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Item Reference: [Agenda Item 338.9.1](#)

Report Subject: [Back Lane Common Land](#)

1. Purpose of the report

[To update the council on the Common Land and conclude mowing responsibilities](#)

2. Introduction

[A parishioner made the council aware of an historic folder pertaining to the common lands through Buckland. This is with the Clerk. It was concluded in September 1992 that Buckland Bottom belongs to the Mexborough Estate, however the rest of the common land is cared for by the parish council \(previously the Common Land Association within the village, I have not discovered the goings of this association\) The parishioner was enquiring about the upkeep of the lane running from the Buckland-Barkway road to St Andrew's Church.](#)

3. Current Position and Proposals

[Where we are now?](#)

[The middle of the track is cut regularly \(I believe by CT Gardens, under instruction from the council\)](#)

[What it is proposed to do, why needed?](#)

[I believe the parishioner would like the width of the common to be mown not just the middle of the access lane. Other people backing on to the lane mow in front of their own property](#)

[What is the case for the recommendation\(s\)?](#)

[I have emailed CT Gardens, at present they do not mow that area, they have given a quote of £250 to clear the bank and the pathway in a one off position, I will await a quote for incorporating it into the regular cut](#)

4. Financial and Legal Implications

[What are the financial costs and budget implications? £250 to clear bank and pathway](#)

What are the legal implications for the Council raised by this issue and the actions recommended? From researching through the 'Commons folder' I have discovered that Buckland & Chipping PC took on responsibility for the commons except Buckland Bottom which is part of the Mexborough Estate.

5. Recommendations

To discuss - Considering the back lane is now the only vehicular access to the church and the brambles are getting very overgrown and starting to encroach on the lane, would it be recommended to cutting the area back and further incorporating into the regular mowing contract.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the **Council/Committee/Working Party**:

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