

Agenda item 165 Trees Full Council Extraordinary Meeting

I & E 2022/23 To Date Budget Remaining 1456 Tree Maintenance 3,545 7,000 3,455, = £3,455 remaining ie emergency work (£1,965) and Ecological survey (£1,490).

The tree maintenance budget for 2023/24 is £6k.

For every one tree removed, time must be planted – the following trees are recommended:

Rowan and Wild Cherry where trees have been removed or there is plenty of light.

Hawthorn and Hazel in more shaded areas. This would diversify the tree portfolio and such trees would be likely to flourish in such an environment without requiring the maintenance of larger trees such as Oak.

4D will break the tree works into three categories Red, Amber and Green – Red need to be removed before May 2023 to be covered by their liability/insurance.

ASHTREE SPINNEY:

176 & 177 Ash – Fell

178 , 179 Ash – 3 metre lateral canopy reduction

174 Sycamore – Crown lift to create 3 metres clearance from ground level. Lateral Canopy Reduction – Reduce southern lateral canopy by 3m to suitable replacement points

181 Ash – Die back Stage 3 and roots cut Fell.

182 Sycamore – Crown Lift to 5 metres to clear path of overhanging limbs. Cut Ivy

183 Sycamore – Crown Lift to 5 metres to clear path of overhanging limbs. Cut Ivy. Remove Structural limb – Remove structural limb over street light

As some work quoted for may not be needed or already completed these are Indicative to show comparative prices:

Contractor	Burgage	WMRG	Froggatts	Riverside	CH ST CP	Ash Tree	TOTAL
A	8,365	9,075	2,000	550	2,300	7,850	£30,140
B	7,350	6,800	1,500	300	2,250	4,425	£22,625
C	2,400	6,350	2,062			4,400	£15,212
Contractor C included price for: Cludd in WMRG & CH ST CP & Riverside in Froggatts							

Proposal

1. To accept and proceed with remedial work on the Red categories trees identified by the 4D Tree Survey, be work carried out before May 2023.
2. To agree the Ecological survey at Ash Tree Spinney (£1,490) to be paid from the 2023 tree budget.
3. To agree and appoint Tree Surgeon Contactor C as our preferred supplier.
4. To accept quote for removing wood from Ash Tree Spinney and the risk involved (£1,7012 – only brash and limbs to be removed, trucks to be laid flat in-situ (requote?))
5. To agree the allocation of cost centre for Red category tree maintenance costs – General Reserves or CIL?
6. To agree the cost of 15 new trees at Ash Tree Spinney to come out of the 2023 budget.
7. To request the Risk Assessment Panel investigate the implications of 4Ds suggestion to map the Southwell's estate and zone into Red, Amber and Green zones, dependent on footfall (ie Red = high footfall, green = low footfall. WMRG = Red, Beryl's Meadow = Green). Red zones would have 18 month tree surveys, Amber zones would have 3 yearly tree surveys and Green would have 4 yearly surveys. Noting to alternate between in and out of leaf. And bring a paper to Full Council ascertaining if this approach will mitigate risk and cost to Southwell Town Council.
8. To develop a financial strategy for 2023-2028.