

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee 22/09/2020

Windmill Common Tree Work

Agenda item 21/017 4: To receive an update and RESOLVE for quotes to sought for the work needed and for the RFO and Chairman of the Committee to authorise the work up to an agreed budget.

BACKGROUND

The Windmill Common tree survey was undertaken in November 2019 by Sapling Arboriculture Ltd. who identify work required under one of the following priorities: immediate, high, moderate and low.

No work was identified as falling under "immediate", but some work did fall under high and moderate priority and the specification below reflects this accordingly along with one "low" priority recommendation:

- 803, Oak:- remove deadwood larger than 25mm
- 805, Oak:- remove
- 807, Scots pine:- remove
- 808-811 Englefield land
- 812-816, Scots pine, dead or dying :- remove
- 818-824, Scots pine, dead:- remove
- Remove 80% of the Holly and treat stumps to prevent regrowth
- Sever ivy on the tress within 5m of the perimeter of the site
- Remove non-native plants, particularly Laurel, and treat to prevent regrowth (low priority)

Other moderate work was identified for trees 808-811 but these are on Englefield land.

Due to the blanket Tree Preservation Order that covers the area, permission had to be sought for any proposed work. WBC sought further clarification on some points and as per agenda item 21/007 3. it was confirmed to the Tree Officer:

- In terms of tree replacements, it is the intention to replant and to ask the Tree Officer if there are any recommendations;
- Intention is to leave a few of the dead trees as standing deadwood monoliths where appropriate;
- Intention is to add to the list the removal of the dead pine close to 8 Woodside Close; (this appears to be tree 807 which is already on the list above).
- For the holly, only suckers and younger trees will be removed.

WBC have given consent for the work to be carried out as per the above specification. The work must be carried out by May 2023.