

Deanshanger Parish Council

Grass Cutting and General Maintenance Schedule (February 2020 to December 2022)

DOCUMENT 2

SPECIFICATION OF THE REQUIREMENT

1) Grass Cutting/Weedkilling

- a) Bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk, all manhole covers, lamp posts, telegraph poles, Highway Notice Poles and furniture to be sprayed around the base with a 2" collar of weed killer to restrict growth.
- b) Bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk, all areas around and under bushes, hedges and trees to be carefully sprayed with weed killer.
- c) On all public footpaths within the Parish, where there is no grass verge, proprietary weed killer is to be used or strimmed as necessary to keep the footpaths clear and tidy.
- d) On all footpaths where there is a grass verge, this is to be cut up to either the fence or ditch line as appropriate, using either mowing equipment or strimmer's (see separate sheet re all footpath specifications)
- e) The Chapel car park to be weed killed every quarter

2) Cutting of verges

Stratford Road

- a) Verges to be cut from the Village Green all the way to the Deanshanger Roundabout on both sides (including behind the knee rail opposite Elizabeth Woodville School). Please note that daffodils have been planted on both sides and on the Islands on the southern side. Once the daffodils have died back please cut back to the hedge/ditch line on both sides of the road and the 2 island areas. Please cut with care during the daffodil season so as not to damage the daffodils.

Buckingham Road

- b) Verges to be cut from the Village Green all the way to the A422 including the centre island near the A422.

Folly Road

- c) Verges to be cut from 10 metres past the first/last village sign.
Verges to be cut back to the hedge/ditch line.

Puxley Road

- d) The verges should be cut of both sides of the road to the gates of the allotment.

Puxley Road on the West side.

Once a year cut back to hedge then please cut up to the tree line. Behind the tree line please cut a footpath leaving the rear of this wild. Otherwise cut a swathe to the hedgerow from the road as appropriate.)

Glebe Road

- e) The bottom of Glebe Road to be cut/strimmed to hedge/fence

3) All other grass verges that are in need of cutting.

Folly Road	High Street
Springfield Gardens	Ridgemont
The Ridings	Westfield Avenue
Church Lane	Wicken Road
Woodman Close	High View
Glebe Road	Hayes Road
The Green	North Way
Stratford Road	Buckingham Road
Village Greens	Patricks Lane
Ridgemont Close	Boswell Lane
Roberts Close	Back Path (Rear Porters Close)
Foxholes Close	Spinney View

- Little London in front of the shops and 4 terraced houses
- Parklands Estate (see separate sheet)
- Boswell Lane, from intersection with High Street cut 5 metres of verge. Weed killer/strim around notice boards etc as needed.

Play Areas & Public Open spaces

a) **North Way Play area.**

This includes inside the play area and the grass areas outside of the play area.

b) **Folly Road Play area**

This includes inside the play area and the grass areas outside of the play area.

c) **Springfield Public Open Space** (see separate sheet)

d) **Pocket Park (Near Deanshanger roundabout).**

All footpaths to be cut with a minimum width 2 metres or 1 metre either side of the stone pathways (Key to be obtained from Parish Clerk). Strimming or weed killer to be used around the picnic bench (2) and seats (5) to keep them free for public use.

e) **Church Lane to High Street POS** (On hold until land adopted by DPC)

f) **High street to Hayes Road POS** (On hold until land adopted by DPC)

g) **Foxholes Close POS** (On hold until land adopted by DPC)

4) Hedge Cutting & Strimming

- All waste from bushes, hedges and trees that are trimmed to be disposed of safely by the contractor
- Please quote for Strimming the banks of the brook (both channels) in front of Patricks Lane (from the bridge) for its entire length up to the old A422, removing debris. Bulbs have been planted on the banks.
This is to be done at the end of July each year.
- To Flail 3 sides of the football pitch on Folly Road bi Annually at the beginning and end of football season
- Old School House, Parish Office 3 Hayes Road.* Weed killer front and rear garden to keep whole area clear of weeds etc bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk

