

	FULL COUNCIL
Date	12 February 2024
Agenda Item	7c

To consider managing the churchyard trees

The trees in both St Andrews and Holy Trinity churchyards were last trimmed and checked for safety in July 2019. One tree was recently brought to our attention as unsafe, and we have taken the opportunity to have all trees checked.

Two of the tree surgeons consulted believe that the avenues of lime trees should be pollarded in both churchyards, whereas the third feels that the lime trees in the avenues in both churchyards should be crown cleaned, but not pollarded. He made the point that pollarding is not necessary, and if you do it once you have to do it again – thus making further work for tree surgeons. He has also identified 2 sycamore trees which should be cut down for safety reasons.

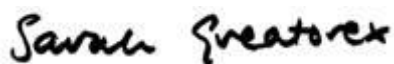
Quote 1: £7120 (no VAT)

Quote 2: £2600 + VAT

Quote 3: £8840 (no VAT)

There is currently £4860 for churchyard maintenance in Earmarked reserves, and the intention is to add a further £2000 at year end. This will adequately cover quote 2.

Recommendation : that HTC accepts quote 2 and agrees to the tree work.



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