

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2026, commencing at 8.06pm when there were present:

Mrs B Clarke in the Chair
Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou Mr S Matthews
Mrs J Latchford

Also present: Clerk, RFO and 1 member of the public

Apologies for absence: None

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2026 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report items

One of the car park lights at Sandy Lane was not working. The Council's lighting contractor attended the site and carried out a repair. The light required prompt repair because it illuminates the pedestrian and main gate access.

A pre-start meeting for the Thorpe Marriott Play Area project had been tentatively scheduled for 10 June.

The new play area/trim trail at Taursham Park was due to be installed shortly, and responsibility for the amenity would pass to the Recreation Committee, subject to Council confirmation, once the land transfer had been completed.

Incidents of garden waste being dumped on Sandy Lane Playing Field had been reported by residents whose properties border the playing field. Some of the Council's trees had also been pollarded. The local policing team was contacted, and a request was made for the resident responsible to be given words of advice. A resident had also reported that the Council's boundary had been moved, but until the arisings had been removed it was difficult to determine whether this was the case.

The current budget picture was received.

To consider request to use Sandy Lane Playing Field for football training

A request had been received from Taverham Titan's, an under 7's team from Taverham Football Club, for permission to use Sandy Lane Playing Field for training. Councillors were concerned that other TFC teams would also wish to use playing field but wished to support the young team. It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission to the Titans (and only the Titans) upon receipt of a satisfactory risk assessment and a copy of TFC's public liability insurance certificate.

To consider request to use Sandy Lane Playing Field for outdoor learning

A request had been received from an education provider for permission to use Sandy Lane Playing Field for 1 to 1 outdoor learning. It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission upon receipt of a satisfactory risk assessment and a copy of their public liability insurance certificate.

The Meeting closed at 8.21pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

TAVERHAM PARISH COUNCIL
RECREATION COMMITTEE - BUDGET PICTURE – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026

EXPENDITURE

<u>Heading</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent to Date</u>	<u>Expected Expenditure</u>	<u>Projected Y/E Balance</u>
Running Costs				
Horticultural Contract	£12,570.00	£5,166.35	£7,232.89	£170.76
Fidobin Contract	£2,635.00	£0.00	£2,635.00	£0.00
Mole Contract	£1,050.00	£240.00	£810.00	£0.00
Refuse Collection	£2,100.00	£836.41	£1,170.99	£92.60
Play Inspections	£1,100.00	£0.00	£1,100.00	£0.00
Sandy Lane Carpark	£1,275.00	£1,019.10	£0.00	£255.90
Sandy Lane – Keyholder	£3,300.00	£1,096.50	£2,193.00	£10.50
Tree Maintenance	£6,000.00	£1,400	£0.00	£4,600.00
	£30,030.00	£9,758.36	£15,141.88	£5,129.76
Renewals	£3,000.00	£527.52	£0.00	£2,472.48
Projects	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Contingency	£1,000.00	£15.38	£0.00	£984.62
COMMITTEE TOTAL	£36,030.00	£10,301.26	£15,141.88	£10,586.86

RFO
22nd September 2026

THORPE MARRIOTT GREEN TREE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2026

