



To: **All Members of Killamarsh Parish Council Environment and Climate Change Committee**

You are Hereby Summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held on WEDNESDAY 16th October 2024 at 6:30 PM KILLAMARSH COMMUNITY HUB.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gail Blank
Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to the Parish Council

AGENDA

1 Chair's Announcements

- To receive the Chair's opening announcements.

2 Apologies for Absence

- To note apologies for absence given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for dispensation (Section 13 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

4 Adjournment for Public Participation

- To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public 3 minutes each to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

5 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

- To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.

6 Minutes from the previous meeting

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2024.
b) To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

7 Budget

- To receive the budget report for April to September and to consider the budget requirements for 2025/26.

8 Grit & Grit Bins

- To consider a request from a resident to install a new grit bin at Fir Place, Killamarsh.

- 9 Trees and hedges**
- To consider the tree survey report for trees on Parish Council land and to agree any necessary action.
- 10 Allotments**
- To consider holding a Best Kept Allotment Competition in 2025.
- 11 CCTV**
- To consider a request from the police to have access to the village CCTV via a secure tablet.
- 12 Village Green**
a) To consider and approve a quote to install 5 more wooden planters at the Village Green.

b) To consider any action needed following a resident report of a number of cars parked on the Village Green.
- 13 Parks and Open Spaces**
- To consider and approve a potential solution from an engineer at RMBC to deal with the issue of pooling water at the bottom of Belkane Park in periods of heavy rainfall.
- 14 Cemetery**
- To receive a report regarding costings for Killamarsh Cemetery management and to decide on any further action needed.
- 15 Birchlands**
- To receive a response from two residents adjacent to Birchlands Park and to consider and approve any action required.
- 16 Grounds Maintenance**
- To consider and approve the grounds maintenance contract for 2025/26.
- 17 Items for discussion for a future agenda**
- To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings.
- 18 Date of the Next Council Meeting**
- Wednesday 13th November 2024

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) 1960

Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which will give reasons for the public's exclusion in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960.

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Item 6a

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 07 AUGUST 2024

Those present :

Chair : Cllr W Tinley
Vice-Chair : Cllr H Laws
Councillors : Cllr S Clough, Cllr J Sherman, Cllr J Windle
Officers : Mrs J France

ENV265 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

ENV266 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey.

ENV267 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None received.

b) To receive, consider and record Councillors requests for dispensation (Section 13 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None received.

ENV268 Adjournment for Public Participation

- To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public 3 minutes each to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

No members of the public were present.

ENV269 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

- To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information.

RESOLVED: That the press and public should be excluded from items 13 and 14 due to residents information being discussed.

ENV270 Minutes from the previous meeting

a) To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024 are a true and accurate record.

b) To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

A written report had been circulated with the agenda pack.

The Deputy Clerk noted that the tree survey would now take place week beginning 19th August. The surveyor from Outline Trees did not need anyone to go around the sites with him as he had all the locations mapped out. The Deputy Clerk had discussed with him trees which had been reported by residents as being of concern.

Cllrs Tinley and Clough gave a further update on St Giles Churchyard:

A meeting of the volunteers was held at the churchyard and Killamarsh Conservation Group are willing to help out with some of the smaller jobs that need doing if NEDDC will complete the larger works. The group would like some of the covered over footpath to be re-instated. Cllr Tinley has made enquiries with Derbyshire Probation Service about helping out and also with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. The Deputy Clerk has contacted NEDDC to arrange a meeting with the volunteer group.

ENV271 Policies

a) To consider and approve any amendments needed to the KPC22 Playground Management Policy.

RESOLVED: That the KPC22 Playground Management Policy is approved.

b) To consider and approve any amendments needed to the KPC40 Memorial Dedication Policy.

RESOLVED: That the KPC40 Memorial Dedication Policy is approved.

ENV272 Health & Safety

- To consider and approve any amendments needed to the DRAFT Playground Risk Assessment.

It was agreed to add 'vandalism' into the risk box for play equipment and to add that a police report will be made if vandalism occurs into the 'controls' box. The Parish Council may consider the installation of CCTV at playgrounds in the future to deter anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

RESOLVED: That the Playground Risk Assessment is approved.

ENV273 Litter & Dog Bins

- To consider and approve a request from a resident to install a dog bin at the bottom of Ashley Lane by the sign post leading to the path.

The Committee thought that it would be an ideal place for a dog bin. Cllr Laws and Tinley will check with nearby residents that they have no objections and then an order would be placed with NEDDC.

RESOLVED: That the installation of a dog bin at the bottom of Ashley Lane is approved subject to any feedback from nearby residents.

ENV274 Village Green

- To consider and approve the installation of some additional planters or trees at the Village Green to help prevent parking.

The Committee said they had received positive feedback about the planters and how nice they

look. It was agreed that they are somewhat of a deterrent to parking, however some vehicles were still managing to park in a couple of areas, which was both damaging to the trees and had on occasion prevented the grounds maintenance contractor from cutting the grass. There was a discussion around some negative feedback Cllr Clough had received about the no parking signs, however the Committee agreed that it was important to protect the Green as a pleasant green space for the Village.

RESOLVED: That 5 additional planters be purchased for the Village Green, along with 2 for outside the Community Hub on Stanley Street.

