

Interim Inspection of Parish Trees and Recommended Works

The interim inspection of the Parish Trees by Acacia Trees was completed in June 2023 (see Appendix A). Following on from this inspection, advice was given with respect to management of a number of trees within the old Cemetery, to either:

- improve their shape and/or longevity
- increase light into the cemetery
- remove, if in poor condition.

A quote was provided by Acacia for the work (attached as Appendix A) and further to this year's full tri-annual inspection, Acacia has advised that:

- work to the trees could be undertaken as late as early autumn
- the Yew adjacent to the Chapel of Rest could be pollarded at 3m for additional light

At the time of the original quote (received July' 23), the clerk understood that work to the yews and cypresses should be undertaken in the summer, and so did not include in the schedule of works put forward in September '23 arising from the interim inspection.

Suffolk Tree Surgery and Landscape¹ has provided a further estimate for this work, attached as Appendix B.

The parish council has powers under:

- Public Health Act 1875 s.164 – to provide and maintain land for public recreation;
- Local Government Act 1972, s.214(2) – to provide and maintain cemeteries... and
- Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 & 10 – to provide and maintain ...or burial ground

The budget for work to trees in the current financial year is £1250.00.

Additional funds could be drawn down from Earmarked Reserves (with the approval of the parish council):

Grounds and Asset Maintenance	£1650.00
Cemetery & Churchyard	£1300.00

The Tri-annual inspection of trees just having been undertaken (3rd July), and the report not yet available, it would be prudent to wait for the full summary of work required to other parish trees before committing to this work, but the clerk would like the Estates committee to advise whether they wish this work to undertaken at a future time when resources are available.

¹ Contractor who has undertaken work for previous three years



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Wickhambrook Parish Council

3 July 2023

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Dear Hilary

Chapel of Rest, Cemetery

Thank you for your enquiry regarding tree work at the above location and further to your meeting with Cliff of 27 June, we have pleasure in submitting our quotation for the work discussed.

Ref	Species and work requirements	Cost
1.	Yew ~ reduce height by 50% and shorten laterals to rebalance; raise crown to 2.5ms all round including epicormic growths;	£ 575.00
2.	Yew ~ raise crown to 2.5ms all round;	£ 150.00
3.	5 Lawson Cypress (T45, T46, T43 and T41) ~ top and fell as close to ground level as possible; pls note that an electric shutdown would be required due to proximity of crowns to overhead power lines ~ we would arrange this on your behalf;	£2,000.00
4.	2 Yews ~ pollard at 2ms;	£ 600.00

We taking care to avoid any damage to adjacent grounds, graves and headstones and church property, clearing all arisings to leave the site in a safe, clean and tidy condition.

The above costs are quoted exclusive of but are subject to VAT at 20%.

Please refer to our remaining terms and conditions stated overleaf and if you have any further query, please do not hesitate to contact us. Meanwhile, assuring you of our best attention.

Yours sincerely

Karen

Karen Cole
Office Manager

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Estimate

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ESTIMATE NO. 1097

DATE 05/07/2024

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
04/07/2024	Yew - Reduce height by 50% and shorten laterals to rebalance; raise crown to 2.5ms all round including epicormic growths;	1	150.00	150.00
04/07/2024	Yew - Raise crown to 2.5ms all round;	1	60.00	60.00
04/07/2024	2 Yews - Pollard at 2ms	1	140.00	140.00
04/07/2024	5 Lawson Cypress (T45, T46, T43 and T41) - Top and fell as close to ground level as possible;	1	700.00	700.00
TOTAL				£1,050.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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