



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee
Wednesday 9 September 2026**

Agenda Item 16 – Parish Council Tree Works

Purpose of the Report

Members are required:

- To **NOTE** the update on tree works from the parish council's contracted tree surgeons and to **AGREE** matters relating to the felling of trees recently identified as healthy.

Background

The parish council awarded Bawdens Tree Surgeons the contract to carry out its tree works after the completion of a full tender exercise in late 2025.

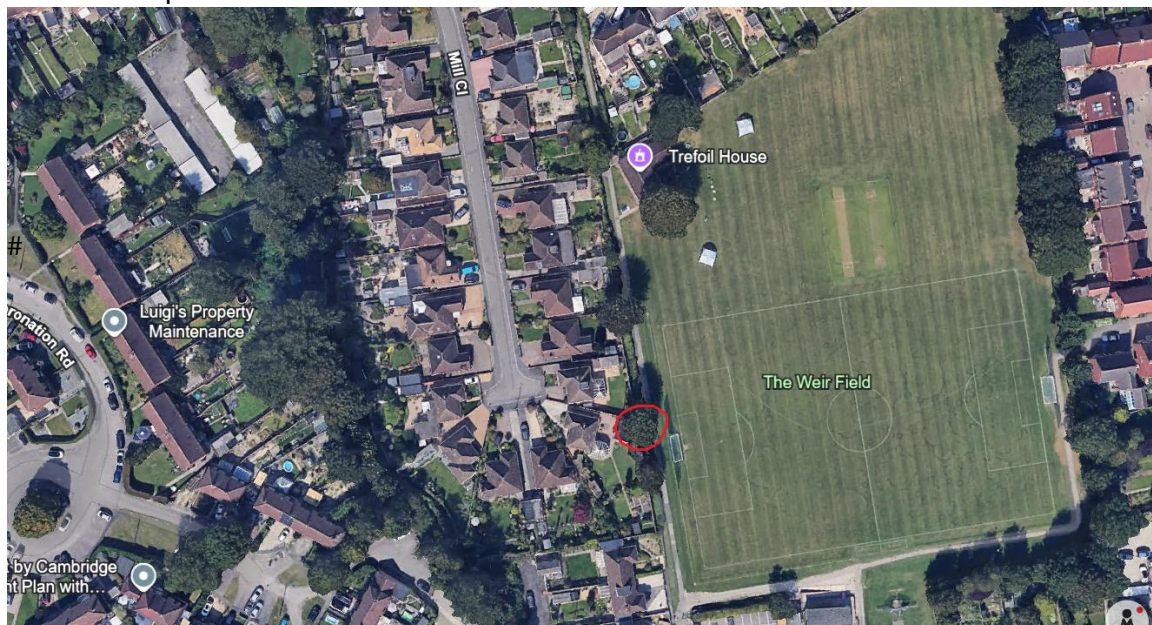
As a result of the tender process a list of trees and maps were provided which cover the trees in need of maintenance. The schedule is colour coded to identify specific areas of concern.

In August, Bawdens visited the parish and undertook a further survey to identify any priority maintenance work that still needs to be carried out.

Resident Queries – Access required to back garden / resident permissions

Over the summer, a resident who lives at Mill Close has requested a tree be cut back due to it overhanging into her garden. The parish council asked Bawdens to examine this tree during their walkabout in August (*Note this is a parish council owned tree*)

The tree in question is located here:



Similarly a resident from The Mountings has raised similar issues where one of the trees planted at Belmont Green side is now overhanging their property. Access will need to be granted by the resident to allow the contracts in to carry out maintenance.



Most Recent Update

Following their August visit, Bawdens have shared with the parish council their upcoming maintenance plans. They are as follows:

Teams will be on site from 22 to 24 September and again from 28 September to 1 October. Works will focus on Beranburh Play Area and Belmont Green. Other works will be scheduled for October, with specific dates and locations to be identified in due course.

Advice on Tree Felling

Previously, the parish council agreed to cut down ash trees where a survey note had been made regarding the presence of ash dieback. However, after having had the benefit of viewing the trees in full leaf, Bawdens have advised that these trees now appear healthy and, where possible, should be retained.

Bawdens have advised that the best way to do this would be on a case-by-case basis.

The parish's full list of tree works can be found at **Appendix A**.

Recommendations

1. To **NOTE** the update to the tree works schedule.
2. To **APPROVE** or **REJECT** the tree surgeon's advice that trees previously earmarked for felling due to ash dieback infections but that are now deemed healthy should be retained.

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