

Report by Clerk regarding Walk round with Tree surgeon specialist Andrew Gale – Dated 14th June

Clerk and Andrew Gale met to discuss the several issues and requests for quotes or further information that had been raised at the Amenities committee meeting on the 28th May 2019. Although Andrew has been asked for quotes and reports, this brief summary is to highlight what we might expect from the reports.

Item1. Cherry Tree in SC Orchard area – Andrew agreed that there were clear signs of spreading fungal growth and gave a few options as to what could be done. He said it was not necessarily the case that the growth would spread at this stage and one suggestion was to continue to monitor it as no one wants to lose mature trees unless absolutely necessary of course. However after a long conversation when I talked about the long term security and health of the newly planted Orchard being of paramount importance and that this tree had been closely monitored for some time and signs of distress were obviously increasing, we both agreed that removal of tree, the stump and to avoid fungal spore spread an area of earth surrounding the stump itself to be replaced by treated earth and turf would probably prove the better option. He will be quoting and reporting with this in mind.

Item 2. Trees to rear, and hanging over boundaries, of properties on Newham lane – Andrew will be quoting as per suggested actions from our Tree warden and to include his own thoughts and ideas regarding Crown reduction and removal of some overhanging limbs.

Item 3. - Sycamore tree to rear, and on Hedgerow adjacent, Bowls club – Again, Andrew will be quoting as per suggested actions from our Tree warden and to include his own thoughts and ideas regarding Crown reduction and removal of some overhanging limbs and / or removal and will also be looking at replacement selections proposals if we are to plant new trees not only related to this tree but also possible future memorial trees and replacement for recently felled tree to rear of properties on Charlton street.

Also discussed local Ash 'die-back' issue, and a very interesting new tagging system with in-built microchips and these could be discussed briefly at next Amenities committee.