

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 5th November 2019**

OUTDOORS AND PROPERTIES MANAGER'S REPORT

• **TREE WORKS**

Further to my email to Councillors on the 22nd October with the most recent Tree Survey attached. I have now had chance to view all the trees highlighted on the survey along with Joanne Greive (our tree specialist) and have identified what we consider the DLF tree team able to do and those that will require contractors, as follows:

Severn Park

Number 2. Acer Saccharium (Silver Maple). This tree has evidence of potentially harmful fungi. However the tree doesn't look to be in a dangerous state at the moment and would require a contractor to fell it. To save money short term we intend to reduce the weight and monitor every 3 months.

Number 4. Fraxinus Excelsior (Ash). Will require a contractor to fell or Pollard.

Number 5. Fraxinus Excelsior (Ash). DLF can do from a cherry picker.

Number 6. Acer Platanoides (Norway Maple). Total dismantle by contractor.

Number 7. Betula (Birch) Contractor to carry out Ariel inspection.

Number 8. Fagus sylvatica (Beech). To be felled by the DLF.

G1 Mixed tree species. DLF can carry out all this work.

G2 Lombardi Poplar. All work will need to be carried out by a contractor.

Cemetery

Most cemetery trees are now just too high for the tree team to work on and so they will continue to monitor and report problems for remedial action.

Morfe Road

Tree numbers 1 to 7 on the Morfe Road site can all be dealt with by the DLF. However, the group 4, 5 and 7 and the immediate surrounding area is to likely take the whole team at least two weeks to complete.

All of the above work is in addition to our normal winter tree and shrub management program and it is quite likely that only the trees annotated 'moderate risk' will be dealt with this year and the 'low risk' may have to be left for now. It is also worth pointing out that contracted tree work is very expensive and the average cost to fell a fully grown mature tree is likely to be between £500 and a £1,000 and sometimes more if there are additional complications.

- **PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT**

The climbing frame modification was expected to be ready in the next two weeks but once again the recent floods have delayed completion.

- **ROOF REPAIRS**

The recent spell of heavy rain has highlighted some new roof leaks above the Mayors Parlour and the Annexe which are to be assessed for repair over the next few days.

- **CASTLE HALL DEFIBRILATOR**

The defibrillator has now been fitted and is available and fully functioning for future use by all.