Tree no.	Species	Age range	Condition & comments	Recommendations red = 2026 recommendations blue = long term or aesthetic reasons only
1	Hornbeam	M	Multi-stemmed, gen sound but has several large decay cavities around lower stems at old pruning wounds. The W'most stem has largest cavity with significant decay extending deep into stem. Low overhang to path.	Lift crown over path to give min 2m clearance
G1	Mixed	M/SM	Mixed-age hedge of mainly hawthorn with some elder. Heavy ivy in many older trees but impractical to control at this advanced stage. One large hawthorn has died (c17m NW of T1)	Fell dead hawthorn (stump of up to 1.5m can be left for habitat). Trim along full length of hedge as ness to adequately clear path.
G2	Mixed	M	Mostly mature, tall hedgerow trees. Heavy ivy to most, and row in general in decline, with a couple of fallen trees forming lateral extensions. G2 runs progressively away from road & path. Improving as habitat every year, with numerous bird nests.	No work
G2a	Mixed	Y	NOT SHOWN ON PLAN Hedge planted winter 2015/16 running along Kingswood Avenue frontage. Living plants now well established but hedge has quite a lot of gaps, which will allow unauthorised entry with vehicles when the timber posts rot.	Replacements should be planted during winter 2026/27. An organic mulch should be spread around the base of every plant, with care to avoid heaping mulch up on stems (plastic spirals applied to stems in advance of mulch application will prevent direct contact). This will help retain moisture and suppress competing grasses etc.
2	F.maple	EM	Generally sound. Spreading crown, to ground level.	No work
3	Rowan	EM	Now in poor condition. Severe bark damage (vandalism). Crown now very thin. Will have to be felled soon but remains OK for retention for now.	Plant a replacement tree nearby this winter, so that it will become established by the time this one has to be felled. I would recommend a hornbeam or field maple.
4	Oak DEAD	M	Was felled summer 2021 in response to stem splitting. Now a high stump only.	No work

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5	Oak	EM	Appears stressed. Thin foliage and dark exudate emerging from stem in several places. Possible fungal/bacterial infection.	No work. Monitor for further decline (anticipated – ideally, plant a replacement nearby this winter)
6	Oak	EM	Generally sound. Spreading crown to ground level, not mown beneath & a good habitat feature	No work
7	Oak	EM	Generally sound.	No work
8	Oak	EM	Suppressed tree with 100% of crown to W of centreline.	No work
9	Elder	-	Dead & part-fallen but already smothered by brambles & ivy. Well out of the way here, and good habitat.	No work
10	Oak	EM	Stunted but generally sound. Ivy starting but OK to retain in this situation.	No work
11	Oak	EM	Gen sound. Few dead branches but none over path.	No work
12	Oak	EM	Gen sound. Ivy becoming heavy but OK in this situation.	No work
13	H'thorn & elder	EM/M	Two trees growing together forming single crown.	No work.
14	Oak	M	Gen sound. The usual few dead branches scattered throughout	Remove /shorten dead branches.
15	Oak	EM	Gen sound.	No work
16	Oak	EM	Gen sound. The usual few small dead branches throughout.	Remove/shorten dead branches
17	Oak	M	Gen sound. A few dead/dying small branches including some over neighbouring property.	Clean out crown overhanging n'boring property; remove any signif dead wood elsewhere.
18	Oak	M	Good regrowth following major surgery 2018/19 and follow-up surgery October 2024.	No work
19	Oak	M	Gen sound but appears very slightly stressed this year. Quite numerous very old pruning wounds around lower stem but no signif decay noted. A few dead branches on field side	Remove / reduce dead branches where any have potential to fall on neighbouring property or on land accessible by public. Monitor over 2027 for any signs of declining condition.

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20	Oak	M	Gen sound. Large old oak, once pollarded. Major branch on SW side weakened by decay to exposed wood caused by lightning strike many years ago. I reduced weight on this branch 10 years ago and no sign of weakness visible from ground level visual inspection at time of survey. Thorough climbing inspection/report & clean-out summer 2025. Large woodpecker hole in near-vertical branch in SW crown.	No work.
G3	Mixed	EM	Mixed hedge along boundary. Generally sound. Some low overhang to path.	Lift low overhang to 2m ground clearance where necessary
G4	H'thorn & elder	M	Old field boundary hedge. Mainly hawthorn with some elder. Generally sound condition. Was reduced to 2-3m height autumn 2024. Regrowth good, may need re-cutting next winter.	No work
G5	Mixed	EM	Compact group of grey alder with a single rowan. All gen sound	No work
G6	Mixed	EM/M	Linear feature, more a line of trees than a hedge (mainly maple & hazel with some hawthorn, elder & oak), merging into a sweep of unmanaged damp land becoming colonised by oaks and willow scrub. <i>A very good and rapidly improving habitat feature.</i>	No work
21	Norway maple	EM	Gen sound.	No work
22	Norway maple	EM	Major split at fork at c2.3m. Pollarded winter 24/25 and regrowing well	No work
23	Norway maple	EM	As tree 21	No work

