

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

5th February 2019

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

AGENDA ITEM 11 Report on condition of trees within Council ownership

1. Background

- 1.1 Your council commissioned a report on the trees in its ownership with the objective of specifying any which required early management to minimise risk.

2. Report

- 2.1 The final report of Cheshire Tree Surgeons Ltd (CTS) has now been received. It seeks to identify those trees that are in a condition that might lead to their partial or complete failure in winds, where such failure might bring the tree or parts of it into conflict with users of the areas, footpaths or roads adjacent to those areas. No guarantees can be offered that any tree is immune from damage during high winds and no tree survey can be conclusive as to the relevant risks of failure; this report aims to identify particular cases where weaknesses have been identified.
- 2.2 Subsequent to receipt of the report, a site meeting has been held with the adjoining landowner on the northern (wooded) side of the lake, since it is difficult to assess on site where the land ownership boundary between his land and that of PPC lies.
- 2.3 The conclusion of that meeting was that the landowner in question has stated that he is happy to deal with the issues relating to trees 3, 4 and 5 (the latter two on land which may or may not be owned by PPC) in the Spring.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the Parish Council should commission tree surgeons to deal with the issues raised with tree group 1 and tree 13.
- 2.5 The report recommends that the trees should be reassessed at least every 5 years.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Council accepts the reported of Cheshire Tree Surgeons Ltd and welcomes the proposed action of the adjoining landowner as described above.
- 3.2 That tree surgeons be commissioned to deal with the tree group 1 and tree 13 as described in the report.
- 3.3 That consideration be given to commissioning a reassessment of the trees in 3 years' time.