

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Information for the meeting on Monday 21 October 2024

14. Wildflower verges

- c. To consider any revisions to the grass verge cutting schedule for 2025

Minute 23191 of the Ordinary Town Council meeting dated 19 February 2024:

23191 Agenda item 8. Grass Cutting and Wildflower Friendly Verges

- a. Correspondence from NYC with regards to urban grass cutting highway visibility splays was **received** and continued provision of this service at the revised rate of 8.0p per m2, accounting for a contribution of £1,122.89 for the 2024/25 season, **agreed**.
- b. The draft revisions to the grass cutting contract were **received**, pursuant to Minute 23170.
- c. The revisions to the grass cutting contract were **agreed**. Determination of areas for plug planting and seeding will be made according to the suitability of the ground once prepared.

Agreed revisions to grass cutting contract:

4.0 Grass Cutting Standard and Frequency

- 4.3 On highway verges, **unless otherwise indicated in the schedule**¹ sufficient passes shall be made to cut the whole verge from the back edge of pavement or kerb to the full extent of the verge, in all other cases the width of the area to be cut shall be as specified.

4.5 Grass cutting on designated wildflower friendly areas

Type of Area	Max cuts per year	Height of cut
A170 verge east at New Road junction (Keldholme only) o/s sportsfield	2	50mm
A170 west at junctions with West Lund and West Lund Lane	2	50mm

Areas for wildflower growth specifications recorded at Minute 23170 dated 15 January 2024. Review of schedule discussed with contractor at meeting on 25 January, Cllrs Illingworth, Wells and the Town Clerk present.

Works to be undertaken by contractor

Activities to be carried out by volunteers

Preparation	The contractor will prepare the designated areas with a bare cut and scarify. Arising will need to be raked and removal. The area will then be ready for plug plants/seeds.
Spring cut	The area will be cut short at the beginning of the growing season
	The areas will need to be raked over and all arisings removed.
Autumn cut	The area will be cut short at the end of the growing season
	Arisings to be left in situ for a short period before raking and removal.

- A 1m berth will need to be retained, and mowed at the same frequency as the remaining verges, on the roadside in order to keep visibility splays clear.
- Frequent mowing around any street furniture, including In Bloom planters, within the designated wildflower friendly areas.

¹ Minute 23170 dated 15 January 2024 - schedule amended to include designation of wildflower friendly areas