ENV275 Climate Change

- To consider a request regarding a NALC and SLCC campaign about lithium batteries from Ron Bailey who is the researcher for Lord (Don) Foster, who has been campaigning on this issue in the House of Lords. Ron is also the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First, a UK Charity dedicated to reducing the deaths and injuries caused by electricity. The request has gone out to all local government associations and further details are attached.

The Committee agreed that the safe use and disposal of lithium batteries was a very important issue and were happy to the Council to write to Ron Bailey to express the support of his campaign. They would also like some posters or other relevant materials that encourage people in safe use of the batteries.

RESOLVED: To write to Ron Bailey in support of the campaign and ask if he could send some relevant promotional materials.

ENV276 Parish Council Land

- To consider and approve any action needed with regards to a parcel of land belonging to Killamarsh Parish Council that is adjacent to Ebenezer Gospel Hall.

This was discussed in closed session and the next steps were agreed.

ENV277 Birchlands

- To discuss the natural borders around Birchlands Park and decide on any required action following requests from two residents.

RESOLVED: For the Committee to have a site visit to Birchlands Park to look at the reported issues.

ENV278 Allotments

- To discuss the recent site visit by the Committee and agree any necessary action.

This was discussed in closed session and the necessary action was agreed.

ENV279 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Trees overhanging the cemetery path from adjoining land.
- A welcome to Killamarsh sign at the entrance to the Village.

ENV280 Date of the Next Council Meeting

- Wednesday 16th October 2024



Item 6b - Update Report

TO:	Members of the Environment & Climate Change Committee
DATE:	16 th October 2024
SUBJECT:	Information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda
REPORT AUTHOR:	Judy France, Deputy Parish Clerk

Information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda

Purpose of Report: To update members with information about ongoing issues not included on the agenda

Allotments

Six plots at Belkane have recently been relet or are in the process of being relet.

Dog bins

The new bin for the bottom of Ashley Lane has been ordered.

Cemetery

Research by Cllr Tinley and the Deputy Clerk and a land registry request has established that the land adjacent to Killamarsh Cemetery containing trees that are large and overhanging onto the cemetery path belongs to NEDDC. The Deputy Clerk has made a request to NEDDC that the trees are trimmed back from the path.

Norwood

Approval has been received from DCC to install the noticeboard at the Sandwich junction roundabout and a noticeboard has been ordered and delivered. We are waiting for an installation date from the contractor.

Precinct

The Office has liaised with the landowner representatives to request that the two dead trees by the bus shelter be removed as they are a health and safety risk and they have commissioned a contractor to complete the work.

St Giles Churchyard, Killamarsh

A meeting was held in the Parish Suite on Monday 7th September for the formal creation of the Friends of St Giles Churchyard group.

Item 7

Killmarsh Parish Council
Budget 2024/25

EXPENDITURE

Environment & Climate Change Committee

Parks & Open Spaces

	23/24 Outturn	24/25 Approved Budget	24/25 Current actual 30.09.2024	24/25 Projected Outturn	24/25 Variance
2000	106.58	107.00	106.58	106.58	-0.42
2010	5,812.92	6,220.00	5,887.44	5,887.44	-332.56
2011	0.00	0.00	333.00	333.00	333.00
2015	143.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	0.00	2,795.00	2,793.52	2,793.52	-1.48
2020	7,033.78	8,500.00	4,248.00	8,496.00	-4.00
2045	8,399.28	9,686.00	4,210.42	9,686.00	0.00
2041	440.40	856.00	428.04	856.08	0.08
2030	787.00	2,000.00	121.00	2,000.00	0.00
3000	2,815.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00
2040	2,190.18	1,000.00	208.89	1,000.00	0.00
2042	1,212.00	912.00	912.00	912.00	0.00
2050	4,646.98	8,021.40	4,674.48	8,021.40	0.00
2060	782.84	1,000.00	922.40	1,522.40	522.40
2055	1,398.73	1,700.00	1,769.18	1,769.18	69.18
2200	7,121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total - Parks & Open Spaces	42,889.92	50,797.40	26,614.95	51,383.60	586.20

522.40 includes one offs such as car mats, sensors for van, van signage etc.

Cemetery

2100	100.45	160.00	79.98	159.96	-0.04
2101	36.64	600.00	50.26	120.62	-479.38
2105	2,559.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
2110	1,324.96	716.00	357.76	715.52	-0.48
Total - Cemetery	4,021.10	2,476.00	488.00	996.10	-1,479.90

Churches & Churchyards

2300	329.03	500.00	61.67	300.00	-200.00
2310	213.00	1,000.00	234.00	234.00	-766.00
Total - Churches & Churchyards	542.03	1,500.00	295.67	534.00	-966.00

Highways & Street Furniture

2400	37.08	37.00	0.00	37.00	0.00
2410	1,250.00	1,000.00	90.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total - Highways and Street Furniture	1,287.08	1,037.00	90.00	1,037.00	0.00

CCTV

2500	Electricity	694.60	1,000.00	521.44	2,000.00	1,000.00
2505	Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Total - CCTV		694.60	2,000.00	521.44	2,000.00	0.00
Community Bus						
3300	Community Bus	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	-8,000.00 Saving used to offset payment to NEDDC
Total - Community Bus		0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	-8,000.00
Defibs						
2550	Maintenance & Supplies	0.00	500.00	228.00	500.00	0.00
Total - Defibs		0.00	500.00	228.00	500.00	0.00
Speed Indicator Devices						
2560	Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total - Speed Indicator Devices		0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Projects						
2600	Neighbourhood Plan	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
2641	Speed Indicator Devices	10,723.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2642	Norwood Play Area	51,440.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2643	Cemetery Gates Project	7,123.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2644	CCTV Project	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
2645	Solar Panels Grant	0.00	0.00	11,210.00	11,210.00	11,210.00
Total - Projects		69,287.07	300.00	13,310.00	16,710.00	16,410.00
Total - Environment & Climate Change Committee		119,721.80	67,610.40	41,548.06	74,160.70	6,550.30
INCOME						
Environment & Climate Change Committee						
Allotments						
200	Belk Lane income	550.00	525.00	550.00	550.00	25.00
210	Station Road income	375.00	550.00	562.50	567.50	37.50
Total - Allotments		925.00	1,075.00	1,112.50	1,137.50	62.50
Rights of Way - DCC						
220	Rights of Way Income from DCC	495.00	495.00	0.00	495.00	0.00
Total - Rights of Way - DCC		495.00	495.00	0.00	495.00	0.00
Project Funding						
230	Defibrator Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
240	Norwood Play Area	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

250	DPCC SIDS Grant	6,760.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
260	Groundworks Neighbourhood Plan Grant	1,850.00	0.00	5,200.00	5,200.00	5,200.00
265	Solar Panel Grant	1,850.00	0.00	11,210.00	11,210.00	11,210.00
270	DPCC CCTV Funding	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
280	FCC Grant - Parish Suite	99,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total - Projects Funding		139,870.00	0.00	16,410.00	16,410.00	16,410.00
TOTAL INCOME		141,290.00	1,570.00	17,522.50	18,042.50	16,472.50
NET BALANCE		-22,568.20	66,040.40	24,025.56	56,118.20	-9,922.20

	31.03.2024	Movement In Year	31.03.2025
Reserves			
Rolling Capital Fund	£75,000.00	-£685.99	£74,314.01 noticeboard
EMR Environment Reserve	£51,382.70	-£1,212.00	£50,170.70 Benches & CCTV 3 additional dog Lamppost testing bins - £1100, CCTV £1500 + £16,786 approx outstanding
EMR Vehicle and Equipment	£5,000.00	£0.00	New Van £2,642.60 advance payment
Reserves	£56,362.70	-£1,212.00	£52,813.30

Item 8

Map showing the location of two grit bins in the vicinity of Fir Place:



KPC 69 Grit Bin Policy

DETAILS OF POLICY	
Policy No	KPC 69
Policy Title	Grit Bin Policy
Committee/Working Party Responsible	Environment & Climate Change Committee
Last Reviewed	26 th February 2024
Next Review Date	February 2028

The Policy

Killamarsh Parish Council provides grit bins for self-help by members of the public. The purpose of this policy is to provide criteria against which applications for the placement of grit bins can be assessed.

What is Grit?

Grit is another name for 'rock salt' and it helps keep roads and pavements safe by preventing them becoming icy; it works by lowering the temperature at which water freezes. It relies on pedestrian movement on pavements or the action of vehicle tyres to spread it over the road, but it can get too cold for the salt to work. Below -5 degrees centigrade the effectiveness of grit is reduced and pavements/roads may still freeze. Rain or snow can wash the grit away leaving the area prone to re-icing, so gritting ideally needs to take place after rain but before the water freezes.

Spreading the Grit

Safety is the most important factor: Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians about; Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily; Don't assume that the road or footway is safe just because you have spread the grit; Look after the environment – use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m. For maximum effect the grit should be spread in tyre tracks or on the main foot way used.

Grit Bin Provision

Killamarsh Parish Council will consider provision of a new grit bin when a number of criteria are met. Key factors that are considered include:

- Highway gradient
- Highway safety
- Number of residents to benefit
- Distance to next grit bin
- Other factors, e.g., vulnerable residents; known water problems; junction problems

1. **Grit bins shall only be considered where at least one of the criteria in List A and all the criteria in List B are met:**

List A (application must meet 1 or more of these criteria)

- ✓ The gradient is greater than 1 in 10.
- ✓ A junction with a known history of accidents.
- ✓ Acceptable number of vulnerable residents.

List B (application must meet all criteria)

- ✓ Not on a Derbyshire County Council primary gritting route.

- ✓ Must be for use on the public highway (road and/or footpath).
- ✓ The location shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians: a minimum of 1.5m clearance on the footway is required.
- ✓ The location shall not obstruct sight lines.
- ✓ The location is not, normally, within 200m of another grit bin location.
- ✓ The location is within the boundary of the public highway.

2. Where grit bins will not be provided

Killamarsh Parish Council will not provide grit bins in private areas or car parks or any other public or private property; such as schools, parks, hospitals, sheltered accommodation, or similar.

3. Location of grit bins

Grit bins will only be located where they can be easily accessed. Grit bins will be left in situ throughout the year. The location of grit bins will be recorded and made available on the Killamarsh Parish Council website.

