

Fleet Parish Council

4 Barrington Close. Holbeach. Spalding PE12 7NH

Application for Tree works – Church End Fleet Spalding PE12 8NQ

Additional information – Section 7 *

Description of works:

Selective reduction of branches overhanging the main access into the Churchyard to give 10 feet ground clearance. (Removal of low branches to enable the potential access by a hearse may be undertaken immediately).

Crown lift branches overhanging from the Churchyard on to the Village Green to give 8 feet ground clearance.

(Trim back vegetation which encroaches over the fence line between the Churchyard and the Village Green mainly brambles and some elderberry.)

Two fine young oak trees grow on the Village Green which have very low branches. Their growth form is being compromised due to competition with existing trees in the Churchyard including sycamore(s) subject of Fleet Tree Preservation Order No. 10 2002. (In this year when many commemorative trees are to be planted this autumn, thought should be given when siting new trees to the proximity of existing neighbouring trees to reduce instances of such competition in the future.)

Crown lift young oak trees to give sufficient clearance to allow the operative sitting on the ride-on mower access beneath. (Once access is available great care must be taken to prevent any accidental damage to the tree trunks by the mower.) Where required, full low branches to be removed.

Northern most oak tree:

Trim back yew tree and any young sycamore saplings growing over/adjacent to the fence with the Churchyard, which encroach onto the young oak tree. Trim the canopy of the oak tree to ensure one foot clearance between the road edge and canopy.

Southern most oak tree:

Trim back elderberry and remove a leaning sycamore sapling growing over/adjacent to the fence with the Churchyard, which encroaches onto the young oak tree. Trim the canopy of the oak tree to ensure one foot clearance between the road edge and canopy.

Some minor pruning (by no more than 2.0 metres) of branches of the sycamore identified as T2 of Fleet Tree Preservation Order No. 10 2002 to give clearance to the young oak could be carried out.

Prune back horse chestnut at entrance of Churchyard to give minimum vehicular clearance over road (normally 17 feet clearance in height over road.)

All tree works to be carried out to British Standard 3998 2010. All reduction works to be carried out to existing growth points.