

Appendix 1

Greetings,

The two photos may be of interest. The first photo depicts a typical geocache of the type that might be used in the area. The second photo, the red dots, mark possible locations.

As you will be aware, the area is already popular for dog walks etc and I would not anticipate geocaching leading to a significant increase in footfall. Maybe three or four people per week.

The geocaches would be placed away from the paths, perhaps in a bush or at the base of a tree, but they would not be placed so far into wooded areas as to cause possible damage to the fauna etc.

Best wishes

Mike Prince

From: Graham Flexman <Clerk@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:48:17 AM
To: Mikeprince@live.com <Mikeprince@live.com>
Cc: Mark Jeffries <mark.jeffries@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Geocaching

Dear Mike

Please find below relevant minute from our last Amenities Committee meeting regarding your request.

Yours sincerely

Graham Flexman
Town Clerk
New Milton Town Council

Land Use request - Geocaching at Fawcetts Field

A request from a local resident to place a small number of Geocaches in and around Fawcetts Field. Further information was requested.

The Town Clerk advised that there had been a previous request in 2013 which had been approved but it had not gone ahead. The Chairman suggested that more details are required in relation to the number of Geocaches, the precise locations and estimated footfall arising as a result.

There was some discussion about geocaching in general. It was agreed that further information is required before proceeding with this at Fawcetts Field.

From: [Mikeprince@live.com](mailto:mikeprince@live.com) <mikeprince@live.com>
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To: Mark Jeffries <mark.jeffries@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Geocaching

Good afternoon

Following on from our conversation on the telephone earlier, I write to confirm that I am seeking council permission to place a small number of Geocaches in and around Fawcett's Field.

As explained, geocaching is a modern form of treasure hunting. Geocaches can be found right across the world and are unobtrusive and completely harmless.

The plan would be to place some of these in the Fawcett's Field area to form a circular trail for seekers to follow. (Similar to the Fairy Trail (but hidden) at Great Woar Copse)

The placements would be hidden completely out of site in locations such as, the base of a tree, the back of a signpost or under a park bench.

Geocaches can be magnetic (placed on the back of a sign) or plastic. (Small Tupperware container/camera film pot) Quite often they will be camouflaged and, for the benefit of accidental "finders", they will always be labelled with information explaining what they are and why they are there.

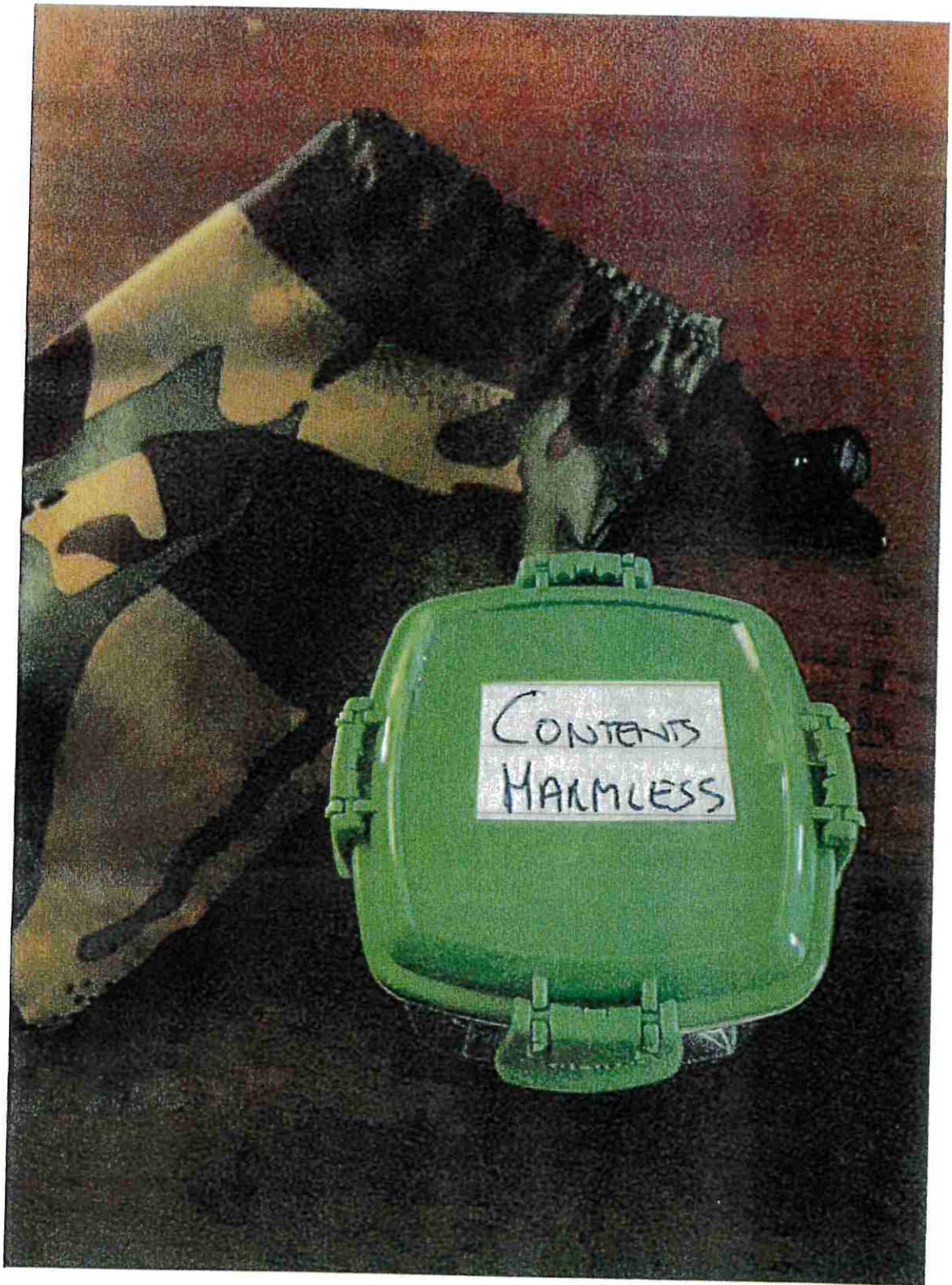
The placements will normally be placed slightly off paths or tracks so as not to be disturbed by passers-by and will always be sealed to avoid any harm to wildlife etc.