4. Filling of grit bins

Grit bins shall be replenished at the start of each winter period and once more during the winter period if required, and on ad-hoc occasions at residents' request if resources permit.

5. Use of grit

The grit in the bin is purely for use on the public highway and footpaths. If the grit is used on private land, consideration will be given to removal of the bin.

6. Application for a new grit bin

This must be in writing or by email to the Parish Office. Applications will be considered at the next available meeting of the Environment & Climate Change Committee and the outcome will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Item 9



**Tree Condition Surveys &
Tree Works Schedules
at
Killamarsh, Sheffield S21**



Report Reference: JH0824KLMARSH

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1 Summary

Outline Trees was instructed by Judy French (Deputy Parish Clerk of Killamarsh Parish Council), to carry out a tree condition survey and produce associated Tree Works Schedules for trees requiring works at 5 sites (Westthorpe Green, Birchlands Drive Park, Memorial Gardens, Belkline Drive Park & Linear Park); see Section 2.3, figures 2.1 - 2.5, page 5.

It is recommended that all of the recommended tree works detailed in Table 5.1, are carried out within the next 12 – 18 months, unless specified sooner, and that the works specified are considered to be reasonable and practical and that upon completion will allow the tree owner to fulfil any current obligations that the 'duty of care' might place on them.

In respect of the surveyed trees, it is considered that upon the collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of potential and/or anticipated failures, the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees on site present, is relatively low and is considered to be 'tolerable' (HSE 2001)^[1].

Unless stated otherwise, it is generally recommended that a future inspection is carried out at each of the sites in the Summer of 2026, on the understanding that all of the recommended tree works will have been carried out.

2 Introduction

2.1 Scope and Brief

Following email and telephone communication with Judy French, a date was arranged to carry out an inspection of the trees at the 5 sites, for the main purpose of identifying necessary tree works which were considered to be expedient for the purpose of fulfilling a tree owners' 'Duty of Care' of a 'reasonable and prudent landowner' by reducing the likelihood of harm, injury or damage occurring to users and visitors to the 5 sites and their grounds and/or to built structures.

The survey has enabled the production of a Tree Survey Schedule (Appendices A, C, E, G & I) for each of the sites, which numbers the surveyed trees/groups and shrubs and then additionally, where works were deemed necessary, details specific comments and/or observations in relation to their management, their location and the presence of significant risks and hazards they might currently present, by considering the target area and the possible consequences of the trees and/or parts of, failing in the future.

The surveyed trees and shrubs, have been plotted on scale, annotated site plans (using Satellite views or OS Mastermap plans) at Appendices B, D, F, H & J individually, although some trees have been identified as groups of trees where the term 'group' is intended to identify trees that form cohesive arboricultural features either aerodynamically, visually or culturally (as per section 4.4.2.3 of BS 5837:2012). The Tree Survey Schedules are intended to be read in conjunction with their respective site plans.

Where identified, summarised tree works for each of the sites, have been prioritised and listed separately, in an associated Tree Works Schedule (Tables 5.1 to 5.5).

Any proposed tree works are made in accordance with the principles and practices recommended in British Standards 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

¹ In this context, 'tolerable' refers to a willingness by society as a whole to live with a risk so as to secure certain benefits in the confidence that the risk is one that is worth taking and that it is being properly controlled. (HSE 2001)



2.2 Limitations

Where trees were extensively ivy clad it was not possible to ascertain the presence of cavities or other defects beneath the ivy and, therefore, ivy should be removed and a re-inspection carried out.

The information contained within this report is based on the author's knowledge and experience of dealing with tree related issues.

Any survey work undertaken will have been subject to limitations, including seasonal and phenological aspects.

Trees were assessed from ground level using the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method (Mattheck 2007). Binoculars were available to investigate defects within the canopy and crown of the trees.

No climbed inspection, removal of ivy or detailed investigation of decay was made. A nylon mallet was available for use, where decay was present, to ascertain an approximation on the extent of the decay, whilst a steel rod was available for use as a probe, to ascertain its depth and extent in relation to the overall stem diameter of the host tree.

No liability can be accepted by the author in respect of the trees unless the recommendations of this report are carried out under his supervision and within his timescale. Acceptance of this report represents an agreement with the terms and conditions listed in the fee proposal schedule.

The findings and recommendations contained within this report are, assuming its recommendations are observed, valid for a period of twelve months from the date of survey. Trees are living organisms and their condition can change significantly over a relatively short period of time – good practice dictates they are inspected on a regular basis for reasons of safety.

Tree rooting characteristics and soils are both enormously variable as are their interactions. This makes attempts to quantify subsidence risk assessment impossible. No effort has been made to assess subsidence risk potential nor should any be construed.

The report relates only to the trees shown on the attached tree survey schedules and associated plans.

This report has been prepared for the sole use of Barrow upon Trent Parish Council and its contractors; any third party referring to this report or relying on the information contained herein does so entirely at their own risk.

2.3 Site Locations

Figures 2.1 to 2.5 overleaf, indicate the locations of the 5 sites, with the extents of the tree survey areas, indicated by red lines.

