Kegworth Parish Council

Specification for Grass Cutting

Contract from 1st April 2024 to 30th November 2027

Contract preliminaries:

The Client is Kegworth Parish Council, referred to as 'The Parish Council'

Address: Kegworth Parish Council, 1 London Road, Kegworth DE74 2EU

Contact: Donna Griggs, Parish Clerk, telephone 01509 670204, email

clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Contractor is referred to as 'the Contractor'.

<u>Insurance</u>

The Contractor should insure operations with Public Liability Insurance suited to the works being undertaken, with a minimum level of cover of £10 million pounds. The relevant insurance cover should be submitted to the Parish Council prior to the start of the contract and on each occasion the insurance is renewed.

Probationary Period

The Parish Council reserves the right to terminate the Contract should the works prove below standard within the first three months. The agreed standard is to be maintained thereafter.

All tenders are to be marked *Private and Confidential – Tender Enclosed* and sent to the Parish Clerk, Kegworth Parish Council, 1 London Road, Kegworth DE74 2EU, **by 10 am on Monday, 15**th **January 2024**, be exclusive of VAT, and be delivered or bear a Royal Mail tracked delivery posting date prior to the submission deadline.

Contract Conditions

Health & Safey Clause

The Contractor shall at all times during the execution of the works for the Council comply with all aspects of current Health and Safety regulations and any other statutory requirements in so far as they apply to the works being undertaken and must ensure that any sub-contractor used also complies with the same.

Payment Clauses

Monthly invoices to be submitted to Kegworth Parish Council.

Contract Termination Clauses

The Contract will be deemed to be terminated:

- if the contractor fails to respect the health and safety requirements relating to the public
- if the works are not carried out to the standards within the specification
- if works are not carried out in a timely manner

References and Examples of Work

The Contractor is to submit with the Tender, two references of present clients with contact details.

General Clauses

Approvals and Reporting

The contractor will work to the programme submitted for the contract unless agreed beforehand by the Clerk. Reasonable adjustments will be considered where the contractor feels that the maintenance regime requires different frequency or practices to maintain surfaces fit for purpose or at the standard required.

Report any existing damage to the Parish Council's premises with photographs. Examples of damage would be to fences, play equipment and grassed areas.

Where the Clerk judges that work has not been carried out to a satisfactory standard, the work shall be carried out again by the Contractor without creating a backlog to planned schedules or additional cost to the Parish Council.

Programme

Contractor to provide a programme of works with dates at regular intervals at the beginning of the Contract. The programme should take into account external issues, such as where school children may be affected, and reflect the varying growth expectations across the growing season.

Where works are affected by weather conditions, see Weather Clauses, alternative arrangements will be made by agreement with the Parish Council. Email notice is sufficient in this instance.

The Parish Council would encourage agreement of a revised programme annually, if this is deemed to be necessary by the Contractor, based on their acquired knowledge of the areas.

Working Practices

Before every cut the Contractor shall inspect all areas to be mowed, and shall remove all litter debris and items and obstructions, e.g. stones, which might cause damage or injury, all such items being collected and removed by the Contractor.

Mowing around obstructions and in the proximity of margins shall be undertaken to the same standard and frequency as that applied to the main area, using methods, tools and machines as appropriate. The cutting of such areas shall be undertaken within 24 hours of the cutting of the main areas.

Care shall be taken to avoid damage to boundaries, fences, trees and shrubs. Any damage caused shall be made good as directed by the Parish Council. Where strimmers are used they shall be fitted with a guard to ensure that no damage is caused to the bark of trees.

Under no circumstances will herbicides be used to manage growth around trees, plants and planting beds unless specifically authorised by The Parish Council.

Mowing shall be carried out as close as possible to fixed obstructions, moveable obstructions shall be removed to facilitate cutting, and replaced before the Contractor leaves the site.

