

# Burton Bradstock Parish Council

## Agenda Item - Tree Risk Assessment 2021

### Background

Council agreed to commission an annual tree risk assessment so that any issues with trees on Council property could be identified and appropriate actions taken.

Nick Baxter of Tree Management Ltd was commissioned to undertake the Tree Risk Assessment which took place on 25th March 2021.

The Tree Risk Assessment report and accompanying document have been circulated to Councillors.

### Recommendation

Council minutes receipt of the Tree Risk Assessment 2021 and accompanying Tree Plans;

Council notes that there are no urgent tree remedial actions identified in the Assessment but that there are a few advisory actions that the Council should consider;

- **Non-urgent priority tree works**

The Old Sycamore on the Village Green (T414) was found to have a risk of harm that is in the tolerable range of the QTRA risk framework. Tree Management propose installation of a non-invasive flexible brace between both stems at 8-12m. This work would require appointing qualified tree surgeon.

The risk of harm associated with this tree is 1/300 000 per year and so it could be said that the cost of reducing this risk would be grossly disproportionate to the benefit, however given that that this is the only recommendation that relates to risk it would be careless to ignore it.

- **Advisory tree works**

Three trees T439, T440 & T442, (see report) all involve ivy severance. There is no time-frame for carrying out advisory works. This work could be suitable for the Village Volunteer Group to undertake.

- **Additional tree work**

A resident living near Five Elms Green is concerned about tree branches interfering with overhead lines. The Field Maple was previously assessed by Toller Trees who recommended;

- Light internal formative prune, mostly achieved by the removal of epicormic growth;
- Light prune and reduction around insulated power cables and phone lines;
- Light reduction to clear highway by approximately 50cm on the northern side of the tree.

**It is recommended that Council agrees to undertake the non urgent and advisory works identified in the Tree Risk Assessment and that in seeking quotes for the work on the Sycamore Council also seeks a price for light pruning of the Field Maple on Five Elms Green to safeguard overhead wires.**