Figure 2.1; **Westthorpe Green**, Green Lane, Killamarsh, Sheffield S21

What3Words <https://w3w.co/screeches.camcorder.trading>

Figure 2.2; **Birchlands Drive Park**, Killamarsh, Sheffield S21

What3Words <https://w3w.co/fooling.origins.powering>

Figure 2.3; **Memorial Gardens**, High Street, Killamarsh, Sheffield S21

What3Words <https://w3w.co/melts.farmland.slides>

Figure 2.4; **Belkline Drive Park**, Killamarsh, Sheffield S21

What3Words <https://w3w.co/tornado.kebab.carriage>

Figure 2.5; **Linear Park**, Kirkcroft Lane/Ave, Killamarsh, Sheffield S21

What3Words <https://w3w.co/porridge.helm.will>





(L) Figure 2.1: Satellite view of the Westthorpe Green site & (R) Figure 2.2: Satellite view of the Birchlands Drive Park site.



(L) Figure 2.3: OS Mastermap view of the Memorial Garden site & (R) Figure 2.4: OS Mastermap view of the Belkline Drive Park site.



Figure 2.5: Satellite view of the Linear Park, Kirkcroft Lane/Ave site. Images © <https://leafletjs.com/>



3 Regulatory and Policy Framework

3.1 Obligations, Duties and Considerations

Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and Conservation Areas place various statutory restrictions on the felling, pruning or damaging of trees, subject to various exemptions (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2014).

Results from an informal check (22/08/24) using North East Derbyshire District Council's interactive map <https://shared.xmap.cloud/?map=8904a898-818d-4136-9345-a5636ee4ad24> did not appear to indicate that any of the surveyed trees at any of the sites were afforded statutory protection from a TPO administered by the LPA, or that they were located in a Conservation Area.

Tree felling on non-residential land is also controlled by the need to obtain a Felling Licence from the Forestry Commission before felling more than 5m³ of timber in any calendar quarter subject to various exemptions and variations (Forestry Commission, 2007).

The Occupiers Liability Act 1984 (S2) states that the occupier owes a 'common law duty of care' to visitors and those who enter his land or premises, which also extends to trespassers.



4 Survey Methodology

4.1 Tree Survey

Each of the 5 sites were visited over the course of Wednesday 21st August 2024. The weather during the day was dry, sunny, relatively still and adequate for conducting the survey during which, the following information was collected for each tree:

- Sequential reference number;
- Species;
- Height;
- Branch spread;
- Life stage (See Key Section 6):
 - Y – Young,
 - SM – Semi Mature,
 - EM – Early Mature,
 - M – Mature,
 - OM – Over Mature;
- General observations, particularly of structural and/or physiological condition;
- Work recommendations and where necessary their priority:
 - 3 - 6 Months - Works identified as necessary, given the context of the inspection brief, which should be carried out within the next 3 - 6 months.
 - 6 - 18 Months - Works identified that should be carried out within the next 6 - 18 months, given the context of the inspection brief.

Any proposed tree works are made in accordance with the principles and practices recommended in British Standards 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

Table 4.1 – Colour Coded Key to tree works, to be read in conjunction with the annotated site plan at Appendix B and the Tree Works Schedule at Table 5.1.

No Works Necessary – No Arboricultural works were considered necessary at the time given the context of the inspection brief; Priority - None
Works Required – Tree Works identified that should be carried out within the next 3-6 months, given the context of the inspection brief; Priority - High
Works Required – Tree Works identified that should be carried out within the next 6-18 months, given the context of the inspection brief; Priority - Low



5 Conclusions and Recommendations

5.1 The Sites and the Trees

Westthorpe Green

The tree survey recorded the data of a total of 7 individual trees and 1 tree group as detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix A) and plotted on the attached site plan (Appendix B).

It is considered that the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees present, upon collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of anticipated failures, is at an acceptable level (see Section 1).

The trees on site are fairly even-aged and limited in the range of species. There are opportunities for the planting of new trees and in this respect, it is recommended that the site would benefit from new planting in the areas indicated on the Tree Survey Plan.

The species selection should have a bias for UK native species, which as well as being more beneficial for wildlife and pollinating insects (for flowering species), will provide a greater range of species and all-year arboricultural interest, than that which currently exists.

The final selection of any new tree, or shrub species should have regard to the ultimate size, shape and form of which trees and shrubs are chosen and ensure that there is sufficient space for future tree growth, without any foreseeable need for future, frequent remedial pruning.

Planted trees will be supplied container grown and be around 2.0 – 2.5m in height.

Shrubs will be supplied in a minimum of 5 – 10 litre sized pots. They will be planted in holes big enough to accommodate the plant without damaging the roots (> 300mm³).

Trees shall be secured with biodegradable ties to single stakes that extend approximately 1m above the ground level and shall extend at least 300mm into ground. Stakes shall be removed at between two to three years, when the new trees are established.

Each new tree pit shall incorporate a seep hose system to facilitate a hose being inserted to avoid unnecessary water loss. All trees planted in grass shall be fitted with mower/strimmer guards.

Any necessary improvements to the soil should be made prior to planting *e.g.*, *decompaction measures, adding organic matter etc...* Where soil compaction has occurred, amelioration and decompaction measures shall be carried out to a sufficient level to break any subsoil pan before cultivation.

