

ESTATES ES45

a) Cllr Sargison has put in a request to TWBC for the free trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.

Specimen trees for Putlands Field Planting

3 alder
3 field maple
3 bird cherry

These trees will be used to augment existing specimens.

Orchard Meadow:

Up to 20 of a mixture of native species.

These whips will provide a more extensive wildlife habitat.

Further planting will be planned for the end of Green Lane once the UK Power Networks underground cabling work has been completed.

Cllr Sargison has also suggested that there should be additional planting on the Green Lane Playing Field. However, before a planting scheme is adopted members should first consider what further improvements are required on the site in view of the S106 funding which is available. See item ES47. Additional tree planting can be incorporated into the overall scheme.

b) Tree planting, Day Centre

The cherry trees outside of the Centre had to be removed due to the infestation of Brown Moths. The stumps remain and will require grinding out. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to replace the trees with a different variety which is not susceptible to the brown moths.

Possible species, which are suitable for planting close to buildings are:

- Rowan/MountainAsh
- Bird Cherry (may be susceptible to moths)
- Aspen
- Acer
- Hazel
- Crab apple

The council has allocated £2,000 for tree planting this year.

ES46 GARDEN WASTE

The council has been asked to consider paying for skips to enable residents to deposit their green waste. The current green waste collections run by the Borough Council have been suspended since the summer due to the shortage of HGV drivers.

The Borough Council have announced they will be doing a one-off collection for all subscribers to empty the bins. The collection for Paddock Wood will be at least another month.

The cost of a 12-yard skip would be £315. A skip this size will take 120 bin bags. Green waste would have to be brought in bin bags and emptied into the skip as there would be no facility for lifting the wheelie bins.

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to fund a skip/s to help clear the green waste. Issues to consider are:

- Number of skips the council is willing to fund
- Monitoring of the rubbish – if the skip is left unattended non green waste may be deposited
- Timings
- Location of the skip – vehicular access will be required

ESTATES Item ES47

a) Developer contributions/Estates

	Project	Due approximately	Amount £	Progress	Quotes sought from
A**	Skatepark	2021	74,500 + £20,000 allocated by TC	Independent consultant needed to prepare project for tender process.	Mainwaring Ditch Associates (consultant to the original scheme)
B	Resurfacing, drainage, whitelining: carpark Foalhurst Wood	2021	22,294.87	Estimates sought and received, seeking modifications. (Drainage + white lining)	Coppard Construction, Marsh Construction, Marchants, VR Landscaping.
C	Bridge Repairs Foalhurst Wood	2021	6,667.67	Seeking estimates.	Chapman Trice Landscaping, Fairweather Landscaping, VR Landscaping.
D**	Green Lane Sports facilities. (Pavilion)	Early 2022	278,375	Independent consultant sought to prepare project for tender process.	
E*	Strikes Wood mitigation	2021	3,000	See below	

* Strikes Wood Mitigation

The developer contribution of £3000 is due now. Originally the Council intended the funds to go towards fencing to prevent damage to the wood from Mascalls Grange Development. The Developers are now planning to create a buffer with additional tree planting on strip of land adjacent to woodland in addition to the proposed cycle path. Members are asked to approve an application for the funding but to delay implementation until it is clear exactly what developers are installing and UKPN have completed their planned works in the woodland. The funds will be held in the council's reserve account until required.

** Note: The Council's Financial Regulations state:

Where the council intends to procure or award a public supply contract, public service contract or public works contract as defined by The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations") which is valued at £25,000 or more, the council shall comply with the relevant requirements of the Regulations.

Both Project A & D will fall under these regulations and professional help will be required to carry out the tendering process.

b) Day Centre Improvements – the committee has asked for quotes to improve the Day Centre. Costs are being sought for the work specified at last month's meeting which is largely cosmetic. The Town Council has been approached by TWBC to ask if it has any projects it wishing to put forward for Section 106 funding which will be linked to the development 7 – 9 Station Road. (see attached correspondence)

Members are asked to consider whether further improvements to the Day Centre are required and whether it would fit the criteria.