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Briefing Note

Reeds Lane Rec Tree Felling

For Finance, Governance & Estates Committee 18 September 2025

Introduction

On 23rd July 2025 the Estates and Facilities Manager discovered that one of the large Oak trees in Reeds Lane Recreation Grounds North, was showing signs of decline. Following a conversation with our Tree Surveyor, who advised that the most probable cause was due to a terminal decline and advised that it should be felled. Although it is not felt to be an immediate hazard, given its size there is concern that if the tree fails it would pose a danger to neighbouring properties and users of the area.

On the 24th July 2025 two of our Tree Surgeons were asked to inspect the tree to advise on required works and costs associated with those works.



Works Required

Tree surgeon 1

To fell the tree to a 4m monolith and remove all waste from site.

Total Cost **£3,250 plus VAT**

Tree surgeon 2

To fell the tree to the ground and remove all waste from the site.

to fell to the ground. **£3,200 plus VAT**

to remove materials from site. **£650 plus VAT**

Total Cost **£3,850 plus VAT**

Another option proposed by the Sayers Common Village Society

Is to have the wood milled to make benches on site. Although this has not been explored fully, there is a local saw miller that might be able to quote for this. However, it is not clear if they would carry out the felling or would just retrieve the useable material for milling.

Recommendation

The recommendation is to appoint Tree Surgeon 1 to monolith the tree to 4m at a total cost of **£3,250 plus VAT**.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to AGREE to appoint Tree Surgeon 1 at a Total cost of £3,250 plus VAT.
