

BLOXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 20 February 2019
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 10(i)</i>
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Title of Report	Tree works
Summary	<p>All the work items covered in the 2018 tree survey have now been completed.</p> <p>Actions planned now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase a batch of numbered tree tags to label the unlabelled trees as identified in the survey - Approach a number of suppliers about an ongoing tree management plan to replace the survey and tree works in the future
Recommendation	<p>The tree tags will allow us to keep track of the trees we own or that affect our areas, of which it appears some are unmarked.</p> <p>The Management Plan idea is rather than have a survey bi-annually and then sending it out to tender each year etc, we engage a company to manage the trees for a 3-5 year period. This would involve ongoing surveying and monitoring as well as any works required. Costs would almost certainly be a 'monitoring' retainer plus individual works projects</p>
Reasons for the Recommendation	<p>Not only is it costly to separate the tree survey from the works, but it causes a lot of issues when the survey is not specific enough for the tree specialists to quote (as happened last time). It also leaves us with the potential (as happened the year before) of a contractor giving a lowball quote and then simply refusing to complete the work under some pretext</p>
Impact on Budget	<p>To be covered under the trees and survey budget line items which will be combined. Tree tags would be around £200 for 40-50</p>
Risks	<p>If the chosen tree management company is no good, we can change after the period (3 or 5 years)</p>
Background	
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