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

The Contractor shall at all times ensure that machines are properly guarded in accordance with the manufacturer's stipulations and maintained so as to present no danger to the operator or any person in the vicinity of the operations.

It is essential that machinery of all kinds is used in such a manner as not to cause apprehension, damage to persons, belongings or injury to persons or animals. The Contractor is reminded that in the village, the public have the right of way.

The area shall be cut leaving no areas uncut between rows and producing an even height across the whole area.

The period of time between cuts shall unless otherwise instructed, or delayed by ground conditions, be in accordance with the agreed schedule.

Gang mowing shall be undertaken as close as possible to obstructions, perimeters of areas, kerbs, etc., in all instances. The remaining swathes will be cut by smaller machines as appropriate. Care should be taken at edges to avoid damage to plants and fencing.

Grass clippings should be sprayed from the machine and shall lie where they fall except in the case of those falling on hard surfaces, which shall be swept or removed by air blower from the surface before the Contractor leaves the site.

On areas to be cut, the Parish Council gives the contractor permission to ask that the areas are temporarily vacated by the public to enable completion of the grass cutting.

Choice of Machinery

Appropriate mowing equipment is defined by the standard set out below.

The choice of machinery for grass cutting will be at the discretion of the Contractor but must be capable of performing to the minimum specification detailed below.

No grass collection, except at the cemetery, is required as regular cutting should control the grass length; hence grass cuttings will not be acceptable in deep piles.

Hand-held mechanical cutters such as strimmers may be used where grass or meadow areas are inaccessible to vehicles or wheeled mowers or are too steep, too small, too uneven or obstructed to be cut using other machines.

Scalping which exposes the soil is not acceptable and larger piles of cut thatch should be spread by blower.

Weather Related Clauses

The Parish Council reserves the right to cancel any cut with reasonable notice if it is not deemed to be necessary, for example owing to prolonged dry weather, at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cutting should not take place during periods when the ground could be damaged, or levels of the ground or produce divots.

Mowing shall not be carried out when frost or heavy dew is on the grass, or if the grass is waterlogged.

Should the Contractor cause damage to the surface or levels of the ground, or create divots during grass cutting operations, the Contractor shall reinstate such damage to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

In normal weather conditions, the Contractor will be required to keep to its programme. Variations to the grass cutting schedules etc. may arise in the following circumstances: weather conditions being such as to create additional growth to the extent that additional cuts are required. In this case the Parish Council will issue instructions for extra work and the Contractor will need to vary its programme.

If inclement weather prevents work being carried out, the Contractor will be required to notify the Parish Council by email / phone within 24 hours of the original cut date. The Contractor will be required to resume work as soon as possible in accordance with the programme.

If weather conditions inhibit the growth of grass to negligible amounts between scheduled cuts, the Parish Council may prolong the interval between cuts or temporarily suspend all cutting operations.

Cutting Variations:

On occasions the Contractor will be required to vary cutting height, make additional cuts, or be required to complete its work earlier or later for special events in the village. The Parish Council will aim to give a minimum of one months' notice of these events.

Grass Edging

Annual Maintenance:-

- Once a year during Winter, the Contractor will reform with a half-moon edging tool or approved mechanical edger, the edge of grass areas where it abuts footpaths.
- Care should be exercised that only the minimum amount of turf is removed conducive with the forming of a true and aesthetic edge. All arisings are to be swept up and removed by Contractor at the end of each working day.

Specification for each area:-

- 1 Sideley Recreation Ground
- 2 Whatton Road Recreation Ground
- 3 Cemetery
- 4 The Flash
- 5 St Andrews Churchyard
- 6 Kegworth Baptist Church
- 7 Kegworth Market Place
- 8 King George V Playing Field
- 9 Suthers Road Play Area x 2
- 10 Munnmoore Close Play Area
- 11 Windmill Way Play Area
- 12 Whiteholmes Grove Play Area

