

HARBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Harberton Parish Council at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th June 2020, by online and telephone conferencing.

Present: Cllrs Beamish, Bowley, Camp, Davidson, McDonnell, Williams

Apologies: Cllrs Phillips, Waite

In attendance: Ms Radford

Public Session No members of the public were in attendance.

Agenda

1. **Apologies** Were received as above.
2. **To declare any interests (nature and scope) on items on the agenda.** No interests were declared on items on the agenda.
3. **To consider Tree Survey Report and quotation for works.**

Parish Councillors had been forwarded the tree survey as produced by Dart Forest Tree Works which made recommendations on maintenance of trees at Harbertonford Playpark and Harberton Playing Field. **It was RESOLVED** to accept the report.

The report made the following recommendations:

Tree No.	Species	Location	Observations	Recommendations	Work Priority
T0242	Ash	Harbertonford Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-stemmed historic coppice boundary.• Significant included union on South Eastern stem moving in wind.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reducing tagged south eastern stem by approx. 6-8m• Reduce remaining crowns of stems by 3-4m	High - Works recommended within 1 month
G0243	Ash and Sycamore	Harbertonford Play Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group of two twin stemmed Ash and one Sycamore.• Ash trees showing signs of Ash Dieback Disease of varying degrees. Some of which significantly severe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pollard both Ash trees and Sycamore at approx. 4-5m to allow to regrow and monitor thereon in.	Medium - Works recommended within 6 months
C1	Mixed Broadleaf -	Harberton Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening trees on bank in car park.• Mix of ornamental planted specimens.• Ash overhanging access road showing signs of Ash Dieback Disease.• Group of screening trees and scrub between play Park and field.• Three Ash trees growing in play park area have varying degrees of Ash Dieback Disease. Although considered low risk at present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor Ash trees annually during summer months for Ash Dieback Disease.	Low- Works recommended within 12 months
C2	Mixed Broadleaf	Harberton Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trees growing on boundary bank and wooded planted area.• Planted young specimens of Cherry, Hazel and Ash.• Large mature boundary Oak and two Ash. Ash trees have	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remove major dead wood from crowns of Oak and Ash trees overhanging track.	Medium- Works recommended within 6 months

			very minor signs of Ash Dieback Disease. • Ash has large broken hanging branch tied up with old rope swing.		
T0241	Ash	Harberton Playing Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large boundary Ash tree with old rope swing. Rope swing holding up large broken branch. • Woodpeckers nesting in low hanging limb. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove major deadwood overhanging track and re-tie rope swing higher in crown re-directed on to lower limb. 	Medium- Works recommended within 6 months

Cllrs considered four quotes obtained to undertake recommended work.

It was RESOLVED to accept a quotation from South Hams Arborists for Safety work at Harberton Playing field, removal of deadwood from T0241 and large Oak tree, chipping and removal of all arisings, park left clean and tidy. Replacement rope for the rope swing, 15m in length, brand new climbing Rope at a cost of £339.75 (no VAT).

It was RESOLVED to accept a quotation from Tree Fellas for works at Harbertonford Play Park: Tree tag No 242. Reduce tagged south eastern stem by approx. 6-8m and reduce the remaining crowns of stems by 3-4m. Group of trees tag No 243. Reduce 2 Ash and 1 Sycamore trees down to 4-5 meters. Woodchip left in the undergrowth and the wood removed. Areas left neat and tidy at a cost of £885 plus VAT. It was agreed to request that any wood be removed via the school playground, and not via Riverdale.

It was noted that it would be required to break the padlock on the gates to the play area, and a replacement padlock provided. **ACTION: Cllr Camp** to source tools to break the lock.

4. To consider payment of invoice for Tree Survey Report.

It was RESOLVED to pay invoice B611 from Dart Forest Tree Works for Tree Survey at Harberton and Harbertonford Parks at a cost of £435 plus £87 VAT = £522

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.