

Suggested Replacement Hedge and Tree Planting for The Cricket

Following the sale of “The Cheese Wedge” most of the trees on that piece of land have been felled and a new concrete post and wooden close board fence has been erected along the boundary of the retained Parish Council land.

In order to mitigate for the loss of the mature trees and help soften the appearance of the new fence I suggest the Parish Council progresses the planting scheme illustrated on the attached sketch plan.

In order not to shade the adjoining gardens I am suggesting that a native mixed hedge is planted alongside the new fence with just 3 Wild Crab Apple trees which will not get more than 10 metres tall. There are also two gaps in the tree line along Cross Street that could accommodate two more English Oak trees to complement Cora’s Oak. I can supply 1 Wild Service Tree which is shown to be planted opposite the blank wall of No 19 Cherry Tree Rise.

In addition to help offset the loss of trees on “The Cheese Wedge, the new hedge in particular will help improve ecological connectivity and provide a new habitat for wildlife.

I had hoped The Woodland Trust’s and The Tree Council’s free trees programme could assist the Parish Council but unfortunately they do not supply hedging plants. I will seek other sources of grant aid but in the absence of any help I estimate that the scheme proposed would cost around £250 to implement. The task can be carried out by volunteers sometime between the end of November 2019 and early March 2020.

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Parish Tree Warden, 27th May 2019