No1	Sideley Park
	Sideley, Kegworth DE74 2FJ
General descripti on	Park includes play areas, MUGA and open grass areas. To mow all grass areas at walking pace, including the grassed areas up to the metal hooped fencing, the casual sports area, the half circle area, inside the dog agility area, all grassed areas around play areas, under the climbing frame and picnic tables, within the boundary fence. To strim along the bottom of both sides of the metal hooped fencing and around the edge of all other areas including the enclosed play area, dog agility area, additional play equipment, MUGA, safety surfaces, table tennis table, and up to all pathways and plant beds, taking care to strim carefully at the grass edges to avoid damage to plants. Any piles of thatch if created should be spread by blower or similar and not left.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Side+Ley,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2FJ/@52.8387352,- 1.2808943,226m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e66e1a731931:0x9dcf17bc70789e1d!8 m2!3d52.8395395!4d-1.2826683!16s%2Fg%2F1tg6k21b?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site, grass to be mown to a length of 25-40 mm
Site access for mower	Gate on Sideley, secured by a combination padlock. Code available from the Clerk to the Council.
Frequen cy	Even regular mowing frequency. 2 cuts in March; then weekly cuts from beginning of April until the end of October; then 2 cuts in November.
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Special periods	Special events to be advised by the Parish Council when additional cuts may be required
Special risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk, small children generally supervised, generally operate away from play areas

No2	Whatton Road Play Area
	Whatton Road, Kegworth DE74 2DT
General descripti on	Includes play area, play equipment, MUGA and open grass areas.
	To mow all grass areas, including the grassed areas up to the metal hooped fencing. To strim along the bottom of both sides of the metal hooped fencing and around the edge of all other areas including the enclosed play area, MUGA, safety surfaces and ball wall.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Whatton+Rd,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2DT/@52.8341
	1.2809893,80m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e67d0fe48219:0xed77cc17256d6f7b!8m 2!3d52.832698!4d-1.2859446!16s%2Fg%2F1tglgvqc?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site, grass to be grass to be mown to a length of 25-50 mm
Site access for mower	Gate on Whatton Road
Frequenc y	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Special risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk, small children generally supervised, generally operate away from play areas

No 3	Cemetery
	Whatton Road, Kegworth
General descriptio n	Cemetery with extension field Area 1: To mow all the grass within the Cemetery from the Whatton Road boundary up to the rear of the Air Crash Memorial and between the east and west boundary hedges This includes the grass driveway to the east of the cemetery. To take away all grass cuttings. To strim around each and every grave. Area 2: To mow the area south of the Air Crash Memorial, between the Air Crash Memorial and the southern boundary (farmers field) and from the eastern boundary hedge to the western boundary hedge
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/search/cemetery,+whatton+road,+kegworth/@52.8329908, -1.2831299,320m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site slopes up away from Whatton Road. Grass to be mown to a length of 25-50 mm.
Site access for mower	Gate on Whatton Road.
Frequency	For Area 1: Mow twice in March. Then, even regular mowing frequency - cut fortnightly, except in June, July, and August, when weekly cutting should take place. 2 cuts in November (24 cuts). For Area 2: Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts)
Mowing period	March to November.
Working times	8am – 5pm Monday to Friday unless there is a funeral in progress.
Special periods	Avoid times of funerals, check funeral schedule with clerk prior to cutting, work elsewhere if funeral in progress. Respect mourners and other members of the public. Cut and drop if weather is very bad, but return within one week to box up.
Special risks to this site	Public have access to this site. Sensitivity to graves and flowers, etc.; do not spray grass over these. Clear away all grass cuttings

No 4	The Flash Mill Lane, Kegworth DE74
General description	To mow all the area known as the Flash and to strim around all the boulders and the seat.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/search/the+flash,+kegworth/@52.8377487,- 1.2744666,113m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a length of 25-50 mm
Site access	No restrictions
Frequency	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	8am-5pm Monday to Friday to suit contractor
Special risks to this site	Public have access to this site

No 5	St Andrews Churchyard
	Kegworth DE74 2ED
General descripti on	Churchyard (no longer active). Graves and timber edged footpath
	To mow all the churchyard and to strim around all the grave stones, along the edges of the footpaths and where the grass meets the boundary walls
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/St+Andrew%E2%80%99s+Church,+Kegworth/@52.8362 638,-
	1.2786714,226m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e700e2f3acd5:0xe979643d0a2971fb!8m 2!3d52.8356747!4d-1.2777434!16s%2Fg%2F11qpzzxlxk?entry=ttu
Levels	Rolling site some area of steep slope and banking. Grass to be mown to a length of 25-50 mm.
Site access for mower	Via main gate on Derby Road. Note there are drop down bollards to restrict vehicular access to the gate.
Frequen cy	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	8am-5pm Monday to Friday
Special periods	Avoid church services and special events, where possible.
Special risks to this site	Public have access to this site

No 6	Kegworth Baptist Church
	High Street, Kegworth DE74 2DA
General descripti on	Churchyard. To mow and strim around all the grave stones, along the edges of the footpaths and along the edges of the boundary walls
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Kegworth+Baptist+Church/@52.8361686,- 1.2800139,57m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e66f760d51a1:0x9184c15ec0055d87!8m 2!3d52.8362599!4d-1.2798704!16s%2Fg%2F1pycwks79?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm.
Site access for mower	Wide gate, ramped access to level grassed area.
Frequen cy	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	8am-5pm Monday to Friday
Special periods	Avoid church services and special events. Timetable to be submitted by the Parish Council to contractor at the beginning of each year where available.
Special risks to this site	Public have access to this site

No 7	Market Place DE74 2EE
General descripti on	To mow the grass area in the Market Place in front of 28a Market Place and strim around the tree and the edges of the grass
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Market+Pl,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2EE/@52.835290 8,- 1.2775486,34m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e66f5c3b19d9:0x5005e0abe8111fd6!8m 2!3d52.8353399!4d-1.2772722!16s%2Fg%2F11d_7ngd4j?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a length of 25-50 mm
Access for mower	Open public access area
Frequen cy	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts), plus one later in the year if required to keep grass short in the winter period
Mowing period	Beginning of March until the end of November
Working times	10am-3pm Generally during school hours to minimise public impact and bus stop
Special periods	Special dates to be advised by the Parish Council.
Special risks to this site	Public have access to this site. Bus stop located close by.

No 8	King George V Playing Field
	Nottingham Road, Kegworth DE74 2FH
General descripti on	The cricket pitch is maintained by the Cricket Club. Therefore, the requirement for the Contractor will be to mow all around the edges of this field from the edge of the football pitch and the cricket field to the outer perimeter hedge or fence of the playing fields. This includes the area to the rear of the tennis courts up to the boundary at the end of Moore avenue and Kirk Avenue, and the area to the west and north of the internal roadway. To strim along both sides of the boundary fence which runs along the boundary of the playing field and the village hall car park
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/King+George+V+playing+fields/@52.839215,- 1.2779203,320m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e7241e933085:0xc9d8992757eda5cd!8 m2!3d52.8381364!4d-1.2769278!16s%2Fg%2F11h6lmr9y2?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm.
Access for mower	Via locked gate with code access at southern corner on Nottingham Road. Or gate within village hall car park adjacent to tennis courts (see plan). Access code given to contractor at start of contract. Contractor should lock and secure when leaving
Frequen cy	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Working day. 9-5 Monday to Friday
Special periods	Match schedule to be submitted to contractor, when appropriate. Tournaments may occur during school summer holidays and should be avoided.

