

## ESTATES REPORT

12<sup>TH</sup> October 2020

### ES28 ESTATES EQUIPMENT

The Town Council's Case tractor was first registered in 1991 and needs a new clutch, at a cost of £1400. This is despite only having had a new one in December 2017. The tractor has only logged 4000 hours usage since new, therefore its mileage is very low. The Estates manager has advised that the tractor is underpowered for the work it is now required to do. Costs for a replacement have been discussed and members are asked to consider the following options. There is currently £8000 in the Estates Equipment fund and the Estates staff require a tractor for the autumn work

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| Option 1 | Repair existing tractor and set aside funds for a replacement tractor in the 2020/21 budget | £1400   | Recommended |
| Option 2 | Purchase a second-hand tractor  | £10 - 15000   |             |
| Option 3 | Look to lease a new tractor   | £400/month for 70 months (a new tractor will be in the region of £35K depending on model) |             |

### ES29 TREES

- a) PUTLANDS – A complaint has been received regarding the trees along the boundary to Putlands. The Chairman and Estates Manager have met with the householder to discuss the works required. The Tree surgeon has recommended the following work

Reduce, thin and deadwood multiple trees along two property boundaries within the sports field adjacent to Putlands Sports and Leisure Centre.

Remove any trees that are in contact with the fence lines. Cut back trees away from the buildings of properties. Reduce multiple Hawthorne and Plum trees to 6ft high. Remove the large Plum tree in the corner - leans over the fence. Raise Sycamore and cut back multiple trees away from the sports field side. Retain multi stem trees but trim and thin as required for a cost of £3180.

- b) Cobbs Close – to consider the attached letter (members). The Estates Manager will arrange for the hedges to be cut.

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