

## Email 05.12.21 from Sally Barlow

Hello Richard,

Please forgive my ignorance because as a newcomer I don't know the recent history of the Pond . Is it owned by the Village and is the PC responsible for its maintenance ? If so, is there an ongoing maintenance plan and funding allocation in place ? Or is it owned by the Environment Agency ? I know that a solar powered pump was installed a while ago - presumably in an attempt to move the water about a bit. Clearly it's pretty ineffective now.....

I appreciate that it is a complex, difficult and no doubt costly "asset" to manage, but as I see it, it's a valuable, historic and potentially attractive feature of the village which is currently just deteriorating into a green, smelly, stagnant pool ( see photos).....which will only get worse.

I'd have thought that with the right focus there must be a way to get together a Working Group to investigate the best way to revive and manage it sustainably into the future and attract funding for a "community environmental and heritage project" ? Surely, as such it ticks so many boxes ..... There must be some fellow villagers who would be willing to participate and help with any relevant expertise and contacts. ( Burghley Estates presumably should be supportive too ?)

I'd appreciate the PC's views please.

Thank you,

kind regards,

Sally Barlow