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Briefing Note

Tree works 2026

For Finance, Governance & Estates Committee 16th July 2026

Background

PJC consultancy carried out a tree risk assessment survey of our tree stock within the below sites in April 2026.

- St George's Green
- Millennium Garden
- South Avenue Private Road
- South Avenue Cemetery
- South Avenue Recreation Ground
- Village Garden
- War Memorial Garden (Village Green)
- Lower Churchyard
- Albourne Road Allotments
- Reeds Lane Recreation Ground
- Court Bushes community Hub

The survey highlighted the following proposed works. A few additional tasks have also been identified.

Proposed Works

Two Tree Surgeons were to provide a quotation for the tree works for this year and were given the same specification, maps and site visits. It is proposed to divide the works up between the Tree Surgeons as previous years, sharing the works as evenly as possible but ultimately appointing the lowest quote.

Location	Ref.	Species	Defect	Action required	Justin	Timbertongs
South Ave Rec	0163	Horse Chestnut	Previously pollarded to three main stems, northern stem has decay developing close to stem union.	Remove stem back to stem union	£500.00	£312.50
South Ave Rec	1714	Oak	Deadwood in Crown	Remove deadwood in crown	£200.00	£1,083.33
Court Bushes Hub	NT1	Hawthorn	Standing dead tree	Fell	£350.00	£229.17
Millennium Garden	0099	Sycamore	Standing dead tree	fell	£75.00	£75.00
St Georges Green	0100	Goat Willow	Twin stemmed tree, one stem has failed, remaining stem has extensive decay.	fell	£450.00	£291.67
Reeds Lane Rec	0280	Oak	deadwood in crown	Remove deadwood in crown	£175.00	£291.67
Reeds Lane Rec	G2	Ash	group of ash affected by ash dieback.	remove affected trees with more than 30% dieback.	£500.00	£312.50
Millennium Garden	AD1	Laurel		Laurel reduction	£350.00	£291.67
South Ave	AD2	Lime	Pollard	Pollarding all trees including by bowls green.	£575.00	£1,000.00
South Ave Rec	AD3	Ash	reduction of neighbouring tree following branch dropping near to new built house.	fell	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Weald Close	AD4	Ash	review pollard if needed	Pollard as required	£1,500.00	£1,958.33
Bishops Close	AD5	Oak	Growing towards property, off balance	reduce branches growing towards house and balance tree	£350.00	£1,541.67
Bishops Close	AD6	Sycamore	leaning over/towards shed	fell	£75.00	£187.50
St George's Green	AD7	Mixed species	encroaching into power lines	cut back all encroaching branches	£450.00	£0.00

Funding

It is proposed to fund these tree works from the following cost centres and budget codes:

Recreation Grounds for:

South Avenue Recreation Ground

Reeds Lane Recreation Ground

Weald Close

St George's Green

Total cost under (Cost Centre 202/5550) **£7,025.00 plus VAT (Budget Remaining of £575)**

Court Bushes

Total Cost under (Cost Centre 211/5550) **£229.17 plus VAT (Budget Remaining of £500)**

Millennium Garden

Total Cost under (Cost Centre 210/5430) **£658.34 plus VAT (To use Earmarked Reserve 360)**

Land at the rear of Bishops Close (Causeway/The Wilderness)

Total Cost under (210/5550) **£425.00 plus VAT (To use Earmarked Reserve 350)**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to appoint J. Lee Trees to carry out the following works for a total cost of **£6,825.00 plus VAT**:

1714	South Ave Rec	oak	£200.00	£1,083.33
280	Reeds Lane Rec	oak	£175.00	£291.67
AD2	South Ave	lime	£575.00	£1,000.00
*AD3	South Ave Rec	ash	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
AD4	Weald Close	ash	£1,500.00	£1,958.33
AD5	Bishops Close	oak	£350.00	£1,541.67
AD6	Bishops Close	sycamore	£75.00	£187.50
AD7	St Georges lane	mixed species	£450.00	£0.00
			£6,825.00	£9,562.50

It is recommended to appoint Timbertongs to carry out the following works for a total cost of **£1,512.51 plus VAT**:

163	South Ave Rec	horse chestnut	£500.00	£312.50
NT1	Court Bushes	hawthorn group	£350.00	£229.17
100	Millennium Garden	goat willow	£450.00	£291.67
G2	Reeds Lane Rec	ash	£500.00	£312.50
AD1	Millennium Garden	laurel	£350.00	£291.67
99	Millennium Garden	sycamore	£75.00	£75.00
			£2,225.00	£1,512.51

*Please note that AD3 has been priced the same price by both Tree Surgeons, however Justin Lee carried out the original emergency works and therefore has been recommended to carry out these works as he is more aware of the situation.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to appoint J. Lee Trees to carry out 8 tree works for a total cost of £6,825.00 plus VAT and Timbertongs to carry out 6 tree works for a total cost of £1,512.51 plus VAT.
