

EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

LARGE AREA GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2024-25 (Schedule B)

The contract is to be offered for one year from March 2024.

A detailed breakdown of the work carried out is to be presented with your invoice.

In the event of drought curtailing grass growth the Parish Council reserves the right to suspend grass cutting for a period. Mowing machinery appropriate to the task must be used. Expected cutting heights for guidance: fortnightly cuts = 30mm; monthly and 3x per season cuts = 75mm; meadow cut = 100mm.

Section 1 – GRASS CUTTING

Recreation Area

- Recreation area – centre. This includes the path running South to North from the Childrey Bridle Path car park bounded by the St Nicholas School fence to the east and the line of trees to the west to be cut every two weeks. Strim round trees and pavilion, strimming should be within 3” of trees and hand cut to base of trees. Strim the reclaimed area adjacent to the tennis court. Strim up to the school fence.
- South recreation area meadow. A pathway is to be maintained to access the bench at the southern end and continue as a curving pathway approximately 2 metres wide from the bench running down (North) through the meadow; to be cut fortnightly. The bench area running up to the Childrey Bridle Path car park fence, to be included in the fortnightly cuts.
- The football playing field to be cut fortnightly. The two sloping banks to the south and east of the pitch to be cut/strimmed twice a year in May and late October.
- The area surrounding the cultivated allotments behind Reynolds Way (area C on plan) to be cut three times a year in early June, August and late October. The edges of footpath leading from the Reynolds Way footpath to the pavilion requires trimming back, twice per year.
- Fortnightly cuts to be timed as follows:
 - 1 cut in March and two cuts per month April – October inclusive. A total of 15 cuts.

Section 2 – Additional Areas

- Childrey bridle path car park - all the surrounds to be cut and cleared April/May, August and October.

- Car park off Cornhill Lane, banks to be strimmed and arisings cleared twice per annum in May and late summer/autumn.
- Old School Lane - Verges of the footpath in Old School Lane and turning area to be cut back three times a year in April, July and October. Reinstate the width of the footpath by removing excess earth from the edges. Trees and shrubs adjacent to the “turning area” to be cut back annually in August/September. Arisings to be removed.
- Childrey Way (Upper and Lower) - Bushes to be cut back once a year in June or July. Edges to be cut back once a year
- Challow Bridge car park –Scrub area to be strimmed and bushes trimmed twice a year (April and July).

Section 3: SPRAYING

PA1 and PA6 certification is required, a copy of which must be submitted with the tender. The type of weedkiller must be notified to the Parish Council for approval prior to use. Use of systemic weedkiller is preferred.

The following areas to be sprayed twice a year, in April and September; dead vegetation to be cleared.

- Tennis Court Surface and the sides of the tennis court
- Sides of footpath from Reynolds Way into the recreation area
- Base of fence around play area
- Challow Bridge car park surfaces and edges
- Sides of Footpath running from Reynolds Way footpath to the pavilion.

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