

# **Yaxham Village Amenities Association**

## **YV AA: Policy for Trees and the Maintenance of Public Open Spaces**

### **Trees**

1. YV AA wishes to protect and enhance the Parish's environment and with this in mind will maintain the trees for which it is responsible and encourage tree planting in suitable locations.
2. For the trees on YV AA owned land:-
  1. The Chair of Trustees will obtain the YV AA's approval for all significant work, at a YV AA Committee meeting.
  2. The Chair will:-
    1. Where applicable take advice from the Breckland Council's Arboricultural Officer;
    2. Ensure that the proposed work conforms to any relevant legislation, in particular that applying to the Conservation Area;
    3. Ensure that the work is carried out by suitably qualified and equipped persons
    4. Where the anticipated expenditure exceeds £500 obtain three quotations.
3. Proposals to plant trees on YV AA-owned land should be brought before the YV AA with information regarding the eventual height and spread, and the suitability of the species on the particular site.
4. Staff will not carry out any work on trees not located within YV AA-owned land, except with the landowner's permission.
5. An annual visual inspection of the site will take place in the spring, and the advice of a qualified arboriculturalist will be sought if there are concerns raised.
6. A full inspection will take place every two years by a qualified arboriculturalist.

### **Maintenance of Public Open Spaces**

1. The YV AA will only cut overhanging branches with the explicit permission of the owner of the land from which the branches are growing, and with the permission of the owner of the land, e.g. the drive over which the branches are hanging.
2. Annually, the YV AA will spray the car park with weed killer so as to stop nettles and other plant growth and to extend the life of the tarmac pavements.
3. Annually the YV AA will ensure the Play Space is maintained and checked by ROSPA to meet legal requirements.
4. The YV AA will ensure the Memorial Garden is kept in good order.

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Date Policy Reviewed: May 2019

Next Review Date: May 2020

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