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G7	Mixed	EM	Continuation of G6: a broad sweep of unmanaged, spring-fed permanently damp land which has become naturally colonised by native scrub and is now becoming oak dominated young woodland. An extremely good habitat feature which will improve indefinitely without any intervention (though some management may eventually become desirable). Includes the row of trees that have colonised former railway embankment and some branches of mature trees extending over rly side of boundary & therefore TPC's safety responsibility. All generally sound at time of survey. A good range of native wild flowers typical of good quality marsh habitat is appearing but will become shaded out by bramble etc without management.	No work. <i>It is good to see that the mowing contractors are leaving a good margin unmown (on the wettest land NE of the surfaced path). This has developed into rough grassland with numerous wild flowers and will evolve into excellent habitat. I would like to see this unmown area expanded, if possible. There seems no good reason to manage this low-lying and very drought-resistant area like a lawn, when without mowing it will become ever more useful to wildlife and attractive to the growing number of people who are interested in such things. I would suggest restricting mowing to a 3m wide strip parallel with the surfaced path. I would also recommend annual mowing (including bramble clearance) & raking of the SW fringe, to encourage marshy species and improve biodiversity</i>
G9	-	-	Entirely o'hang from trees on former rly land. Though not on TPC land they should be included due to o'hang.	No work
24	Grey alder	M	Gen sound	No work
25	Oak	M	Gen sound	No work
26	Oak	EM	Gen sound	No work
27	Oak	M	Reduced to tall habitat stump last winter due to very poor condition. The cherry we left undamaged when dismantling is already growing into an excellent replacement.	No work
28	Oak	M	Gen sound	No work
29	Oak	M	Gen sound	No work
30	GONE			
31	Oak	EM	Gen sound. Ivy starting but OK to leave in this situation.	No work
32	GONE			
33	Silver birch	EM	Gen sound.	No work

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34	Oak	M	Gen sound. Branchy tree with near-vertical shoots from near base.	No work
35	Oak	M	Heavy ivy to near top. Several dead branches but none over targets.	No work
36	Oak	M	Gen sound	No work
37	Oak	EM	Gen sound.	No work
G8	Mixed	SM/EM	Belt of mixed broadleaves by surfaced path. Minor o'hang to path this year.	Lift o'hang along path. Monitor this zone for further spread of honey fungus.
38	Silver birch	M	Gen sound. 2 stems from just above g.level.	No work
39	Silver birch	EM	Gen sound.	No work
40	Silver birch	M	GONE	
40a	Silver birch	M	GONE	
41	Silver birch	M	Gen sound.	No work
42	Oak	M	Stressed and gradually declining condition. <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> fruiting bodies at c3m on SE of stem (not seen this year). Several dead branches again scattered throughout crown.	Remove / shorten dead branches. Monitor annually for signs of advancement of decay (no <i>L.sulphureus</i> fruiting bodies seen 2026).
G10	Sloe	EM	A dense sloe thicket	No work
G11	Mixed	SM/EM	Dense thicket of mixed native trees & shrubs (ash, oak, hazel, goat willow, plum, hawthorn, rose). Gen sound.	No work
G12	Mixed	EM/M	Dense thicket of cherry, hazel, oak & sloe, along former rly land. Debatable where boundary is but all trees should be included due to overhang of TPC's land.	No work
G13	Oak	SM	Row of oaks close to rly boundary.	No work
G14	Mixed	SM/EM	Dense clump of mixed native trees (hazel, maple, hawthorn, oak, spindle)	No work
43	Oak	M	Outside boundary but overhanging TPC land.	No work
44	Oak	M	Outside boundary but overhanging TPC land.	No work
45	Oak	M	Outside boundary but overhanging TPC land.	No work