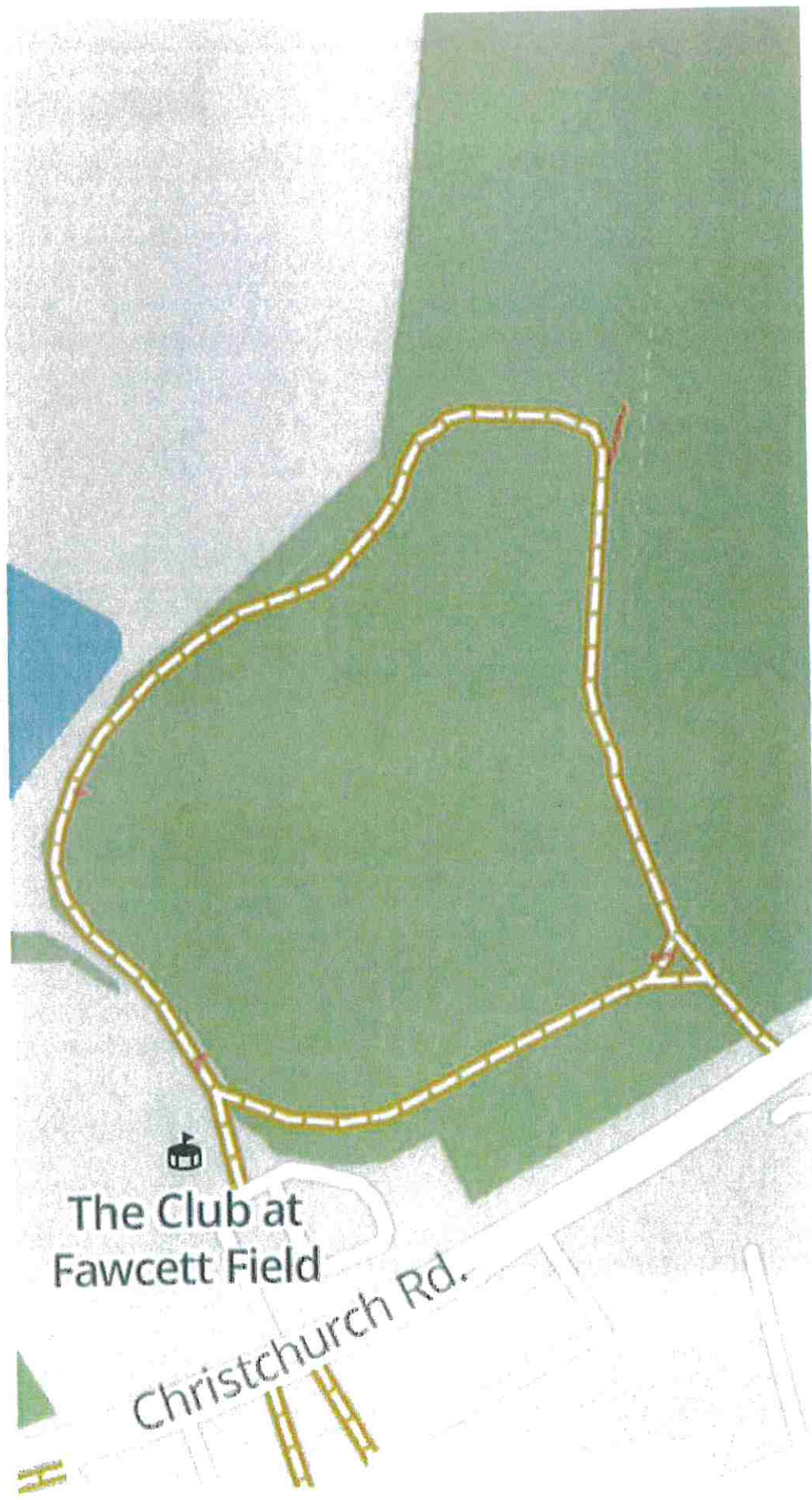
The caches will contain a small logbook for finders to sign and, occasionally they might also contain a "travel bug" A travel bug is a small metal "trackable" disc that finders deposit in caches for the next "cachers" to move on to new locations. Some of them have travelled thousands of miles across many continents!

Further information can be sought at www.geocaching.com

Best wishes

Mike Prince





The Club at
Fawcett Field

Christchurch Rd.