

Grass cutting tender – Recreation areas

Answers to questions from bidders

12/02/2025: The Parish Clerk and the Council's caretaker met with two potential applicants.

One at the cemetery in the morning and another lunch time at the cemetery followed by a walk around the lakeside.

Questions relating to the recreation areas

Q1. Should the suckers along New Road (opposite Gordons Terrace be cut back?

**If, yes how often?
Should the contractor cut over or around them?
What height should they be?**

Should they be part of an annual flail?



A2. The suckers should be cut right back once in the Autumn and if necessary in the Spring (a maximum of twice a year).

Q2. Does the Council require the ‘strimming up’ to the fences in the play park and junior football field? Does the Council require strimming near the play park equipment? (Question raised because some Councils concerned about strimming to close to play park equipment, so clarification needed if the Council objected to strimmers or not).

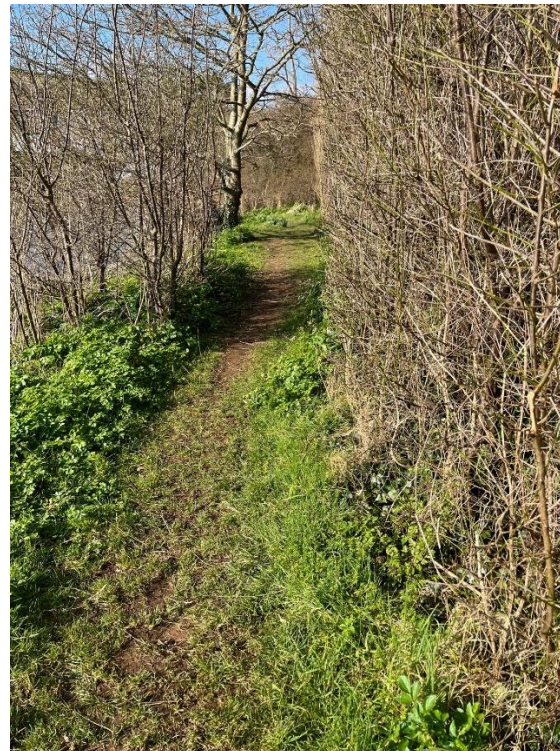
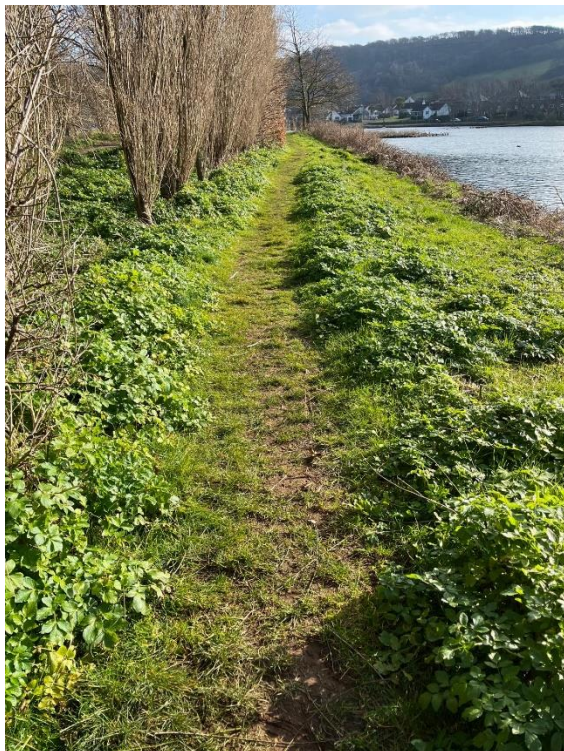
A2. The Council does not have a stipulation as to the equipment used but the contractor needs to follow the points raised in the contract:

Point 16. 30cm band width to be left around all trees and boundary fencing.

The text under the Children’s Play Area section states “Grass to be maintained at no more than 10cm. This includes the mound adjacent to the slide. Grass must not exceed 15cm underneath the play park equipment (this includes the rope net) on the multi-play unit). See point 16.”

Note: This should include all play equipment including the boulders

Q3. How should the informal paths be managed?



A3. Please refer to Plan 1), Area A *“Informal paths to the lakeside, benches, and tables to be cut to 1m width”*

**Q4 Should the suckers along Lower Anderton Road be cut back?
If so, how often, what height should they be?**







A4. The lake flail should cover all areas around the lake, with the exception of the Dam and the kingfisher bank. The suckers along Lower Anderton Road should be cut right back a maximum of twice a year, one of the occasions coinciding with the lake flail.



Q5. Should this area be trimmed?

(Narrow strip along Greenland)

[10 Greenland - Google Maps](#)

A5. Yes, this should be trimmed if necessary, but due to foot traffic has very little growth.

Q6 Does the Council require underneath the benches to be cut (the contractor said the reason for asking is if it is included there are likely to be additional costs incurred when quoting).



A6. Yes the areas underneath all the benches should be strimmed.



<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Grass-Cutting-Schedule-and-Tender-updated.pdf>

Q7. How often should the green space outside The Moorings be cut?





A7. Currently the Parish Council does not manage this area but reserves the right to include it in the contract at a later date.