



Tree Report

Prepared by: Mark Pratt - Councillor responsible for tree

Date: 26 October 2019

SUMMARY DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

Objective

Councillors are to please decide on the following actions before or at the next Parish Council Meeting. Details and background information to assist with decision making is in the sections referred to.

Decisions and actions

1) With reference to Section 1.3, I agree to large pieces of wood from the felled tree at Guys Memorial Playing Field being donated to not-for-profit local organisations (eg Orchard, Allotment Association, School).	YES
	NO
2) With reference to Section 1.5, agree to turning the tree stump into a planter.	YES
	NO
3) With reference to Section 2, I agree that the tree stump at Guys Memorial Playing Field and stored branches should be moved to the 'Picnic Area' to form a natural play area. (Answering yes would be in line with the outcome of the public consultation of Section 2.)	YES
	NO
4) With reference to Section 4, I agree to the acceptance of the full quotation.	YES
	NO
a. If no to item 4, I agree to items 1,2,3 & 5 being accepted.	YES
	NO
b. If no to item 4 & 4a, I agree to only essential items 1, 2 & 5 being accepted	YES
	NO
5) With reference to Section 5, I agree on the location of the donated tree and the purchase of the plaque by MPC	YES
	NO
6) With reference to Section 1.10 & Section 6, I agree to the planting of new trees on the FDC land shaded, subject to permission being obtained from the land owner, FDC and tree species and exact locations being recommended by FDC Tree Officer.	YES
	NO

SUMMARY REPORT ON GENERAL ACTIVITIES, INCIDENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Remainder of tree at Guys Memorial Playing Field taken down by Haines Tree Services. The tree stump could not be cut lower as historically a fence was put up next to the tree & over the years the tree 'consumed' it so the stump has metal in it.
2. The moving of the tree pieces was arranged by Cllr Charlie Marks. Thanks was publicly extended to Cllr Marks and Mr Stuart Crosbie. The wood has been safely stored for repurposing.
3. The Allotment Association has requested a large piece of the trunk for use as a table in their social area.
4. A public consultation was undertaken to gauge opinion regarding what to do with the felled tree in item 1.1 - refer to Section 2.
5. There is a proposal to turn the remainder of the tree trunk into a planter with spiky plants appropriate for the tree stump next to the fence to deter people from climbing onto it. This has not received any objections from the community.
6. The MPC insurers have stated that a tree inspection needs to be undertaken before the end of the year. An inspection was undertaken by FDC Tree Officer, the record of which can be found in Section 3 for convenience. A wider inspection of all the trees in the public realm in the Parish of Manea is being procured.
7. Estimate 01226 from Haine Tree Services Ltd was received for the work resulting from the meeting of 2 September. The full estimate can be found in Section 4.
8. Manea 5K has offered to purchase a young Oak tree (best local species to be advised by FDC Tree Officer) to replace the one fallen and felled. The proposed location for planting this tree is outlined in Section 5, close to the existing tree. Furthermore, it is proposed that MPC purchase a plaque acknowledging and commemorating the tree donation and planting.
9. Cllr Pratt was called by a local resident reporting that a tree had come down between Hutchinson Close and the Manea Village Hall car park. Cllr Pratt removed the small dead tree and deposited it in the Pit Woodland. This area is ideal for new tree planting.
10. Cllr Pratt was sent a message by the local Guides leader asking for a location for the planting of trees by the Guides, donated by the Woodland Trust. The location in item 9 and in Section 6 is recommended.

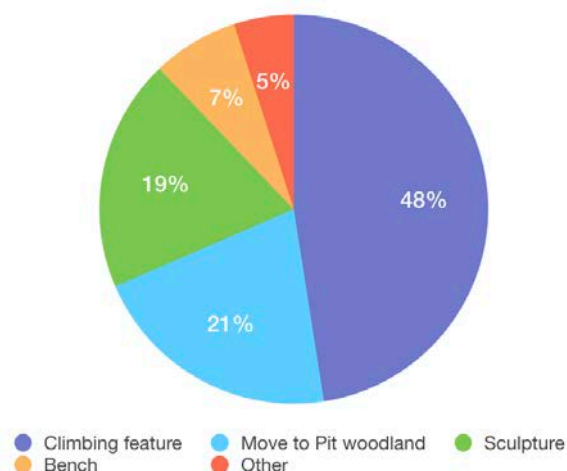
SECTION 2: PUBLIC CONSULTATION REGARDING WHAT TO DO WITH THE TREE TRUNK AT GUYS MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

Below are the results of a public consultation I undertook over the weekend regarding what to do with the tree trunk at the park.

There were 181 responses (people could only choose one option or add a proposal).

Public Consultation on what to do with the Park Tree Trunk

PROPOSAL	VOTES
Climbing feature	86
Move to Pit woodland	38
Sculpture	35
Bench	13
Other	9



The bench proposal can be discounted as we have wood set aside for this purpose and the trunk in question is too big to be repurposed in this way.

