

## Appendix No. 6 – Item 197 Hedge at Dick Ball Meadow

Something that may be worth considering is a long term coppicing plan for the hedge as there is very little good growth in the bottom. If the hedge was to be cut down to between 6 inches and 18 inches in height, it would allow fresh new growth to rejuvenate the base of the hedge.

If this was then cut annually, it would allow it to get taller over a period of time, and you would end up with a far thicker hedge. Small gaps could also then be stopped up with native species.

An example where we have previously done this was just as you enter Arkesden on the left when approaching from Clavering, where the native hedge in front of the Yew hedge was coppiced, and now there is a lovely hedge.

We have always felt that the roadside hedge is not a particularly attractive hedge when viewed from the roadside, it is quite leggy and not a particularly nice shape. I was wondering if the council/management committee might consider coppicing this hedge in order that this hedge can grow back better and thicker with a view to perhaps laying it in the 5-6 years time.

The other point that I would like the council to consider is around the maintenance of Stickling Green. About three years ago whilst renovation works were being undertaken to Wickham Cottage some remedial works were done to the driveway across the green which left a raised bank on the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Green nearest the Cricketers. We would like to level off this bank by pulling the high bit off towards the Cricketers and grading it off over a distance of a couple of meters. It wouldn't take very long just a couple of hours, but it would make the maintenance of the green easier since we could then run from each 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the green to the next without having to ride over the raised bank.

We can undertake all of these works, however the parish Council may want to find a specialist contractor in order to lay the roadside hedge at the Dick Bull Meadow. I am sure there may be some grant funding available in order to complete these works.