Attached for convenience my timeline (italics) with Christa's comments in blue. We may not be ready for all of this yet, but it would be good to get approval for the soil test from NPC as a first step.

- *ASAP a soil test, unless we can find details elsewhere of the soil type in the Jubilee Fields. Yes that's correct.*
- *March this year, mow the Fields before the flowering season begins, removing the risings. (This may be too short notice, in which case we don't mow until September.) Yes, unless you can get it done this coming week I would wait until late summer/early autumn, as bird nesting season also starts soon.*
- *Ongoing over the year, weed by hand to remove nettles, thistles, dock, ragwort. Correct.*
- *In summer, have a look at what is already growing. Correct*
- *If we have a stall at a village event, say a Fair in July, what should we display? For example, would we need to prepare leaflets and/or show a large map? I think this is up to you and what you'd like to achieve. Are you wanting more people to get engaged and involved in your Jubilee Fields project or the work of Nutfield Conservation Society more generally? You could ask people's views on how they use the fields already and their thoughts on managing them for nature. You could do this with post-it notes. Do you have any nice photos of wildlife in the area? A map is always helpful! What would you like to find out and what would you like people to do?*
- *You also suggest creating one or more "wildflower trial plots". Is this a job for the future? Or could we prepare some land for that purpose later this year? Again, up to you. This can be this year or next year, depending on your time, resource and capacity. It's a good way of trialling things rather than applying something to the whole area. Essentially, it's trialling something in one section of the field. You can mark out the area or have an area in mind now.*
- *Similarly, you recommend using green hay from the neighbouring meadow across the railway to help with seeding. Is this also for next year? It can be this summer or next summer. Depending on what you'd like to do and if you can organise it in time for this year with permission from the landowner. The Green Hay needs to be fresh and seeded at the appropriate time (late summer/early autumn)*
- *Another plan for the future is to mow a path through the meadow to keep it short for dogwalkers and allow other areas to grow long. Next year or later? This can be done this year if you are able to find somebody to do it!*
- *Ongoing, mow once or twice a year, March and September, outside the growing season. Yes correct, eventually it may be able to be reduced to just one cut each Sept.*
- *Should we scarify this year? We'd probably start with scarifying a small area, possibly defined by the size we want for the wildflower trial plot(s). Yes, when you're ready to introduce seed you can scarify (late summer).*

I haven't looked in detail at the recommendations for Hedgerow, Wetlands, wood pasture and trees, assuming they are less important and we may delay work on them for a year or more. I'll ask the group what they think. No problem, just do what you feel capable of and comfortable with.

It would be great if NPC could help to meet costs of mowing. That's another very early plan that we could ask NPC to consider, additional to the soil test. Do any of you have any thoughts?
With best wishes,

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