The sculpture proposal is a good one, but requires a) a sculptor, b) a subject that has community approval c) an agreed siting. I did suggest that it could be a climbable sculpture at the park, but this received no responses.

Moving the trunk to the pit is a safe option, about as popular as the sculpture proposal, but seems a terrible waste of a free resource.

Retaining the trunk as a climbing feature was by far the most popular choice. Unless there is good reason not to let it be this, then we should make it happen.

As far as location is concerned, I see there being two options:

1) Roll it closer to the existing equipment between the bench and balance beam, sufficiently far away from other features for them not to be fallen on.



2) Move it to the now unused 'picnic area' where it could be a climbing feature and part of a wider natural adventure play area. This is my preferred option as this space is neglected at present. This is also a different kind of play from the park play equipment and may not appeal to everyone. Do we have any issues moving the trunk and other logs to this location? Being quite natural, rough and ready, could this work be undertaken by volunteers?



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by timrgill



I'm keen to hear the views of others as always, but we should agree that have an exciting opportunity in our grasp, let's do something positive with it



SECTION 3: MANEA TREE INSPECTION & MEETING

2 September 2019 (Presented at the last MPC meeting in September)

Attendees:

Cllr Mark Pratt (MP);

FDC Tree Officer Graham Causey (GC)

Notes

1. Horse Chestnut tree at Guys Memorial Playing Field

- The decline of the tree was likely caused by the hardstanding over the roots and almost right up to the trunk. Good for PC to note for future.
- The presence of Ganoderma brackets is not considered to be a risk factor to other trees if the timber is repurposed and distributed.

2. Manea Tree Risk Management Plan

- This should cover zoning, inspection regime, maintenance.
- Should be concise and need not be onerous. Guidance documentation forwarded to MP by GC.

3. Maintenance regime for highways / pavement verge trees

- GC advised that he would forward a map outlining who was responsible for what in this regard.
- GC suggested that limit on the height of branches over roads is 5.5m and 2.5m over pavements; MP advised that there were numerous tree branches lower than this. This should be taken up with the responsible parties by the PC. **[Action required]** *Post meeting note: a parishioner has advised that some of the Cherry trees along Station Rd appear diseased and require an inspection - GC to please advise. Correspondence from parishioner attached.*
- MP queried whether annual pollarding of trees along roads was advisable; GC advised that this would mean that pollarding would need to take place annually for safety reasons - new branches on pollarded trees are not as deeply anchored in growth, so once a pollarding cycle has been started it needs to be continued.

4. Cemetery trees

- These are the responsibility of the land owner - Manea PC; suggest there should be 2.5m pedestrian clearance over footpaths. **[Action required]**

5. Dicks Green Conifer

- This is the responsibility of the land owner (*MP note: ownership tbc by Clerk*); GC advised that as the tree shows no signs of dying it should be okay if replanted and staked. *Post meeting note: Malcolm Willmott of the Gala Committee has replanted the tree.*

6. 2no Oak trees at Pit (raised by Steve Emery at last PC meeting - no bark on bows)

- GC advised that due to the nature of the timber these dead / dying branches are low risk and may be left in situ. Also not over swims or much-used footpaths, so considered low risk.

7. Future tree planting

- Species, GC advised as follows:
 - Walnut - good tree, sensitive to root damage so do not mow near them
 - Cherry - good tree, but not on verges due to shallow roots causing pavement / road uplift.
 - Oak - excellent
 - Native Black Poplar - would be excellent to see this reintroduced around the pit or at the park - safe tree as not a true Poplar - there are initiatives to keep the species going.
 - Willow - good, suggest Salix Alber, Salix Fragilis & smaller Goat Willow.
 - Mountain Ash (not a true Ash) - very good
 - Ash - avoid those susceptible to Ash Dieback disease.
 - Hornbeam - very good
 - Yew - good, but note that it has a poisonous berry

8. TPOs

- MP thanked GC for the TPO information for the area and will issue to GC the schedule and map produced by Cllr Ben Bonos from this.
- GC will welcome a list of trees worthy of a TPO, so long as they meet the following criteria:
 - they have amenity value (add character)
 - are prominent
 - not on verges (there may be exceptions)
 - or under threat from development

9. Other matters arising

a. Tree at zip wire

- Correspondence to Cllr Bonos re falling branch near zip wire from parishioner attached.