The following points summarise basic, fundamental after care for the newly planted trees:

- Prepare, the planting areas where new trees are proposed.
- Water immediately after planting and weekly in first growing season (10 – 20 litres) if the weather is dry.
- Do not allow weeds or grass to grow within a 500mm radius of the stem.
- Maintain mulch to a depth of approximately 50mm.
- Ensure any tree-ties are not damaging the stems and loosen if necessary. Ensure tree stakes remains firm. Remove when a stem can support itself, usually after 1 -3 years.
- Remove dead or crossing branches, suckers arising from the roots or weak shoots on the stems.



Birchlands Drive Park

The tree survey recorded the data of 5 individual trees and 2 boundary groups as detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix C) and plotted on the attached site plan (Appendix D).

It is considered that the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees present, upon collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of anticipated failures, is at an acceptable level (see Section 1).

Neighbours implementing their common law rights by pruning back overhanging branches, has influenced the resultant crown shape and structure of those trees.

There are 2 areas where UK native shrubs and trees have been planted, which is a welcome addition to the park and should be encouraged in other locations, where it proves practical and the provision of budgets, including maintenance and aftercare, allows for it.

Memorial Garden, High Street

The tree survey recorded the data of 15 individual trees as detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix E) and plotted on the attached site plan (Appendix F).

It is considered that the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees present, upon collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of anticipated failures, is at an acceptable level (see Section 1).

Dense ivy cover growing around the stems and/or branch unions of most of the beech trees, places constraints on the ability to conduct inspections and the phased severance and removal of the ivy is recommended to facilitate future inspections.

The amount of available light is limited by the number/density of trees, which are growing in close proximity to one another, which has consequently suppressed the growth and development of some of the trees. The removal of several specific trees will promote the development of some of the suppressed trees whilst also lessening foreseeable pruning pressures for a number of the trees at the site.

It is recommended that a review of the current management of the arisings from tree works and ground maintenance takes place and that the existing areas, which are currently being used for placing grass cuttings and other arisings, are no longer used. As well limiting access for the inspection of potentially sensitive areas at the base of the trees, the practice can increase soil temperatures and increasing ground/soil levels within the rooting areas of trees can be detrimental; consequently, alternative solutions, including the possibility of composting any arisings should be explored.

There are limited opportunities for the planting of new trees and consequently, no recommendations have been made in this respect.

The newly planted trees should be fitted with mower/trimmer guards to lessen the likelihood of damage occurring to them. The application of a mulch will also benefit those trees.

It is recommended that a future inspection is carried out at the site in the Summer of 2026, on the understanding that all of the recommended tree works will have been carried out and that the base and stems of the beech trees will be clear from ivy, which might obscure inspection.



Belkline Drive Park

The tree survey recorded the data of 4 individual trees, a small clump/group of trees and a boundary hawthorn hedge as detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix G) and plotted on the attached site plan (Appendix H).

It is considered that the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees present, upon collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of anticipated failures, is at an acceptable level (see Section 1).

There are several trees growing in areas, the access to which, is limited by dense undergrowth/vegetation. The clarification on the ownership and management of those trees is encouraged to help identify and carry out any appropriate works at an early stage.

The boundary hedge, which surrounds the adjacent allotments appear to be under a management regime, which is limiting any growth and spread of any trees within the hedge.

Whilst there are opportunities within the site for the planting of new trees, no recommendations have been made in this respect.

Linear Park, Kirkcroft Lane/Ave

The tree survey recorded the data of a total of 14 individual trees and 3 tree groups as detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix I) and plotted on the attached site plan (Appendix J).

Whilst there are other unreferenced and unplotted trees on the site and along the route of the path, the Tree Survey Schedule has recorded details of only those trees where works are considered to be necessary/appropriate and in some instances, trees have been plotted in order to facilitate identifying other trees, by serving as a reference point, where they are considered to be visually prominent, or possess significant arboricultural features.

It is considered that the general, overall level of risk that the surveyed trees present, upon collective consideration of their condition, any noted defects, their proximity to targets and the subsequent consequences of anticipated failures, is at an acceptable level (see Section 1).

Neighbours implementing (and in some cases appearing to exceed) their common law rights, by pruning back overhanging branches on a number of nearby trees has influenced the resultant crown shape and structure of those trees. In most instances the standard of the tree pruning does not appear to have been carried out in accordance with BS 3998 and has produced trees with unbalanced crowns. There are signs of regenerative growth from pruning cuts but also some evidence of lengthy pruning stubs, which display no signs of live growth.

Dense ivy cover growing around the stems and/or branch unions of a number of the trees, places constraints on the ability to conduct inspections and the phased severance and removal of the ivy is recommended to facilitate future inspections, particularly of those trees which are located next to the footpath, pavements and highways.

There are limited opportunities for the planting of new trees and consequently, no recommendations have been made in this respect.

It is recommended that a future inspection is carried out at the site in the Summer of 2026, on the understanding that all of the recommended tree works will have been carried out and that the base and stems of the trees adjacent to the paths & pavements will be clear from ivy, which might obscure inspection.



5.2 Recommended Tree Works

Unless stated otherwise, it is recommended that all of the tree works detailed for all sites in Tables 5.1 to 5.5, are carried out within the next 12 - 18 months, and that the works specified are considered to be reasonable and practical and that upon completion will allow the tree owners to fulfil any current obligations that the 'duty of care' might place on them.

