

EAST CHALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

LARGE AREA GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2025-26 (Schedule B)

The contract is to run for one year from March 2025 with an option to extend by a further year on satisfactory service delivery during the year. Confirmation of this extension will be decided at the December 2025 Parish Council meeting. If granted, rates may be increased with effect from the 1st March 2026 in line with CPI.

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, including the front of the pavilion.** Strimming should be within **3” of trees** and hand cut to base of trees. **Strim the reclaimed area adjacent to the tennis court to ensure this remains reclaimed. Strim up to the school fence ensuring the undergrowth does not extend onto the recreation field.**
- 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 from the school fence to the trees in Cornhill Lane parallel to the 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 running parallel to the cultivated allotments behind Reynolds Way 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 to maintain the width and edges of the path, 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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