



INVITATION TO TENDER
for
GRASS CUTTING
Contract 1 March 2025 - 2027

The Contract between Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council (**Parish Council**) and the (**Contractor**) will commence on 1st March 2026 and cease on 28th Feb 2028. The contract is subject to a further two-year renewal if acceptable to both parties.

A full schedule of work can be obtained from the Parish Clerk details below.

Tenders are to be submitted: by email to clerk@aiskewleemingbar-pc.gov.uk by midnight on 13th January 2025. Submissions received after this date and time will not be considered.

Grass Cutting & Playground Contract 1

Grass cutting for Playgrounds and Verges

Location	Area to be cut	Maintenance / Cuts March – Oct Approx every 14 days	Cuts	Cost
Kingfisher Play Area	8010 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
Badger Hill & Otterbeck Way	545 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
Freemans Way Play Area	4000 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
Leeming Bar Play Area	2510 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Clean Oct 1 Clean	14	
Mattison Close Play Area	180 m ²	March 1 Clean April –Sept 2 Clean pm Oct 1 Clean	14	
Ascough Wynd Play Area	200 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
Paths and Area around Leeming Bar Allotments	625 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
NYCC Statutory Areas, Aiskew	210 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
NYCC non-statutory Areas, Aiskew	3945 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
NYCC Statutory Areas, Leeming Bar	405 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
NYCC non-statutory Areas, Leeming Bar	7660 m ²	March 1 Cut April –Sept 2 Cuts pm Oct 1 Cut	14	
TOTAL COST				

Details of Area

Leeming Bar up to the 30mph Speed Sign

Leases Rd
Low street (Top)
Northallerton Road
Bedale Rd
Strim around all four planter signs in Leeming Bar
Leeming Bar Park
Freemans Way Park
Strimmer and Spray around fencing from grange Road
Grange Road Allotments
Ashland Drive
Leeming Lane (Roman Road) parts
The Potlands
Area front of park
Front of Co-op
Front of Primary Court (Northallerton Road)
Glebe Square
Mattison Play Area – Clean and litter pick

Aiskew up to the 30mph Speed Sign

Bedale Road
Kingfisher Park
Badger Hill and Otterbeck Play Area
Ascough Wynd Park
Ascough Wynd (Left side of Park area)
Bedale road outside 2 & 4
Jubilee Road (parts as discussed)
Sandhill Lane (parts as discussed)
Snicket from Otterbeck Way across the railway should be strimmed every two months.
Aiskew Bank sprayed with weed killer twice a year
Eastern side of Back Lane
Spruce Gill verges

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1.1. Responsible Officer

The Clerk, Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council.

1.2. Site Details

The Parish Council is responsible for arranging a contractor to cutting and maintaining the grass on the play areas shown shaded blue on the attached plan, the highway verges shown green and the paths and perimeter of the allotments at Leeming Bar.

The plan is indicative only. Prior to the submission of an offer, the Contractor is strongly advised to visit the sites concerned in order to understand the environment and the work involved. Approximate areas are as provided :

1.3. Extent of work

The Highway verges, Play Parks and Allotment paths will require cutting once during the months of March and October and every approximately every 2 weeks (12 Cuts in total) during April, May, June, July, August and September.

1.4. Duration of Contract

The contract will commence on 1st March 2065 and cease on 28th February 2028. The contract is subject to a further 2 year renewal if acceptable to both parties. There will be no opportunity to alter the rates tendered during the initial term of Contract, but can be adjusted after the initial year.

1.5. Payment to Contractor

Invoices should be addressed and submitted to the Responsible Finance Officer as above. The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of every month, excluding August and December. Subject to approval, payment of invoices received at least one week before a Parish Council meeting will be paid within 14 days of that meeting. The invoices must include details of the work that has been completed, the area covered, and the date that the work took place.

1.6. Insurance

The Contractor is required to have a minimum of £5,000,000 public liability insurance for Contracts. A current Certificate of Insurance to this effect must be produced to the Responsible Officer prior to the commencement of works. The Contractor shall indemnify the Council against any claim or proceedings for any injury or damage to any property or persons or animals as a result of negligence, poor workmanship or failure to notify the Council of any action likely to cause injury or damage to a third party.

1.7. Health and Safety

The Contractor shall accept full responsibility for compliance with Health and Safety legislation in respect of the works comprised in this agreement. The Contractor will provide a copy of appropriate risk assessments prior to the commencement of works.

1.8. Value of Works

The prices included in this agreement are for the full inclusive value of the work described, including all profit, taxes, costs and expenses, and all general risks, liabilities and obligations.

1.9. Inspection

A regular inspection will be carried out by the Council throughout the period of this agreement to ensure the work is completed in accordance with the Specification of Works. Grass not cut to the requirements of the Parish Council are to be re-cut at the Contractor's own expense.

1.10. The height of the grass cut is to be agreed with the Responsible Officer.

1.11. Prior to cutting an area, the Contractor will ensure that the area is free from such stones, paper, tins, bottles and other debris, which might constitute a risk to health & safety, or to the cutting machinery in use.

1.12. The contractor will inspect each site for areas of ground sinkage/potholes and areas of potential hazard and will inform the Council immediately of any specific hazards.

1.13. The contractor will at all times during the period of the Contract, ensure that machines engaged in grass cutting operations are sharp and properly set, so as to produce a true and even cut.

1.14. Any damage caused while undertaking the works will be made good by the Contractor at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Council.

1.15. The Contractor will at all times during the period of the Contract ensure that machines are properly guarded and maintained as to present no danger to the operator, surrounding structures, vehicles or any person or pets in the vicinity of operations. The Contractor will provide his staff with all safety equipment, (boots, reflective vests etc.), and will ensure that staff use these at all times they are engaged in work for the Parish Council.

1.16. During the period of the Contract no growth regulators or weed killers of any form may be applied to any area without the Contractor having first received written permission from the Responsible Officer. Any application may then only be undertaken by fully trained and certificated staff. Copies of relevant certificates to be sent to the Responsible Officer in advance of any works taking place.

1.17. All grass will be cut cleanly and evenly and without damaging the existing surface, trees or fences or play equipment

- 1.18.** Any leavings to be dispersed evenly across the grass and not left in mounds.
- 1.19.** The Contractor will complete one area of grass cutting before moving onto the next.
- 1.20.** Immediately after cutting an area, the Contractor will ensure that leavings are cleared from all paved areas, playground equipment safety surfaces, memorial stones, paths and public footpaths, etc., by sweeping or using a blower.
- 1.21.** Soft vegetative growth, such as clover will be deemed to be part of the Contract where it falls within large areas of grass.
- 1.22.** Mowing will take place on the full area of grass at the site, up to the paving, fencing obstacles and any other boundaries.
- 1.23.** In very wet conditions all operations involving grass cutting shall cease until conditions allow operations to recommence without damaging the surface levels and contours of the ground or grass cutting “divots” from the machine rollers or cutters.
- 1.24.** Should the Contractor cause damage to the surface or levels of the ground, or create divots during grass cutting operations, the Contractor will at his own expense reinstate such damage forthwith to the satisfaction of the Council.
- 1.25.** Mowing will be carried out as close as possible to fixed obstructions. Moveable obstructions can be removed to facilitate cutting, and replaced before the Contractor leaves the site.
- 1.26.** The contract may be terminated by the giving of two calendar months’ notice by either party.
- 1.27.** The Parish Council may immediately terminate the contract if workmanship is deemed not be of the required standard.
- 1.28.** All required work within the Parish should be carried out at the same time wherever possible