

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

AG4 Trees on Grass Verges

1. Introduction

The Parish Council have been approached by residents of 2 different streets within the Parish regarding trees that were once in place on grass verges but subsequently removed by Swindon Borough Council.

2. Report Details

- 2.1.** Neighbours who reside on Fairford Crescent, Penhill, have contacted the Parish Council on numerous occasions over the past 6 months regarding a tree that used to be planted on the grass verge outside their properties.
- 2.2.** The tree at Fairford Crescent was removed in, or before, 2015 as it was diseased, and the residents were assured by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) that a new tree would be planted but due to budget constraints this did not transpire.
- 2.3.** The residents at Fairford Crescent have experience issued with other residents of the road parking on the grass verge outside their properties and they have asked if the Parish Council would consider having a new tree plated on the grass verge concerned.
- 2.4.** The residents of Fairford Crescent have offered to contribute to the purchase of a new tree.
- 2.5.** In October 2018 the Parish Office was contacted by a resident of Marston Avenue, via Justin Tomlinsons office, regarding a tree that had been removed from the grass verge outside their property, due to it being diseased, and asked about the possibility of it being replaced.
- 2.6.** SBC have confirmed that the purchase and planting of a new tree would be approx. £345 and maintenance for the first year, which would include watering in the summer and pruning in the winter, would be a further £650 (mainly water costs).

3. Recommendation

- 3.1.** That the Committee approves the 2 requests from parishioners to plant a new tree on the grass verge at Fairford Crescent and at Marston Avenue at a maximum cost of £2,000 in total.