



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

REC(21)20.01

Tree Safety Survey

A tree safety survey was carried out in Feb/March 2021 by Alice Martin and the reports and accompanying appendices can be found in the papers titled REC(21)20.01.

The recommendations have been summarised into this paper for Councillors to consider. Councillors may wish to delegate some or all of the decisions to the Asst Clerk working in conjunction with the Tree Warden.

A sinking fund of £30k from CIL has been allocated to support management, maintenance and improvements to the divested parcels of land over the next few years. The cost of the Tree Safety will be allocated against this budget. There is some budget remaining in the 2020/21 budget for greenspace additional works, but expenditure would need to be made before the 31st March 2021. £5k has been allocated in the 2021/22 budget for woodland work and there is another £4k potentially available.

Councillors are asked to:

1. Choose the location for the memorial tree at the playing field from the three areas identified in the [Tree Planting report](#): A, B or C
2. Choose the species of the memorial trees from the appendix contained in the Tree Planting report
3. Decide on the planting and protection measures that should be carried out in Bury Hill/Leeks Hill Woods. Seven areas have been identified.
4. Agree to progress with the all tree felling and ivy management recommendations for the divested land as detailed in the [Divested Land Report section 6.1 Table 2: Recommended Work Schedule by priority and site](#) (pp14-15)
5. Agree to progress with the all tree felling and ivy management recommendations for Burkes Wood and the Recreation Ground as detailed in the [Rec Ground & Burkes Wood report section 6.2 Recommended work schedule and priority timescales](#) (p7)
6. Consider installing a boardwalk near the protected oak in Burkes Wood where the path gets particularly muddy to provide a better walkway and prevent the paths become wider and more numerous.
7. Consider if the company that harvests the cricket bat willows should be contacted regarding the four trees that were left at the last harvest as they are possibly ready to be harvested.