

Motion 1 - Cllr Helen Sumbler puts forward this Motion.

Corfe Castle Parish Council supports the Environment Working Group continuing with the No Mow areas in the play area, and spending approximately £700 of Environment reserves on wildflower plug plants.

It was agreed that the Environment Group would create No Mow / wildflower areas in the play area for 2022-23. Unfortunately, the wildflower seed that was planted in autumn 2022 only resulted in a relatively small number of wildflower plants germinating.

Therefore, the Environment Working Group is now seeking Council approval to continue with the No Mow areas in 2024, and to purchase plug plants attractive to butterflies (selection of 10 species) and 150 yellow rattle plug plants, which will be planted in the No Mow areas in April 2024. These have been priced at approximately £700 including VAT from Landlife Wildflowers, who work with Natural England and the Wildlife Trusts.

See below the original play area biodiversity improvements diagram showing the no mow areas, although it was subsequently decided to mow the strip along the play park fence. We propose this continues to be the case in 2024.