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G15	Mixed	SM	Small group of spindle, dogwood & rowan. Gradually merging with G16 & G17. Becoming useful habitat.	No work
G16	Mixed	SM	As G15 but also with birch & hazel.	No work
G17	Mixed	SM	As G15 & G16	No work
46	Oak	SM	Gen sound. Potentially a very good tree.	No work
47	Rowan	SM	Gen sound. Weak dual stem pruned off 2015/16 and now looks fine.	No work
G18	Mixed	EM	Small group of ash. W'most ash pollarded winter 2015/16 due to severe ADD and now looking good, following pruning-out of ADD infected material. A few dead branches in all ash. Stem of remaining rowan felled last winter, retaining basal shoots which are growing well.	Remove any dead ash branches. Monitor ash re ADD
48	Lime	EM	Gen sound.	No work
48a	Oak	EM	Gen sound.	No work
49	Oak	EM	Gen sound. Crown to ground level all round and not mown beneath. Previously noted as possibly prone to forming weak forks, with a split down stem noted 2025 and crown lightening carried out winter '25/'26. The split has progressed since: stem may have split completely if lightening hadn't been done, but now, more drastic action is desirable.	Reduce crown by c70%. This will effectively pollard this tree, but with retention of viable low branches and careful pruning, the tree can be preserved in an attractive, safe and useful form (similar to oak T39 at Eastfield)
50	Lime	SM	Multi-stemmed. Foliage very thin (unknown cause – possibly insects?)	No work but monitor for further decline next year
51	Lime	SM	Gen sound. Single stem.	No work
52	Oak	M	Neighbouring residents seem to have taken responsibility for this tree	No work
53	Silver birch	M	Two stems. Appears stressed. Like 52, either on boundary or on private land.	No work (but ownership should be established)
54	Oak	SM	Gen sound.	No work
55	Oak	SM	Gen sound.	No work

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56	Rowan	SM	Suppressed by overhang from large oak on old rly. Drought-stressed from previous summers. Gen sound otherwise.	No work
57	Rowan	SM	As T56	No work
58	Lime	SM	Suppressed by overhang from large oak on old rly. Gen sound otherwise.	No work
59	GONE	-	-	-
60	GONE	-	-	
61	Silver birch	M	Multi-stemmed, growing from previously coppiced base. Several stems have been felled over the past few years due to honey fungus infection. Remaining stems appear sound at time of survey.	No work. Retain the remaining stems while replacements are becoming established & while safe to do so. Fell remaining stems after replacements established, or sooner if signs of disease / weakness..
62	Silver birch	M	Looking slightly stressed – undersized and thin foliage. Ivy on lower stem.	Cut ivy. Monitor remaining stem & stump for signs of disease.
63	Rowan	EM	Gen sound.	No work
64	Oak	M	<i>Grifola frondosa</i> previously found at base. This is not a particularly aggressive decay fungus though it can weaken trees at their bases. Crown is in reasonably good health. A few small dead branches.	Remove dead/weak branches Monitor for signs of weakening caused by <i>G.frondosa</i>
65	Silver birch	EM	Gen sound. Suppressed by adjacent large oaks but has grown through a canopy gap and is now above them. OK at present but stem may become overloaded by top weight from new crown growth.	No work. Monitor for good stem/crown balance and reduce crown if this becomes desirable.
66	Oak	M	Has <i>Grifola frondosa</i> infection at base (reported previously). This is not a particularly aggressive decay fungus though it can weaken trees at their bases. Crown in good health but with one or two dead branches.	Remove dead branches Monitor for signs of weakening caused by <i>G.frondosa</i>
67	GONE	-	Dead stump decaying harmlessly and providing good habitat for fungi and insect larvae.	Retain on ground for habitat value

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68	Silver birch	M	Gen sound.	No work
69	Silver birch	EM	Gen sound	No work
G19	Mixed	EM/M	Mostly overhang from rly but includes a few young sloe, cherry, sycamore and purging buckthorn (as a natural component). Very dense and good habitat. One sloe at extreme SE end part-fallen and leaning with crown encroaching over path by road. Will cause complaints unless rectified	No work (but request that BDC deal with the fallen sloe, which is on their land)
G20	Ash	EM/M	Two ash. ADD appears to have at least paused on the remaining two, though the tree to the SE has thin foliage this year, suggesting stress, possibly honey fungus? Minor dead wood over path/bus stop.	Remove dead branches. Monitor re ADD progress
G21	Mixed	EM/M	Almost entirely overhang from rly. No issues at 2015	No work
G22	Mixed	SM/EM	Mixed group of hawthorn & rose with ash & elder, forming a dense, thorny clump. Good habitat.	No work
G23	Grey alder	EM/M	Group of grey alder with dense bramble understorey. Generally sound. Very low overhang to path.	Lift along path to give min 2m clearance.
70	GONE			
71	GONE			
72	Rowan	EM	Appears stressed but no worse than 2025	No work but monitor for lack of recovery / further decline
73	Silver birch	M	Gen sound. Very tall tree among G23, worth identifying separately due to size & proximity to road.	No work
74	H'thorn	EM	Gen sound	No work
75	Ash	M	Pollarded last winter. Regen good, no sign of ADD so far.	No work
75a	Silver birch	M	Gen sound	No work
76	Silver birch	M	Gen sound.	No work

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77	Silver birch	M	Gen sound	No work
G24	Rose	M	A large, dense patch of rose.	No work
G25	Oak	SM	Small group of oak, all with self-shaded dead branches, but all well away from targets. Crowns to g. level	No work
G26	Mixed	M/EM	Gen sound. Coppiced winter 2015/16 and regen looking very good.	No work
G27	Mixed	M/EM	The grey alder component is OK. The osier was coppiced and is showing excellent regeneration.	No work
G28	Mixed	EM	Hawthorn & grey alder, all gen sound	No work
78	Ash	EM	Surrounded by dense bramble & rose. ADD continuing to kill small branches. Tree's overall condition now rather poor.	Pollard to c3m and retain viable branches / reduced branches below this height to encourage regen.
79	Oak	SM	Gen sound. Nice, low-crowned and symmetrical specimen.	No work
G29	Mixed	SM	Small group of rowan, rose & hazel	No work
G30	Bird cherry	EM	Bird cherry clump from one 'parent' tree but tips rooted all round. Nice feature.	No work
80	Field maple	M	Gen sound. Multi-stemmed from just above ground level, crown to ground level all round	No work
81	Field maple	EM	Gen sound	No work
G31	Mixed	M	Mainly alder: entirely overhang from BDC woodland.	No work
82	Silver birch	M	Appears stressed. Upper crown has very thin and undersized foliage	No work. Monitor for recovery / further decline.
83	Ash	M	ADD symptoms not prominent this year, probably due to routine removal of affected parts.	No work Monitor progress of ADD
84	Ash	M	ADD symptoms not prominent this year, probably due to routine removal of affected parts. Two dead branches overhanging bridge and path	Remove/shorten dead branches Monitor progress of ADD

