Public Open Space at Upper Rissington

Specification for works required on the Public Open Space in the village

1. Grass cutting – all areas highlighted in green and yellow on map
2. Tree maintenance – throughout the village apart from the orange highlighted areas on map
3. Survey of trees – annual survey and works listed for work recommended on trees so that a rolling programme can be formulated on the trees.
4. Yearly pruning of shrubs and weeding areas – areas highlighted in green and yellow map
5. Yearly maintenance of hogging footpaths – throughout the village
6. Maintenance of attenuation pond – including silt and sludge removal – yearly removal of vegetation from the pond
7. Monthly inspections and reports relating to all play equipment and surfaces

Grass Maintenance

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| 1 | General Scope of work | The work involves cutting grass on public highways and footpaths, on public open spaces and amenity areas and at the recreation grounds. Grass is defined as to include all other vegetation within the specified area. Any weed growth, such as nettles, from adjoining properties that overhangs the grass areas indicated is to be cut back flush to the boundary on each occasion. |
| 2 | Plant and Transport | The Contractor is to provide all tools, plant and cutting machinery, together with fuel etc. The Council will not be liable for any damage to any contractor’s equipment caused by carrying out these works. The contractor is to provide any equipment including transport which he requires to carry out the work |
| 3 | Areas to be cut | The areas to be cut are specified in the attached plans. This includes the village recreation grounds and playing field. In addition, there are approximately 2 miles of verges and a number of other smaller areas of grass. An addition of one area has been included as detailed in plan Wellington Road? |
| 4 | Period of work | 1st March to 31 October each year of the contract. |
| 5 | Date of cuts | All cutting is to be completed within 7 days of the following dates:  17 Cuts (the first two cuts to be collected, the remainder to be mulched): 15 and 29 March, 12 and 26 April, 10 and 24 May, 7 and 21 June, 5 and 19 July, 2 and 16 and 30 August, 13 and 27 September, 11 and 25 October.  These dates may be varied by agreement with the Clerk having regard to growing conditions and any other material considerations. The Council reserves the right to omit any cut or cuts. |
| 6 | Mowing | The contractor shall keep all grass areas mown using pedestrian operated or ride on rotary or cylinder mowers or strimmers. Clippings may be left on and evenly distributed over the area.  The grass on verges and other open spaces shall be a max height of 40mm with a max cutting height of 30mm and a minimum cutting height of 20mm.  The grass on the Recreation Ground shall be a max height of 25 mm with a max cutting height of 15mm and a min cutting height of 10mm. If an area is used for football it is to be cut with a rotary mower for 6 weeks following preparation for the new season. |
| 7 | Obstacles | At each mowing it will be necessary for the contractor to cut around the base of walls, fences, hedges, play equipment and other obstacles to the same height and standard as the surrounding areas. |
| 8 | Cleaning up after mowing | At the end of grass cutting operations, the contractor shall ensure that any grass cuttings or debris that have been distributed over roads, footpaths or other hard surfaces shall be swept up or blown on to grassed area. |
| 9 | Extent of mowing areas | In residential areas, the contractor shall cut the full area of grass including ditches on the site up to the roadways, pathways, fencing and any other boundaries. On non-residential roads the contractor shall cut the full area of grass from the edge of the road to the boundary wall/hedge. Where overgrown hedges prevent this, the contractor should notify the Clerk with details of the location and the Clerk will try to arrange for the hedges to be cut back. |
| 11 | Completion | Once the contractor has commenced grass cutting in an area, he shall complete it without delay before moving on to the next area. |
| 12 | Damage to verges | The Clerk should be informed of any damage caused to verges which impedes cutting (e.g. work by utilities) giving details of the address, the date that the damage occurred and any comments arising. The Council may deal with the matter and advise the contractor accordingly. |
| 13 | Rectify | The contractor shall be required to recut, within 24 hours, any area deemed to be unsatisfactorily mown, at his expense. |