

Manor Vale Management Committee meeting 9th October 2017

Appendix A

Ref No:	Species	Comments	Preliminary Management Recommendations	Works
	MANOR ASH	Reiterate previous comments by Waller Tree Consulting: Magnificent Ancient tree. Heartwood and branch decay and likely branches will fall, particularly the branch to the north arising from the centre at 6m angle. There is significant root decay to north and also decay in centre of the trunk.	<u>Strongly recommended</u> Path goes beneath the crown. Risk of possible injury to public so thought could be given to redirecting the path to the perimeter of the crown. Fencing would be required to make sure access is limited.	The cost implication of re-directing a PRow are excessive. It was proposed and agreed that if an alternative route was created to detour the area beneath the Ancient Ash then suitable signage could be installed indicating the 'Permissive bridleway avoiding passage under Ancient Ash' Andrew Hall will pursue the feasibility of obtaining adequate materials to carry out surfacing repairs to the bridleway and footpath in proximity to the Ancient Ash with additional materials being procured by the MV committee to address the supplementary path.
514	Oak	Large imposing tree at Gillamoor Road entrance to wood. Appears outwardly healthy. Evidence of hollowing on northern side of base of trunk	Considering the position of this tree adjacent to the highway and housing, and its general importance in the woodland, it is recommended that the extent of decay in the lower parts of the tree is further investigated through a sonic tomographic survey. The use of Picus sonic tomography enables the extent of decay to be assessed without invasive testing such as resistograph drilling or boring, which damages trees and potentially impairs the tree's ability to compartmentalise the decay. Local contractors are available to carry out this service.	It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact John Clayton to obtain recommendations of local contractors available to carry out an assessment of the extent of decay in the lower parts of the tree to determine the works required.

506	Ash	Relatively small tree. Fungal bracts of Ganoderma at base of main trunk. Tree generally leans away from footpath. Dead branches over footpath.	Any failure of the whole tree would result in collapse away from the footpath. Remove dead branch which leans over footpath to prevent future breakage.	It was agreed to authorise the Manor Vale contractor to remove the length of the dead branch overhanging the footpath.
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The remaining recommendations for trees categorised as medium and low risk will be assessed by Don Davies to determine apportion of works to the volunteers, tree specialists and the Manor Vale contractor as appropriate.

Ref No:	Area	Species	Comments	Preliminary Management Recommendations	Risk
501	2	Ash	Ash Dead limbs extending over footpath	Remove dead wood	M
502	2	Ash	Hanging dead branch over footpath	Remove hanging branch	M
503	2	Ash	Young tree next to seat	Fell	M
504	2	Ash	Tight union between two co-dominant stems. General weeping from this area.	Pollard tree above joint of co-dominant stems to prevent future splitting under high winds	M
505	2	Elm (group of young trees)	Dead	Remove to prevent branch loss on to footpath and dispose of.	M
507	2	Oak	Substantially hollow important veteran tree with open cavity on western side of main trunk. Evidence that the cavity has been burnt in the past. Canopy hangs low towards footpath.	Consider crown reduction on footpath side by approximately 2m to reduce risk fractures where branches are from a weakened origin owing to hollowing referred to. Consider signage to indicate the importance of the tree.	M

508	2	Ash	Ash Young tree. Dieback over footpath. Not labelled owing to difficulty of access.	Remove die-back.	M
509	1	Ash	Twisted branches hanging over footpath	Remove offending branches to prevent future fractures.	M
510	1	Holly	Situated off the footpath but crown extends low over the footpath	Raise height of hangover to prevent future interference with walkers	L
511	1	Oak	Crown extends over footpath – contains dead limbs.	Remove dead wood	M
512	1	Ash	Slight lean towards footpath, U-shaped crown. Significant die-back in crown	No urgent action required. MONITOR	M
513	1	Elm	Dead tree	Remove tree and dispose of.	M
515	1	Elm	Dead tree close to path	Fell to prevent loss of branches on to footpath and dispose of.	M
516	1	Elm	Dead tree adjacent to main thoroughfare through wood.	Fell to prevent loss of branches on to road and dispose of.	M
716 From 2012 survey	2	Oak	Dead wood over footpath	Remove dead wood	M
723 From 2012 survey	2	Oak	Previously damaged limb over footpath, good reaction wood development around damaged area	No urgent action necessary – Monitor	L