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G32	Mixed	M	Linear feature comprising native alder (original to site, not planted), with a few birch and goat willow. The alders have been coppiced several times and are quite old, forming a very nice feature. They should be managed as coppiced trees indefinitely.	Scheduled for coppicing but I would recommend further postponement, to allow the extensive coppicing recently carried out on neighbouring BDC land to regenerate. This will show people that coppicing is not destructive (there will otherwise be large numbers of complaints, as there were re. the BDC land)
G33	Mixed	M	Large, dense group comprising tall ash, birch & grey alder, with impenetrable understorey of bramble, elder and alder suckers. Remaining alders near surfaced path have all died (2 stems further SE remain alive). Large ash at NE end appears very stressed and has signs of ADD. Other ash have few signs of ADD this year.	FELL the large ash at NE end (could retain high stump for habitat). Fell the dead alder stems. Monitor ash re. ADD. Monitor remaining alder.
G34	Mixed	M/EM	Gen sound. Small group of birch & grey alder.	No work
G35	Mixed	EM	Dense group of hawthorn & rose with bramble and a few young oak emerging.	No work
85	Scots pine	EM	Gen sound. Crown to ground level all round & not mown beneath, therefore no problem.	No work
86	Oak	EM	Gen sound.	No work
G36	Mixed	EM/M	Small patch of dense osier, spindle & dogwood	No work Consider coppicing this group within the next 2 years
G37	Osier	M	Patch of dense osier with some spindle understorey	No work Consider coppicing this group within the next 2 years
G38	Rose	EM	Clump of rose, with one hazel and a young oak	No work Price for all red works: £3870 <i>I will plant replacement trees to replace failures from last winter's plantings. This will again be free of charge.</i>

ALDER WAY TREE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2026

Tree No.	Species	Age range	Condition & comments	Recommendations & priority ratings Red = 2026 recommendations Green = long-term, aesthetic or monitoring reasons only
H1	Hawthorn	-	Hawthorn hedge, low, routinely trimmed	No work necessary
T1	Hawthorn	SM-EM	Multi-stemmed hawthorn, c5m high. Gen sound	No work necessary
T2	Scots pine	EM	Single stemmed pine, c10m high in sound condition. Potential to develop into a nice specimen.	No work necessary
T3	Hawthorn	EM	Single stemmed tree c7m high in generally sound condition	No work necessary
H2	Leylandii	-	Leylandii hedge, c3m high, routinely trimmed	No work necessary
H3	Mixed	-	Mixed hedge (dogwood, Berberis, Leylandii). Exact boundary unclear but all in sound condition.	No work necessary

No work. Price = £0

Taverham Parish Council, Sandy Lane Playing Field Tree Survey, September 2026

Tree No.	Species	Age range	Condition & comments	Recommendations & priority ratings Red = 2026 recommendations Blue = long-term, aesthetic or monitoring reasons only
1	Whitebeam	SM	Generally sound	No work
2	Purple plum	EM	Declining condition & very short SULE. Fungal bracket (<i>Ganoderma sp.?</i>) almost hidden at base below an old wound & <i>Phellinus tuberculosus</i> brackets on several branches. Crown stressed.	TPC should plan for felling & replacing before end of 2026
3	Purple plum	EM	Decining condition and short SULE. Numerous <i>Phellinus tuberculosus</i> fruiting bodies on major branches. Crown stressed.	No work necessary immediately, but TPC should plan for felling & replacing before end of 2026
4	GONE	-	-	-
5	Cherry	EM	GONE	
6	Hawthorn	Y	Small tree in fair condition	Protect from mower damage & water during growing season 2026
7	Malus sp.	EM	Generally sound.	No work
8	Cherry	M	Severely stressed. No remaining SULE. Very thin foliage and dead/dying branches throughout crown, most of western crown now dead, the only remotely viable branches extending east over path & road.	Fell to ground level & remove all waste. TPC should organise replacement planting nearby. Until fairly recently, the village hall had a nice row of trees along its roadside frontage, which ought to be replaced if at all possible. I can advise on species if required.
9	GONE			
10	Elder	M	Reduced to habitat stump. Remaining stem still alive, regen feeble.	No work
11	Hawthorn	M	Now virtually dead but with some life to lower stem/s. Horizontal branches ext S just over ground level used by children as a climbing frame – these remain sound and could be retained while they remain so.	Monitor horizontal branches for structural integrity, loss of which due to any decay will indicate removal
12	Scots pine	EM	Gen sound.	No work
13	Scots pine	M	This tree continues to look extremely healthy, following ‘bonzai’ surgery I carried out 8 winters ago.	No work

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14	G14	SM	Hedges & some trees removed 2023 for new play area. Retained trees all looking reasonably sound but the field maple at the southern end of the western row is developing a weak fork.	No work but Monitor weak fork on maple. This is a good tree. Worth considering bracing within the next year or so, to prevent breakage at fork.
15	Silver birch	EM	Generally sound. Singled out from G14 due to size.	No work
16	Sweet chestnut	EM	Gen sound. Outside boundary but o'hangs site, therefore included in survey. A few small dead branches over play area.	Remove / shorten dead branches over play area
17	Sweet chestnut	EM	Gen sound.	No work
G18	Horse chestnuts	EM	Group of 4 trees, in fair but declining condition. These trees form a very nice feature but with limited safe useful life expectancy.	No work, but <i>can we please revive the plan to plant a new, similar group of trees nearby, in anticipation of the eventual loss of this group? Seven sweet chestnut had been agreed, which is a very good choice.</i>
19	Scots pine	M	Gen sound but ivy growing rapidly up stem	Kill ivy
19a	Hawthorn	M	Two stems, poor condition and heavily ivy-clad, now reduced to high stumps..	No work
20	Scots pine	EM	Generally sound. Minor dead wood only but ivy starting	Kill ivy
20a	Hawthorn	EM	Opposite informal entrance from T19a. Reduced to similar height to 19a last winter.	No work
21	Scots pine	M	Generally sound but ivy growing quickly.	Kill ivy
22	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
23	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
24	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
26	Oak	EM	Gen sound. Minor dead wood only.	No work
27	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
28	Hawthorn	M	Generally sound.	No work
29	Hawthorn	M	Generally sound.	No work
30	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
30a	GONE			

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31	Silver birch	M	Generally sound	No work
32	Silver birch	M	Generally sound.	No work
33	Silver birch	M	Generally sound? Possibly slightly stressed (drought?)	No work
G34	Prunus spp. & birch	EM/M	Gen sound. Compact group of <i>Prunus spp.</i> & one birch. 2 conifer stumps in corner are ivy clad. (felled 2026)	No work
35	Rowan	Y	Generally sound.	No work
36	Hornbeam	Y	Gen sound.	No work
37	Turkish hazel	Y	Generally sound.	No work
38	GONE	-	-	-
39	Turkish hazel	Y	Was ring-barked by vandals. I pruned the dead section back to sound wood and the regrowth has progressed very well.	No work at present, but provide water during times of drought if possible.
G40	Prunus spp. & dense bramble	EM/M	Compact group of wild plum & sloe. Very good wildlife habitat. Several nests have been noted (blackbird, goldfinch, dunnock, robin) This and G34 are, ecologically, the best features of the site.	No work.
41	Sycamore	M	Base of tree straddles boundary, therefore ownership uncertain. Overhangs site, therefore included in survey. Ownership should be established. Ivy cut last winter but some remains alive up western side.	Inspect ivy and cut again if practical (if rooting above ground in trapped soil, severance may not be practical but growth will be restricted by lack of nutrients)
42	GONE			
			Pricing: £930	

THE DROVE PLAY AREA TREE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2026

Tree No.	Species	Age range	Condition & comments	Recommendations & priority ratings Red = 2026 recommendations Green = long-term, aesthetic or monitoring reasons only
T1	Pyrus sp.	SM	Small <i>Pyrus</i> species, sound condition.	No work necessary
T2	Cherry	EM	Grafted tree with grafted stem. Numerous vigorous shoots from rootstock on N side.	No work necessary
T3	Pyrus sp.	EM	Same <i>Pyrus</i> sp. as T1, sound condition and a nice specimen. Ivy climbing stem.	Sever ivy and strip from stem.
T4	Birch	EM	<i>Betula jaquemontii</i> , small tree (c6m), sound condition	No work necessary
T5	Birch	EM	<i>Betula jaquemontii</i> , small tree (c6m), sound condition	No work necessary
T6	Hawthorn	Y	Very small tree, slightly suppressed by T5 but fine at present	No work necessary
T7	Birch	EM	<i>Betula jaquemontii</i> , small tree (c6m), sound condition	No work necessary

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