- e) The Hedge on Spinney View outside No 1 to be cut to approx. 1 ft below the window bi annually.
- f) Folly Road. Cut hedge top & sides from footpath RH73 to field fence annually.
- g) Puxley Road. Raise crowns of trees on western side opposite High View/ Ridgemont once during contract.
- h) Top the hedges/trees to 8ft at the bottom of Honey Hill drive and Kingshill Drive annually.
- i) Top the hedge to 6ft along the side of No 2 Honey Hill Drive annually
- j) Old School House, Parish Office 3 Hayes Road. Front and side hedges to be cut bi-annually.
- k) **Churchyard/cemetery** (see separate sheet)

Footpaths (Item 2g)

RH55 (Hayes Road to RH53).

Grass edges to be cut back to bushes either side. Hedgerows as detailed above Springfield POS covered by Springfield POS specification, area between RH54 & RH53.

Hedging on Southern side to be cut back annually to ensure safety and no overhanging / protruding branches.

RH53 (Glebe Road to RH63)

Grass edges to be cut back to fences and ditches as appropriate on whole length. Any overhanging / protruding bushes / branches to be removed to ensure public safety annually.

RH80 (Northway to Ridgmont)

Cut or strim as appropriate to keep clear up to fence line on either side. Any overhanging / protruding branches / bushes to be trimmed back annually.

Unnumbered Footpaths:

Puxley Road to Ridgmont Close

The Ridings to Ridgmont Close

The Ridings to Ridgmont

Ridgemont to garages (off Little London)

Ridgemont to Back Path

Springfield Gardens (rear of Spar) to Boswell Lane (RH77 part)

RH78 Weed control either side to enable access.

Churchyard – Burial Ground (item 5j)

Burial Ground to be close mown every 2 weeks, taking care not to disrupt, damage or skim any mounded graves.

All grass cuttings to be removed.

Cremation plots at front of church.

To be cut right up to edges, and if necessary, edges to be strimmed or manually cut

Any unkempt grave to be strimmed on the specific written instruction of the Parish Council (Please advise cost to strim per grave)

All hedges surrounding the church, new cemetery, churchyard and church car park to be cut bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk. All cuttings to be disposed of by the contractor.

Please note any hedges along paths must be cut back to edge of path to allow disabled access and the hedge around the new cemetery should be maintained at 1 metre high.

All yew trees and bushes within the burial ground / churchyard to be cut twice a year. All cuttings to be disposed of by the contractor.

Pollarding of the poplar trees once within the contract period subject to planning permission. Please quote for this separately.

Particular care to be taken when cutting the external / roadside hedges of Church Lane and Wicken Road.

Weed control around base of all trees and hedges and within the car park etc bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk

Specific Requirement

War memorial

Grass to be cut and cuttings removed every 2 weeks.

Barleycraft

Path way cut from kissing gate to churchyard, churchyard to pigeon ford and pigeon ford to kissing gate.

Parklands Estate Deanshanger (Item 4)

Cut grass every 2 weeks to no more than 2.5cm. End March to Mid October (9 areas marked red)

Cut top and both sides of hedges (Hayes Road) bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk (either remove from site or shred and leave at base) (4 hedged areas)

Spray (weed killer) around specimen trees April & September

Spray (weed killer) around shrubs around play area (marked blue)

Cut and trim shrubs / bushes around play area (marked blue)

Access route to Springfield Public Open space to be weed controlled Bi annually (marked pink)

Springfield Public Open Space (item 4c)

All grassed areas (save those marked orange) to be cut every 2 weeks. This includes grassed area within junior play area.

Areas marked orange to be cut bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk.

All planted bushes to be cut down to no more than 1 metre in height annually and weed killed to control weeds bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk (marked blue).

All play area boundaries to be weed killed bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk (inside and out).

All hedges to be cut either side and topped bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk (marked red).

Area around specimen trees to be weed killed bi-annually in agreement with the Clerk to control weeds.