

Agenda item .69/19/20(a)

Cathodeon Centre 21st June 2019

Present - Cllrs Kate Kell and Enid Bald. Nicola Burdon of CCC Highways Andrew Gore Trustee and Sue Mudge, Secretary to the Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre.

Several issues discussed in a very friendly meeting, including:

The Sign - It was decided to place the sign on LPC land at the right side of the entrance road (nearest 1, Horseheath) just by the small trees. This will make maintenance around the sign simpler than the original proposed position, as there is very little grass to be cut in this area. The sign will probably be in black and white for visibility, rather than green. Sightlines from 1. Horseheath and the Cathodeon will not be affected

Beech Trees along frontage of Parsonage Way – according to CCC definitive map these are now on CCC land (used to be LPC land until the bus stop was installed which apparently needed extra land). The new LPC boundary is now along the top of the bank. This means that CCC are responsible for the maintenance of the trees (141-146 on the tree survey). Pruning of long overhanging branches was recommended, to be sensitively done as the trees are an important feature of the landscape, reduce noise and air pollution within the village. CCC Tree Surgeons will do the work in the near future.

Although the trees belong to CCC, it might be advisable to keep them on LPC tree survey (141-146), so that any faults and disease can be caught early for the benefit of public safety.

Walnut Trees along the front fence of the Cathodeon Centre (133-138). In the Tree Survey, no action was required. However, next time they need trimming, this could be more batten style (narrower at top), as per contract, to encourage the base to thicken. To be kept at over 2m for privacy. *(For information of the grounds maintenance contractor).*

Trees along back fence behind the building - This was probably the original boundary hedge, now including 3 Hawthorn Trees and a Field Maple. These trees to be retained but to be crown lifted, with the crown to be above/at the level of the fence.

The hedge shrubs (hawthorn, walnut, etc) beneath the trees to be cut back to re-form a narrow hedge. Suckers, self-sown saplings, weeds, etc., in front of the hedge line to be removed (dug out, weedkilled or salted). Area to be re-seeded with grass and added to maintenance contract. **This work needs to be sent to tender**

Also - There is a large lime tree at the end of the back fence on the corner of with 1, Horseheath - **separate estimate required for removal of dead wood.**

Other issues - The area between the wooden retaining wall and the boundary with 1, Horseheath, is now a wildflower area - Consult with Trustees regarding cutting (possibly only once a year?) Possible change needed to the next small areas grass contract.

Decision - Should the trees on site be added to the LPC Tree Survey?(safety reasons) The fruit trees are the responsibility of the playgroup that planted them.

It is not at present certain whether the trees within the Cathodeon grounds are the financial responsibility of LPC or the Trustees - are there records of this?

Jobs for Ian Blackman - Small Elm trees/bushes on the right of the entrance road (as you face building) side that need to be cut back. On the left side is a larger elm, overhanging the path, to be removed. Dead Elm by Lime tree to be removed.

Enid Bald