

**Notice of Motion submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 5.27**

**To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor M Hood, seconded by Cllr S Pilgrim on behalf of the Green Group:**

River Lawn Village Green

The sole reason that River Lawn does not already enjoy Village Green status is that a technical objection was raised by the borough council at the meeting of the Kent County Council Regulation Committee Member Panel on 28th January 2020.

We have recently been delighted to see that the borough council has raised no objection to the granting of Village Green status to Upper Castle Fields and we hope to see some consistency when considering voluntarily applying for the same designation at River Lawn.

This open space has been enjoyed by the local community since it was purchased in the wake of the First World War to create a greensward of recreational land for townfolk and create employment for veterans of the war itself. It is a significant but neglected landmark for residents who wish to see it managed appropriately and protected in perpetuity.

The council resolves that:

- (1) In accordance with section 15(8) of the Commons Act 2006, as the landowner it will voluntarily apply for the land known as River Lawn, River Lawn Road, Tonbridge to be registered as a village green; and
- (2) A review is undertaken of the policy of rewilding to River Lawn to assess its success and whether this is the most appropriate management of this open space and that the review is considered by the Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee.