

Parish Tree Survey

1.0 Background

The condition of trees on land owned or managed by the Council, can, if in poor condition, pose a number of risks to the council. These risks include damage to neighbouring property and risk of injury to members of the public and our staff maintaining these areas. Therefore the Parish Council has a responsibility and duty of care to ensure the safety of all trees it has accountability for.

2.0 Previous Surveys

A number of surveys have been carried out under the previous Amenities committee across individual sites by a consultant called tma-consultants:

- Hardings Row – February 2019
- Iver Heath – June 2018
- Iver Heath Allotments – February 2019
- Muddy Alley – June 2018
- St Leonards – May 2017
- St Peters – May 2017

I am unable to locate any records that show a complete survey has been carried during the life of the previous council.

3.0 Full Tree Survey 2021

To mitigate the risks posed by the condition and safety of our trees, it is proposed to carry out a complete (tree by tree) survey in 2021 and from this develop an action plan to address issues and further develop a re-survey plan.

The sites to be surveyed are:

1. 45B High Street
2. Iver recreation ground, nature reserve and allotment site
3. Iver Heath recreation ground
4. Iver Heath allotments
5. Swan Meadow
6. St Peters burial ground, the New Churchyard and the Old Churchyard (but not the lane between the burial ground and Old Churchyard)
7. St Leonards Mound
8. Mud Wharf
9. Cottage in the Woods path
10. Iver Heath Copse

4.0 Tender Process

In order to complete this task and to ensure best value for money it is intended to put this project out to tender to seek a number of quotes for consideration. Tenders will be invited from tree specialists in the local area. The tender document can be found as Appendix 10b. Maps are being collated for all our managed areas to be attached to the tender document.

5.0 Budget

There is a budget of **£10,000** set aside for tree works for 2021/22 and for this year the biggest expense from this will be the provision of this survey which will inform an action plan for the rest of 2021/22 (dealing with identified priorities) and into 2022/23

6.0 Recommendation

The Deputy Clerk recommends the tender document is put out to tender from Monday 4th October for a 3 week period and that an extraordinary meeting of the committee is set for the last week of October to review tenders and make a decision to commission the survey.

Jeremy Day
Deputy Clerk
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