

<b>Committee</b>	<b>COUNCIL MEETING</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>
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### **Management of the trees in Holy Trinity and St Andrews churchyards**

Following a report to Council in October 2018, based on a survey of both churchyards by a Tree Officer from Braintree, the decision was taken to manage the trees identified as needing attention. Quotes had been received and it was agreed at the March 2019 meeting to select the contractor whose quote was nearest to the sum set aside in the budget (£3500).

A Faculty was applied for. A report was then received from the Arboricultural adviser to the Diocese, who disagreed with some of the work planned. The Town Clerk then arranged a meeting on 10/4/19 to walk round the 2 churchyards with the BDC Tree Officer, the Diocesan adviser and the chosen contractor.

By the end of the meeting, all the experts were in agreement on the work to be done. The end result is slightly different from what was originally planned since the 2 avenues of limes will remain intact. Notification of the work to be done must be sent to the Tree officer at BDC and to the Deacon at Chelmsford Diocese for permission. Permission has been granted by the Deacon, and BDC will allow the work to be carried out after 23 May 2019, six weeks after the application.

A revised quote has been received from the chosen contractor, who would plan to start the work in August:

St Andrews £2100.  
Holy Trinity £2650.  
Total £4750

This revised quote will allow for the completion of all the work originally planned, some of which would have been put off until further funds were available.

In discussing the year end accounts at the May Council meeting, it was suggested that £1300 of the surplus generated in the financial year 2018/19 should be allocated to the management of the churchyard trees, to allow the whole project to be completed.

**Recommendation:** that HTC agrees to the allocation of an extra £1300 from the 18/19 surplus to the management of the churchyard trees.



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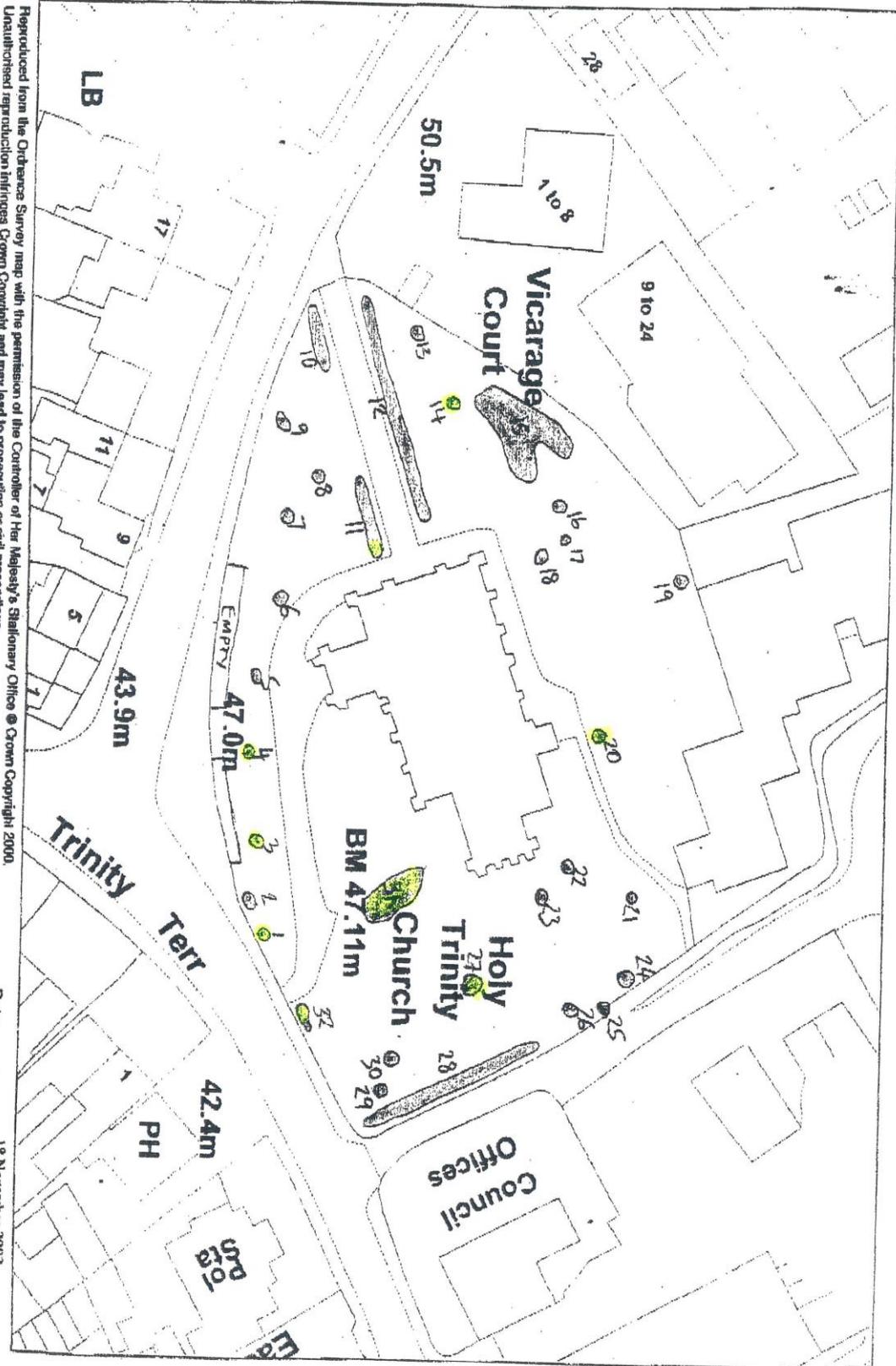
## **Appendix – detail of trees to be cut and their location in the churchyards**

### **Revised Work required to trees in Holy Trinity churchyard – agreed with BDC, the Diocesan adviser and the tree surgeon**

1. Entering by the main entrance there is an avenue of very tall limes, marked as 10,11. Although tall, these trees are regarded as safe and do not currently need to be reduced in height. The last one in group 11 nearest to the church should be felled as it is very close to the church.
2. Crown lift the yews 3, 4 to 3 metres but keep the shape.
3. In the thicket numbered 31, the sprawling shapeless yew on the right as you face the church should be removed along with the undergrowth
4. Remove the self-planted yew from no 27, leaving the sycamore untouched. The holly and privet in this area should also be removed.
5. Remove oak no 1 by wall and road. This is a nice tree, but is totally mixed up with telephone wires, telegraph post, and lamp post, and is very close to the road and wall.
6. Remove pine no 32 by wall and road
7. Coppice lime by path leading to school, no. 26 on map. Lime no 24 should have dead wood removed
8. Remove sycamore no 20 on map. This tree is diseased at the bottom where it splits.
9. Cedar no 18. This tree needs to be crown lifted on church side, with 2 metre clearance between branches and the wall of the church, and higher branches and the roof of the church.
10. Remove no 14 acacia. It is half dead and near to cables.

### **Revised Work required to trees in St Andrews Churchyard**

1. Lift beech by Colchester Road no 7 on map, where it hangs over the road. The branches on the road side should be 4 metres above ground level in the church yard
2. Remove sycamore by East window no 2, as it has fungal growth at the split and is threatening the East window
3. Lift and remove lower branches of the yew by the edge of the churchyard overshadowing houses no 3. Leave main structure untouched but remove ivy
4. Reduce 2 limes slightly above previous pollarding by bottom entrance onto Parsonage street. This will need to be done every 3 years.
5. Reduce pear by lower entrance probably to same height as the 2 limes opposite
6. Crown lift yew in avenue and remove lower branches no 6 to 3 metres



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