- GC advised that Poplars can shed branches easily so are not ideal for near play or other areas frequented by the public.
- Furthermore GC advised that the 5no Poplars in the area have over-extended limbs - GC suggested that these branches are reduced.
- Once these trees are pruned they will likely have limited life expectancy.
- GC suggested a phased replacement of the Poplars - remove two; pollard 40% of remaining three. Pollard annually. Replace two: Native Black Poplar would be good in this location as it is not a true Poplar. Other species such as noted under item 7 above would also be suitable. After five years replace the other three Poplars. **[Action required]**

b. Pit tree maintenance

- GC suggested that an appendix is added to the Pit Management Plan to cover a tree inspection regime and maintenance plan.

c. Poplar on bank of Pit on the Orchard side has a weak fork formation and should be reviewed regularly, especially if there is a swim or footpath under it.

d. Ivy is okay on the trunks of the trees, but should be kept away from the crown. Ivy should be kept under control without wholesale removal.

SECTION 4: ESTIMATE 01226 FROM HAINE TREE SERVICES LTD

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Quotation

ADDRESS

Manea Parish Council

QUOTATION NO. 01226

DATE 16/10/2019

ACTIVITY	VAT	AMOUNT	
Remove Poplar closest to zip line in boundary hedge, and one other Poplar in the same row. Chip brash and tip in Pit, cut timber into 3 metre lengths and move into Pit or new play area as appropriate.	20.0% S	1,350.00	1
Pollard remaining 3 Poplars in row at final height of 8 metres. Chip brash and tip in Pit, cut timber into 3 metre lengths and move into Pit or new play area as appropriate.	20.0% S	950.00	2
Crown lift all trees in Cemetery overhanging footpaths height of 2.5 metres. Chip and remove all arisings.	20.0% S	675.00	3
Crown lift all trees overhanging pavements on Station Road between school and Wisbech Road, and along Wisbech Road. Chip and remove all arisings.	20.0% S	675.00	4
Poplar near fishing lake with included union at base: Crown reduce by 30%. Chip brash and tip in Pit area.	20.0% S	375.00	5
SUBTOTAL		4,025.00	
VAT TOTAL		805.00	
TOTAL		£4,830.00	

VAT SUMMARY

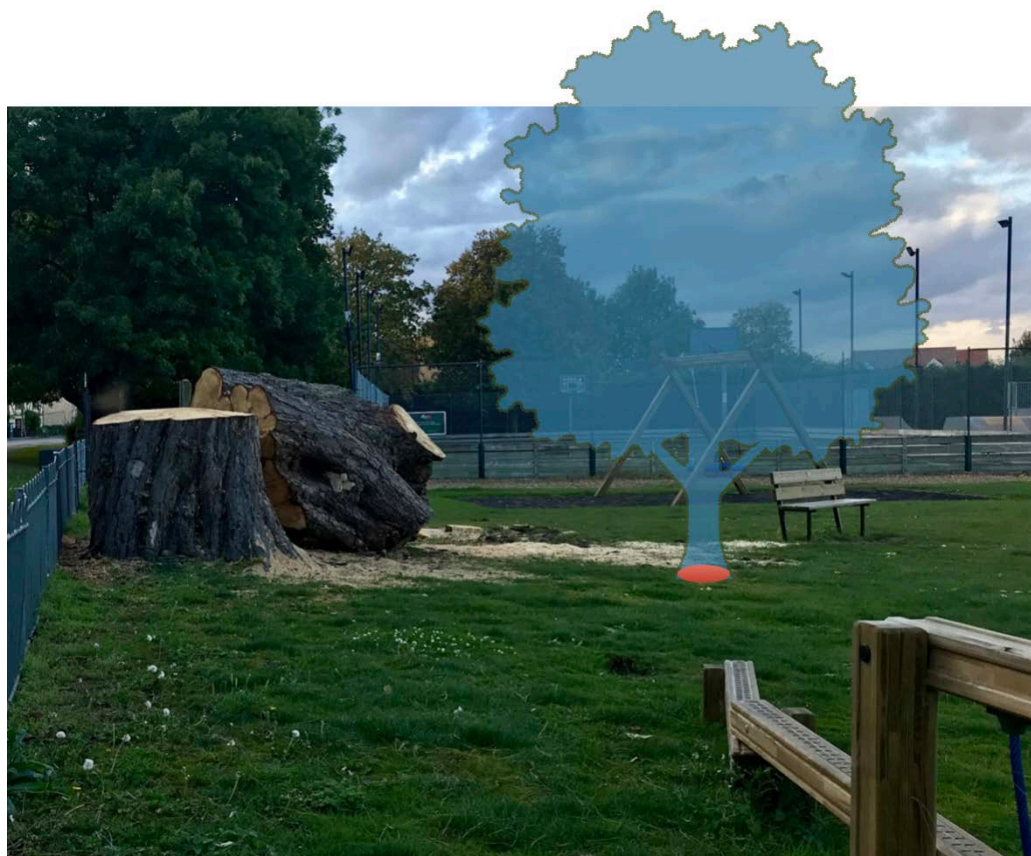
RATE	VAT	NET
VAT @ 20%	805.00	4,025.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Payment can be made by bank transfer to the following account:
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SECTION 5: TREE PLANTING LOCATION FOR MANEA GUIDES