Any tree works should be carried out using the principles and practices described in British Standards 3998:2010 – *Tree Work – Recommendations*. Poor pruning, amongst other reasons, can encourage decay and create future costly management problems.

A Site-Specific Method Statement should be submitted, by the appointed contractor, to the client prior to commencing any tree works and that the appointed Arboricultural contractor possesses a minimum of £1,000,000 of Public & Products Liability Insurance and Employers Liability Insurance.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994 protect ALL wild birds, their nests (whether in use or being built) and eggs and other wild animals including bats and their roosts in or adjacent to trees.

In simple terms, you should make sure that there are no wild birds nesting in, or bats roosting in or adjacent to the tree[s] that you are proposing to work on. It is a criminal offence to recklessly or intentionally destroy any bird, its nest or its eggs or any bat or its roost (even if the roost is not occupied at the time). Where possible tree works should be undertaken outside of the period recognised as the bird nesting season (1st March to 31st July – Natural England).



Table 5.1: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Westthorpe Green, Green Lane)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
T7	Horse Chestnut	Dismantle fell.	High
T2	Rowan	Remove restrictive cable ties.	Low
T4	Horse Chestnut	Monitor changes in exudations on main stem to evaluate future spread.	Low
T5	Norway Maple	Remove restrictive cable ties.	Low

Table 5.2: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Birchlands Drive Park)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
T1	Sycamore	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T7	Ash	Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy. Remove secondary branch hosting <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> fungus.	Low

Table 5.3: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Memorial Garden, High Street)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
T1	Norway Maple	Crown lift to 4m. Crown lift to facilitate unobstructed mowing.	Low
T3	Ash	Crown lift to 4m. Crown lift to facilitate unobstructed mowing and potential obstruction to adjacent private access.	Low
T6	Beech	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Consider removal; poor shape and form with limited future potential. Removal will facilitate unobstructed growth and development of adjacent beech tree T7 and cypress tree T5.	Low
T7	Beech	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Crown lift to 3m. Crown lift to facilitate unobstructed mowing.	Low
T8	Beech	Crown lift to 3m. Crown lift to facilitate unobstructed mowing.	Low
T9	Beech	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T10	Beech	Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T13	Cherry	Remove stakes and tie straps.	Low
T14	Cherry	Remove stakes and tie straps.	Low

Table 5.4: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Belkline Drive Park)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
T3	Hawthorn	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T5	Sycamore	Confirm ownership to assist in identifying future management; potential to become a large tree.	Low



Table 5.5: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Linear Park, Kirkcroft Lane/Ave)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
G2	Silver Birch & Willow	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T3	Ash	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T4	Hawthorn	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T6	Rowan	Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T7	Oak	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T8	Sycamore	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T9	Ash	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Remove brash from around base; likely disposed of by adjacent property.	Low
T11	Hawthorn	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T12	Sycamore	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
G13	Sycamore & Ash	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Consider height reduction of the badly pruned tree.	Low
G14	Various	Sever and remove ivy from significant trees, which are adjacent to paths and pavements, to facilitate future inspections.	Low

5.3 Future Management & Good Practice

This report should be used as a record/reference in order to monitor noted defects and assist in the comparison of any change in the health and/or condition of the trees on site.

Generally, and in the context of what is considered to be good practice, the systematic and regular removal of deadwood and any broken/hanging branches will reduce the level of risk to users of the site. The pruning of lower branches that are considered to be and/or likely to cause obstructions and restrict grounds maintenance operations is recommended.

The systematic and regular severance and removal of ivy is encouraged in order to facilitate future, unobstructed views of the trees, their trunks, branches and unions. Ivy does however, have great benefits for wildlife and if it's appropriate to do so, then its retention should be considered.

Pruning back the branches on a cyclical basis *e.g. every 2 years*, of those trees in close proximity to buildings will lessen the likelihood of direct damage occurring to those buildings.

In the interests of site safety and security, consideration should be given to the periodic inspection and where necessary, the subsequent pruning of the trees on site to ensure that CCTV and lighting column visibility splays remain clear.

Where ad-hoc pruning works to trees beyond the level/nature of those works recommended in this report is carried out to trees on the site, then those works should be carried out using the principles and practices described in British Standards 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations. The removal of pruning stubs is also encouraged and recommended, to lessen the spread of decay pathogens. Care should be taken to avoid ‘flush’ cuts as they can hasten the spread of decay.

Where new trees are planted, consideration should be given at an early stage to their aftercare; ensuring an adequate watering programme, formative pruning, mulching and the removal of stakes and ties after approximately 2 years.