No 9	Suthers Road Play area x 2 Kegworth DE74 2DE
General descripti on	Grassed play area.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Suthers+Rd,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2DE/@52.83736 85,- 1.2877902,135m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e670e4c9b689:0x83c08983ecc8ffc3!8m 2!3d52.837267!4d-1.2871137!16s%2Fg%2F1vxcvysl?entry=ttu
Levels	Sloping site. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm
Frequenc y	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Special risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk; small children are generally supervised. Generally operate away from play areas

No 10	Munnmoore Close Play Area DE74 2DG
General descriptio n	Play Area. Mow grassed area and strim along the base of the metal fencing and around the edges of the grass.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/search/Munnmoore+Close+Play+Area+DE74+2DG/@52.838 164,-1.2866107,80m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm.
Frequency	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Special risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk, small children generally supervised, generally operate away from play areas

No 11	Windmill Way Play Area DE74 2FA
General descripti on	Play Area Mow grassed area and strim along the edges of the grass boundary wall.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Windmill+Way,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2FA/@52.837 4018,- 1.2928038,95m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m6!3m5!1s0x4879e677105472d9:0x48ace59cebaab1b!8m2 !3d52.8368988!4d-1.2916771!16s%2Fg%2F1tff2khj?entry=ttu
Levels	Level area. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm.
Frequenc y	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowing period	March to November
Working times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Special risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk, small children generally supervised, generally operate away from play areas

No 12	Whiteholmes Grove Play Area DE74 2AW
Gener al descri ption	Play Area Mow grassed area and strim along the edges of the grass boundary wall.
Area	https://www.google.com/maps/place/Play+Area/@52.8355665,- 1.2898234,67m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m15!1m8!3m7!1s0x4879e677105472d9:0x48ace59cebaab1b!2 sWindmill+Way,+Kegworth,+Derby+DE74+2FA!3b1!8m2!3d52.8368988!4d- 1.2916771!16s%2Fg%2F1tff2khj!3m5!1s0x4879e74fd14f4a85:0xf6f0ecb5118c33d2!8m2!3d52.83 56917!4d-1.2896569!16s%2Fg%2F11vd3rq9mt?entry=ttu
Levels	Level site. Grass to be mown to a level of 25-50 mm.
Frequ ency	Even regular mowing frequency. Cut fortnightly (18 cuts).
Mowi ng perio d	March to November
Worki ng times	Generally during school hours, 10am-3pm Monday to Friday. Avoid working near paths outside of these times.
Speci al risks to this site	Conscious of children. The grass should be cut during school hours to reduce risk. Small children are generally supervised. Generally operate away from play areas

Tender Process

Deadline for submission - on Pro-forma enclosed in sealed envelope, marked *Private & Confidential* – *Tender Enclosed* for the attention of the Parish Clerk, Kegworth Parish Council, 1 London Road, Kegworth, DE74 2EU to be at the Parish Office by 10 am on Monday 15th January 2024.

All prices should include labour, materials, delivery and removal of equipment and machinery and disposal and be exclusive of VAT.

Kegworth Parish Council Grass Cutting Quotation

Please complete all boxes below, date & sign & return with 2 references from current clients (with contact details) by 10 am on Monday 15th January 2024 to The Clerk, Kegworth Parish Council, 1 London Road, Kegworth, DE74 2EU

Email a	ddress:	
Contac	t name:	
Price fo	or cutting all sites in single visit:	
Ref	Location	Price per cut
1	Sideley Park	
2	Whatton Road Play Area	
3	Cemetery	
4	The Flash	
5	St Andrews Churchyard	
6	Kegworth Baptist Church	
7	Kegworth Market Place	
8	King George V Playing Field	
9	Suthers Road Play Area x 2	
10	Munnmoore Close Play Area	
11	Windmill Way Play Area	
12	Whiteholmes Grove Play Area	
	Total cost for one sut	

Contractor

Address:

Company name:

Telephone number:

Price for one-off additional cuts between scheduled visits:

Ref	Location	Price per cut
1	Sideley Park	

Date of quotation:	Signed:
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THIS QUOTATION SHOULD BE **EXCLUSIVE OF VAT AND VALID FOR NINETY DAYS** FROM THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE