



CHEDDAR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3RA



GRASS CUTTING AND GROUND CARE SPECIFICATION for provision of services from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2025

Priced bids are invited for the provision of a grass cutting and groundcare service for Cheddar Parish Council as set down below and should be submitted in writing to **Cheddar Parish Council, Parish Hall, Church Street, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3RA**, in a sealed marked envelope to the Parish Clerk no later than noon on Thursday 4th November 2021.

As part of their bid, applicants should provide:

- Copies of current Public Liability and Employers' Insurance (£10 million)
- Testimonials/examples of providing grounds maintenance services
- Priced Schedule/bid

In addition, the Parish Council expects the contractor to demonstrate proven financial stability and a commitment to Health and Safety, including good safety practices. Tendering contractors are asked to specify the type of machinery which would be used for this contract, and the appointed contractor will be expected to provide alternative equipment of a similar kind in the event of breakdown, at their own expense. Tenders will be given priority if they can show they can fulfil this contract with zero carbon footprint or can demonstrate how they would offset any carbon use.

As the appointed contractor, you will be expected to provide a high-quality service. The appointed contractor will also ensure that:

- they have a current Employers and Public Liability Insurance policy with an indemnity limit of a minimum £10 million for public liability insurance. Proof of cover and an up-to-date PL Insurance Certificate is required to be submitted as a part of the tender bid
- attention is paid to appropriate health and safety procedures and PPE is worn, upon award of the contract site specific risk assessments/method statements are produced
- COSHH risk assessments are completed for chemical spraying
- gang mowers are road legal
- when accessing Council property, they are responsible for its' safekeeping and safety of the public
- buildings and gates etc are closed and locked after every visit
- they are mindful that they represent the Council at all times when on Council owned/managed land and undertaking maintenance work on behalf of the Council
- they are always helpful and courteous to members of the public
- they observe the bird nesting season from April to July
- they may be required to reschedule planned maintenance if the land/verge is otherwise in use
- all areas will be left neat and tidy
- a high standard of workmanship is provided as is expected by the Council
- in the event of an incident occurring the Parish Clerk is advised immediately
- invoices are to be submitted monthly

1. **HANNAH MORE PARK & VENNS CLOSE, OFF LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR** (area approx. 1½ acres): Grass cutting of all the park area, including enclosed play area. Area around the rose trellis to be strimmed. *Mowings to be left on the ground.* For consistency of tendering, please allow for 22 cuts per year.

£

(Prices should be quoted exclusive of VAT)

2. **'COMMON LAND', STATION ROAD, CHEDDAR:** small area of grass between 'The Paddocks' and 'Grassmead' (opposite Kings of Wessex Academy entrance) to be cut as and when required. (Area does not include the grass outside 'Ostrey Mead' development).

£

3. **'RIVERSIDE GARDENS', (formally GARDEN OF FRAGRANCE) between Daghole and The Cliffs, CHEDDAR GORGE:** small area of grass to be kept cut and tidy during growing season.

Areas 2 and 3: *Mowings to be left on the ground.* For consistency of tendering, please allow for 16 cuts across these two areas each year.

£

4. **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHEDDAR:** cut to the burial ground area, and edges, margins and grave surrounds to be strimmed at each visit. *Mowings to be left on the ground.* To be carried out fortnightly during growing season; for consistency of tendering to be calculated at a total of 16 cuts per year.

£

5. **CHEDDAR CEMETERY, SHARPHAM ROAD, CHEDDAR** (area approx. 1.6 acres): the grass area to be cut and kept tidy all year round (weekly during growing season) and a pathway maintained through the woodland cemetery. *Mowings to be collected.* For consistency of tendering please allow for 32 cuts per year.

£

Allow for 1 additional scything and raking of the wild meadow.

£

6. **SKATEPARK, SHARPHAM ROAD, CHEDDAR:** Banked area to be cut fortnightly during growing season to a length of 1 inch and edges to be strimmed. *Mowings to be left on the ground.* For consistency of tendering please allow for 16 cuts per year.

£

7. **PLAYING FIELDS, SHARPHAM ROAD, CHEDDAR:** (area approx. 22 acres):
Mowing of the whole field, to include the more northerly of the two rugby pitches, but excluding the cricket square, total number of cuts 22 during growing season. Grass on rugby pitch to be cut to 4 inches, grass on football pitches to be cut to 2 inches. During cricket season, grass on cricket outfield to be cut to ¾". *Mowings to be left on the ground.*

£

Allow for 3 additional cuts of football pitches and rugby pitch between November and February.

£

The edge of the field to the boundary fence to be cut 4 times during each growing season. *Mowings to be left on ground.*

£

Strimming around trees when necessary (allow 4 times per growing season.) *Mowings to be left on ground.*

£

Goalmouth areas of football pitches: Allow a sum for possible re-turfing at the end of the first season of the contract, then for re-seeding at the end of the second and third seasons. Ground level to be made up before any re-turfing.

£

Marking out football pitches and rugby pitch (north): To be carried out at start of season, using a non-toxic marker to obtain a semi-permanent line.

£

Ground treatment: Allow a sum for weedkilling, fertilising and scarifying/tining at least once per year: the timing of this to be decided in consultation with the Parish Council.

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Rolling: Allow a sum for rolling of pitches only, Football, Rugby (North) and Cricket outfield.

£

Rabbit Deterrent: To source and apply 'Chemical Grazers' type rabbit deterrent to be applied once during the year on 1 acres to be identified

£

Total - £

Please state all machinery to be used: