

Burwell Parish Council

Tree Policy

The Village of Burwell has a significant number of large mature trees and many are on land which is the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Council is keen to ensure that as many trees and open spaces are retained for the benefit of all residents. Hedges surrounding Parish Council land are already maintained and cut under a separate Contract.

This Policy outlines the actions to be taken to ensure that this remains a priority.

- The Parish Council is responsible for managing or replacing all trees on land and open space owned by them.
- Trees within the Conservation Area are subject to inspection and permission by the East Cambridgeshire's Tree Officer before any work is carried out. A detailed map of the Conservation area is held in Parish Council Office.
- The Parish Council has no jurisdiction over trees that they do not own for example in Residents gardens, but if appropriate will advise and request that no tree is lost if possible.
- Trees adjoining a Highway are normally maintained by Cambridge County Council but the Parish Council can highlight any action that is required.
- Handyman to inspect all trees on Parish Council land during Spring of each year with a recommendation to Parish Council of any pruning/felling/replacement needing to be carried out in the Autumn. This timescale will allow for any nesting birds to have moved. A suitably qualified Tree Surgeon should then be asked to inspect and quote for any remedial action.
- If a Tree needs to be felled, and it is appropriate for a replacement to be planted, then it is important to choose the correct type/species in order to avoid damage by the roots etc. to neighbouring buildings.
- Handyman should regularly inspect all Trees in public areas and if any branches are lower than 6 feet from ground level these should be removed in order to avoid any potential injury to the Public. Suckers at base of Trees should also be removed. Parish Councillors should report any relevant action needed to the Parish Clerk as they move around the Village.
- When assessing Planning Applications consideration should be given to the proposed landscaping of the site with emphasis on the planting of trees as appropriate.

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