

Tree Report - Parish Council 9th March

Cross Court

Firstly, I would like to mention that he was able to access the courts and do a proper inspection of the damage at present.

he said that the majority of the current root damage was concentrated more towards the gate-end corner and the most likely cause of the damage is the Willow trees. In order to reduce the possibility of any further damage to these areas, re-pollarding of the Willows would mean that the trees were no longer at a size that would require a bigger root system. However, to reverse the damage already inflicted on the court, he would recommend cutting out the roots from under the tarmac and then replacing the tarmac that was removed.

Unfortunately, work like this isn't able to be priced before the court has been cleaned, as I mentioned on the phone, it is quite hard to tell the extent of the damage prior to a cleaning. Additionally, reducing and maintaining the trees and hedges (including the Willows) around the court *should* significantly reduce the risk of future root damage, as the bigger the tree, the larger a root system needed.

Tamla Trees

Your option would likely be selective tree removal to prevent such root growth and/or tolerating some level of damage and undertaking repairs to the courts as they occur.

Severing tree roots is generally not a good idea depending on factors such as their size and proximity to the tree and location to the tree relative to the root plate.

Neighbouring Properties

A neighbouring property has contacted the Clerk and asked if the large Trees could be pollarded to allow light into their property. There is no automatic right to light but as a good neighbour this should be considered.