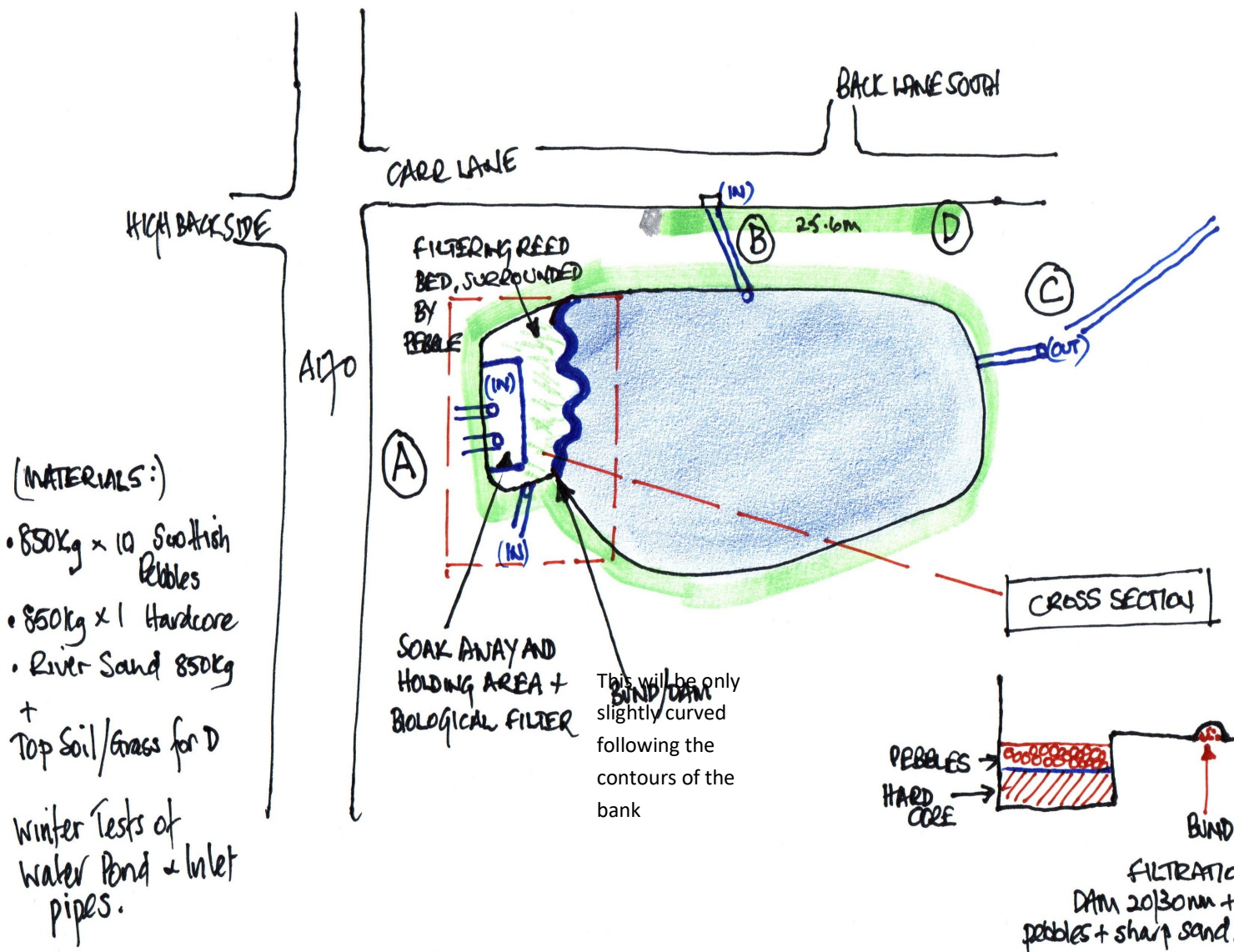


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Task D—Restoration of grass verge.

1. To excavate a 2 metre wide x 20 metre strip slightly below the level of the current kerb edging stones.
2. To install a length of heavy duty grass reinforcement mesh, top soil and re seed.

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Financial Implications (SP)

For this work to go ahead with some urgency we need access to between £1,500 and £2,000. With your support I would propose that the Middleton Hall Village Hall Committee advance the required amount from its existing resources.

A Grant application for £1,950 has been made for this project to HDH Wills. Other such applications will be made.

North Yorkshire Council will also be approached to discuss how they might make a financial contribution

The Pond Sub Committee would be asked to organise a fund raiser within the villages to retrospectively offset some of the costs.

Recommendation:

1. That the proposal is accepted in full and implemented as a matter of urgency.
2. That Committee members give consideration to a maintenance plan, which includes the management of trees, shrubs and other flora and fauna, including the maintenance of the pond banks and immediate grass covered environs.
3. That the Committee members give consideration to a fund raising activity in 2024—focussed on the pond/wild life that will contribute to the overall and ongoing costs of the project. Perhaps a project which might piggy back the 2024 Annual Village Show.

Stuart Plant

Chair—Middleton and Aislaby Village Hall Committee

16.6.2023