



COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING:	Full Council
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 25 th March 2021
ITEM NO.	133e
SUBJECT:	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
REPORT BY:	Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer

1. BACKGROUND

Council requested an Expressions of Interest exercise was undertaken for the land at Gloucester Park/Fields, Drakes Drive/Hill End Lane and at Horseshoe Field in Smallford.

Papers were issued on social media, CHPC website and the advert below was placed in the Herts Advertiser on two consecutive weeks 4th February 2021 and 11th February 2021. All applications were received before 26th February 2021 closing date.



Expressions of Interest

Colney Heath Parish Council have two parcels of land known as Horseshoe Field, located next to Notcutts in Smallford and Gloucester Park, in Hill End Lane, Highfield and would like to hear from those who wish to express an interest in purchasing or leasing for any purpose including for community projects.

Full details can be found on the parish website
Please complete the expression of interest form at the website link www.colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk or download and send with full details of your interest to the Parish Clerk at the following addresses:

By email to clerk@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk
By post to: Colney Heath Parish Council
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Deadline for responses is 10am on Friday 26th February 2021



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2. SUMMARY OF INTEREST IN HORSESHOE FIELD, SMALLFORD

Listed in order of receipt.

Purpose	Details of Scheme	Tenure and Costs
Community Garden	To replace the fencing and keep as a public open space with flower beds, bushes, and benches	5-year lease at peppercorn rent
Small holding	Farming fencing to be installed, small orchard with apple pear and plum trees, bee hives and chickens for eggs, lambs to keep grass low	Offer to purchase but also interested in lease. Requests purchase price.
Paddock	For grazing one horse	Lease no rent suggested
Market Garden	No details given	Purchase £45,000

3. SUMMARY OF INTEREST IN GLOUCESTER PARK/GLOUCESTER FIELDS

Listed in order of receipt.

Purpose	Details of Scheme	Tenure and Costs
21 allotments and private garden	To allocate 21 allotments with a view to growing flowers and organic vegetables for a market garden	Purchase or long lease. Offer for purchase in the region of £50,000
Community Asset	Creating a nature reserve, low maintenance high biological diversity area.	Remains under ownership of CHPC and would be managed or leased at peppercorn.
Community Project	To retain open space and grassed area on one side with wildflower and long grass with tree planting and attracting insects/birds. Installing memorial benches and trees	Crowdfunding to purchase and then gift to SADC/HPT
Green Space	To retain the area as green open space	Purchase £30,000 - £20,000 immediately and remainder on survey outcome



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4. COUNCIL ACTION

Council is now required to decide how they would like to take these offers forward.

- Do the Council wish to have a more detailed plan for each offer and what form would they like that in?
- Are there any proposals that the Council would not like to take forward to the next stage?
- Would a Committee or Sub-Committee or working party be the best place to investigate these applications and next steps further and in more detail.
- Further instructions will be taken in Council