6 Life Stage & Condition Key

Condition	Life Stage *
<p>Good</p> <p>Those trees that are relatively free from defects and any visible signs of structural defects, which also exhibit normal signs of vitality and vigour when compared with trees of a similar species in a similar environment.</p>	<p>Newly Planted</p> <p>Those trees that appear to have been planted in the past 5 years.</p>
<p>Fair</p> <p>Those trees that exhibit some minor/manageable defects or display evidence of minor remedial pruning, which also exhibit normal signs of vitality and vigour when compared with trees of a similar species in a similar environment.</p>	<p>Young</p> <p>Those trees that are considered to be in the first third of their life expectancy.</p>
<p>Poor</p> <p>Those trees that exhibit a high level of defects and/or significant past pruning works, which also exhibit relatively low signs of vitality and vigour when compared with trees of a similar species in a similar environment.</p>	<p>Semi to Early Mature</p> <p>Those trees that have not yet reached maturity and can be considered to be in the second third of their life expectancy.</p>
<p>In Decline</p> <p>Those trees that are close to the end of the useful life expectancy and displaying associated symptoms of branch die back and low vigour.</p>	<p>Mature</p> <p>Those trees that can be described as being in the final third of their life expectancy.</p>
	<p>Over Mature</p> <p>Those trees that can be described as having exceeded their life expectancy that have yet to replicate those features typical of Veteran trees.</p>
	<p>Veteran</p> <p>A tree that exhibits typical signs and characteristics of such as described in the introduction of Veteran Trees: A guide to risk and responsibility (Davis, Fay & Mynors 2000)</p>

* Typical useful life expectancy of common trees. (Taken from Helliwell's Amenity Tree Valuation notes)

300+	- Yew
200-300	- Oak, Sweet Chestnut, Plane, Sycamore, Lime
150-200	- Scots Pine, Hornbeam, Beech, Tulip tree, N Maple, Lebanon Cedar
100-150	- Ash, Spruce, Walnut, Red Oak, Horse Chestnut, F Maple, Monkey, Puzzle, Mulberry, Pear
70-100	- Rowan, Whitebeam, Apple, Wild Cherry, Catalpa, Robinia, Ailanthus
50-70	- Poplars, Willows, Cherries, Alders, Birches



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T6	Beech	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Consider removal; poor shape and form with limited future potential. Removal will facilitate unobstructed growth and development of adjacent beech tree T7 and cypress tree T5.	Low
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T9	Beech	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T10	Beech	Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T13	Cherry	Remove stakes and tie straps.	Low
T14	Cherry	Remove stakes and tie straps.	Low

Table 5.4: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Belkane Drive Park)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
T3	Hawthorn	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T5	Sycamore	Confirm ownership to assist in identifying future management; potential to become a large tree.	Low



Table 5.5: Summary of Recommended Tree Works (Linear Park, Kirkcroft Lane/Ave)

Tree Ref.	Common Name	Tree Works/Removals	Works Priority
G2	Silver Birch & Willow	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T3	Ash	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T4	Hawthorn	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection.	Low
T6	Rowan	Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
T7	Oak	Sever Ivy to facilitate its removal and allow future inspection. Sever Ivy. Remove Ivy.	Low
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Generally, and in the context of what is considered to be good practice, the systematic and regular removal of deadwood and any broken/hanging branches will reduce the level of risk to users of the site. The pruning of lower branches that are considered to be and/or likely to cause obstructions and restrict grounds maintenance operations is recommended.

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In the interests of site safety and security, consideration should be given to the periodic inspection and where necessary, the subsequent pruning of the trees on site to ensure that CCTV and lighting column visibility splays remain clear.

Where ad-hoc pruning works to trees beyond the level/nature of those works recommended in this report is carried out to trees on the site, then those works should be carried out using the principles and practices described in British Standards 3998:2010 – Tree Work – Recommendations. The removal of pruning stubs is also encouraged and recommended, to lessen the spread of decay pathogens. Care should be taken to avoid ‘flush’ cuts as they can hasten the spread of decay.

Where new trees are planted, consideration should be given at an early stage to their aftercare; ensuring an adequate watering programme, formative pruning, mulching and the removal of stakes and ties after approximately 2 years.



Item 12a – Quote for 7 wooden planters (5 for the Village Green, 2 for the Hub)

Wooden planters

7 x 1.2 metre square planters made of wooden sleepers supplied, delivered & installed in position as per plan filled with compost ready for planting.

At £190.00 each	7 x £190.00	£1330.00
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Plus vat at the standard rate at the time of invoicing.

VAT @20%

Total



Killamarsh Parish Council

Item 14 - Update Report

TO:	Members of Environment & Climate Change Committee
MEETING DATE:	16 th October 2024
SUBJECT:	Cemetery costs from NEDDC
REPORT AUTHOR:	Judy France, Deputy Clerk

Purpose of Report:

To receive the costings from NEDDC for Killamarsh Cemetery

I asked NEDDC for the figures for the cemetery now that NEDDC aren't doing the grounds maintenance for the cemetery grounds. They sent the quarterly account for April to June 2024 and I asked if we could have these figures quarterly going forward and then on an annual basis the account could be settled dependant on whether the Parish Council owe NEDDC anything or vice versa.

Quarterly account April to June 2024 for the cemetery:

Labour / Equipment	£	924.15
Administration Costs	£	707.85
National Non-Domestic Rates	£	573.85
Materials Issued From Stock	£	343.75
Sale Of Burial Rights	-£	1,868.71
Burial Fees	-£	1,092.00
	-£	411.11

I also asked for the annual figures for previous years as we had asked for these previously when trying to set up an SLA, but they said this will take longer for them to put together as all labour/plant/material was recorded together in the general Grounds Maintenance budget.

Further action

To decide any further information/action that the Committee need from NEDDC at this stage.