



Tree Report

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SECTION 1: SUMMARY REPORT ON GENERAL ACTIVITIES, INCIDENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Actions from previous meeting:

- a. Haine Tree Services quotation for survey and risk analysis plus report request issued.
- b. Haine Tree Services quotation #1226 response issued.
- c. Tree Risk Management Plan draft being prepared.
- d. Tree Inspection Report attached for issue to MPC insurers covering inspection of trees on land in Manea that MPC is responsible for. This will be followed up by full tree survey and report covering the same land.
- e. Investigation of the moving of large pieces of wood to 'Picnic area' ongoing.
- f. Manea Gala 5K representatives advised of MPC decision to have a tree planted and a plaque for it to be donated by MPC. Meeting held with Cllr Bonos on 11 November regarding location for planting new tree provided by Manea 5K at Guys Memorial Playing Field. A number of locations have been identified.
- g. Correspondence written to FDC regarding permission to plant trees on FDC land within MPC. Response received. MPC may plant trees on FDC land subject to MPC taking on the costs for delivery, planting and all ongoing maintenance. MPC also have to provide evidence of community consultation undertaken regarding the tree planting plans for FDC to assess and consider the proposals.

2. Correspondence was sent to the Diocese of Ely and FDC regarding trees causing a health & safety issue to residents of Acorn Lane. Advice from MPC Clerk sought regarding further action as the land is not MPC responsibility, but the resolution of issues raised by constituents is important to Manea Parish Councillors.

SECTION 2: MPC TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date: Monday, 2 September 2019 by FDC Tree Officer Graham Causey (GC) reported to Cllr Mark Pratt

The Inspection covers trees on MPC land only:

1. Guys Memorial Playing Field
 - a. 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.
 - b. 5no Poplars in the area of the zip wire / car park 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. *(Update: work commissioned)*
2. Manea Orchard
 - a. Low risk
3. Manea Pit
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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. *(Update: work commissioned)*
 - c. 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.
4. Manea Cemetery
 - a. There should be 2.5m pedestrian clearance over footpaths. *(Work commissioned)*
5. Manea Allotments
 - a. Low risk (not inspected by GC)
6. Dick's Green
 - a. Conifer shows no signs of dying it should be okay if replanted and staked. *(Update: Malcolm Willmott of the Gala Committee has replanted the tree.)*
7. Bedlam Pit
 - a. Low risk - no public access (not inspected by GC)
8. Village Hall excluding building
 - a. Low risk (not inspected by GC)