

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for meeting on Monday 15 February 2021

10. **Poplar tree 0166 on eastern boundary of the sports field**
- a. **To receive information on the condition of the tree and consider the recommendations received from independent qualified professionals**
 - b. **To consider quotations for works recommended and agree appointment of the same**

	Comments	Recommendations
A	Large mature tree, large scar on southern side of main trunk hollowing in middle, Fruiting bodies of <i>Amillaria mellia</i> (Bootlace fungus)	Consider felling during the coming winter.
B	The Fungus is <i>pholiota squarrosa</i> , which is why the tree appears healthy in the upper crown. The fungus rots the root system and base of the trunk and will therefore lead to catastrophic failure rather than gradual decline.	Recommend that the tree is removed at some stage over the next 6 months. Recommend waiting until summer when vehicles will be able to get across to the far side of the sports field without causing damage to the pitch.
C	The Poplar tree shows evidence of 'Bootlace' or Honey Fungus. This is pretty much a death warrant on the tree in layman's terms. It won't "recover" and will only decline in time, with the roots being compromised, and leaving it to continue will allow the infection to become stronger and increases the chances of root transfer to other trees, such as the neighbouring poplar.	The recommendation is removal as the only course of action. One factor to bear in mind is that the field is basically a bog at the minute, and although there is a relative sense of urgency, I would advise waiting until at least late spring if not early summer to prevent the ground from becoming completely churned over by machinery.



Works to remove tree to ground level and poison stump. All branches and timber removed from site. Works to be performed in an excluded zone for Health and Safety. All arisings such as brash, timber and chippings to be removed from site. All works to be carried out by qualified, trained and insured professionals.

Contractor	Quotation
A	£400.00
B	£800.00
C	£650.00