



COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Highfield Park Office
Highfield Park Visitor Centre
Hill End Lane
St Albans AL4 0RA

Village Office
83 High Street
Colney Heath
Hertfordshire AL4 0NS

Tel: 01727 825314 Email: clerk@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| MEETING: | Full Council |
| MEETING DATE: | Thursday 21 st October 2021 |
| SUBJECT: | HEDGE PLANTING |
| AGENDA ITEM No. | Item 21/22 – 62a |
| REPORT BY: | Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer with Background written by Councillor Kate Slaughter |

1. BACKGROUND

To consider the planting of saplings to create areas of hedging on Parish Council land to encourage wild life.

A resident of Colney Heath Village has expressed an interest on social media to plant trees within the Village and obtained support from volunteers willing to help with planting. Contact was made with the Clerk and the Environment Committee agreed to liaise with David Attrill to research possible planting locations and types of trees. After discussion it was agreed to seek permission to plant trees for hedging.

Cost to Parish Council: nil – trees for hedging to be obtained from the Woodland Trust. David Attrill will order the trees and will arrange delivery and storage.

Information about the trees for hedging taken from woodlandtrust.org.uk

Species: dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, dogwood

Saplings are supplied with spiral guards and canes

Next available date for delivery: March 2022

2 areas of Parish land are proposed as possible locations for planting.

Area 1 – Roestock Park

Location – right hand corner, north of the outside court for 15 metres to the corner and then for another 15 metres west. The hedge to be planted just in front of the current vegetation of trees. Volunteers to prepare the ground for planting.

Required: 105 saplings (20-60cm in height) each with a bamboo cane and a 60cm spiral guard.

According to the Woodland Trust they will take 8yrs to reach adult height.

Maintenance – watering by volunteers in the immediate future.

Area 2 – Recreation Ground

Location – against wire fence alongside the track to the fishing lakes. There is a 20-metre length with just weeds between the tunnel at the rear of the Recreation building and where the playground is currently located. The Football Club would welcome some screening and will prepare the ground for planting.

Required: 105 saplings (20-60cm in height) each with a bamboo cane and a 60cm spiral guard.

According to the Woodland Trust they will take 8yrs to reach adult height

Maintenance – watering and later pruning as necessary by the Football Club



COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Highfield Park Office
Highfield Park Visitor Centre
Hill End Lane
St Albans AL4 0RA

Village Office
83 High Street
Colney Heath
Hertfordshire AL4 0NS

Tel: 01727 825314 Email: clerk@colneyheathparishcouncil.gov.uk

2. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Despite this being reported as nil cost to the Parish Council the Clerk, as noted in a previous item concerning grants has secured £350 from the project Queens Green Canopy which has been assigned specifically to this project.

The Clerk recommends Council approval and delegation to the Environment Committee to oversee the project and administer the grant appropriately.

3. COUNCIL DECISION

A resolution is required on the following:

1. To confirm acceptance of the planting as stated in the report
2. To delegate to the Environment Committee the project and allocated funding from the QGC
3. The Clerk will take further instructions at Council