***Addingham Civic Society – Environment Group Meeting Note & Update to the Addingham Parish Council January 2020 Meeting***

***FOR APPROVAL***

**Walkover to consider tree planting opportunities at the Memorial Recreation Ground & Gala Field**

**Saturday 4 January 2020 at 12.30 pm**

***Present:***

Addingham Parish Council: Cllr Coates, Cllr Hindle, Cllr Smith, Cllr Brady

Environment Group: Rick Battarbee, Jan Hindle

***Apologies:*** Cllr Tennant

**Planting out saplings – winter/early spring 2020**

The following areas were identified for planting with the stock of native whips (including hazel, birch, field maple, blackthorn) donated to the Environment Group:

1. Gala Field

To fill in gaps along the hedge line on the southeastern boundary, and to plant up the bank and extend the existing small copse in the southern corner, adjacent to Stockinger Lane.

1. MUGA bank

To plant the steep bank adjacent to the hedge to the east of the MUGA, while keeping the fell race route open. Noted that this area has heavy dock infestation. Planting here will help shade out the docks and help to stop spread of seed to the wildflower bank which AEG volunteers have cleared of docks.

1. Memorial Field: Wildflower & Pollinator Triangle (managed by AEG)

To reinforce the hedge line and plant up the bottom corner of the triangle.

**Orchard Planting – in the area between the Medical Centre & the Scout Hall**

Councilors had identified and marked out an area parallel to the Scout HQ fence which could be planted as a small orchard (six fruit trees), without impinging on future pavilion/recreation ground developments/use.

The following next steps were proposed:

* Cllr Coates to speak to Addingham Scouts, about the interest they had previously expressed in using this part of the recreation ground
* AEG to consult with Derek Law (Church Field Orchard) for advice on choosing varieties and putting together a planting plan
* The aim would be to work towards planting the orchard in winter 2020 or spring 2021.

Rick Battarbee/Jan Hindle

14 January 2020.