

## **Agenda Item 26 12**

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| Report to         | <b>Findon Parish Council</b>                                |
| Meeting Date      | <b>19 January 2026</b>                                      |
| From              | <b>Cllr Gilbert</b>   |
| Title of Report   | <b>Nepcote Green Pond</b>                                   |
| Purpose of Report | <b>To consider wildflower planting adjacent to the Pond</b> |

### **1. Update**

- 1.1 We have a working group arranged with the South Downs National Park (SDNP) Rangers to carry out some scrub clearance around the Pond on 23 January 2026 with potential for wildflower planting on the green banks adjacent to the Pond. Three volunteers from the Wildflower Group will be joining as well.
- 1.2 The Clerk and myself met with Faye Pattinson, SDNPA Ranger and Jan Knowlson, SDNPA Biodiversity Officer on 17 December 2025 and the notes from this are attached as Appendix 1 to the report.
- 1.3 The cone marking the rabbit scrape on the Green has, unfortunately, been thrown into the Pond and further efforts to remove it will take place on 23 January.

### **2.0 For consideration**

- 2.1 That FPC agrees to:
- 2.2 Wildflower planting on the green banks adjacent to the Pond.
- 2.3 A request from the SDNPA to allow a 'rewilding strip' of approx. 5m to the northern edge of the Green with its boundary to Nepcote Green running to the east side of the Pond.