DRAFT MINUTES OF TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Pavilion on Friday 23rd October at 13:30

Present: John Mann (JM), Robin Gilbert (RG) and Annie Jessup (AJ)

Parish Clerk: Sue McCormack (SM)

	Item	Action
1	Apologies for absences: Joanne Butler and Lynda Gilbert	
2	Declaration of Interest: None	
3	To consider requests for dispensations: None	
5	Public participation session (15 minutes): No public present	
6	Membership of group: Robin Gilbert and Liz Mann joined. Lynda will be unable to make Friday meetings. Will agree a Chair at next meeting.	
7	Location of tree planting discussed: Concentrate in one area. This is the area in the corner to the right of the main entrance to the rec which is not mowed and is a rectangle edged by the bank and extending out to a line drawn from the second large tree along Watson Way (parallel to the sea) with shrubs/hedging along fence. Place a number of posts around area to prevent cars. JM, as a trustee of the recreation ground in agreement to this and will put the suggested location to Diana Loughlin (as another trustee) for approval. JM to enquire about location of sewerage pipes	JM – speak to Diana JM- sewerage pipes
8	What to plant: Whips will be planted as a bunch rather than singly. They will need planting mats, mulch, stakes and shields. JM has some stakes and shields from Woodland Trust. Choose native trees, avoid beech because of blunting of mower blades. Locate trees from Suffolk County Council (possibly already reserved but varieties unknown), Woodland Trust and Suffolk Punch Trust. Cob nut and apple trees from Suffolk Punch need digging out before March – RG to help AJ with this. SM to check which website previously looked at and revisit now trustees have given permission to plant.	RG – help dig out trees SM – revisit tree offer website
9	Recommendation to council: Plant trees and shrubs/hedging on small area of recreation ground inside entrance and along fence.	
10	Date of next meeting: will be planned after Council decision	

Meeting closed at 14.35

Sue McCormack - Clerk to the Council Date: 23/10/2026

Approved by: Date: