

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

1st November 2022

AGENDA ITEM 9.3 – INSPECTION OF TREES ON COUNCIL LAND

1. Report

- 1.1 Members will recall that they asked the Council's tree consultant to carry out an informal review of the trees on the Council's land (following the more formal survey carried out 3 or so years ago), to identify any obvious issues that might have arisen in the meantime. In addition a parish resident has expressed concern about several trees near the lake.
- 1.2 The consultant has carried out this informal review and did not identify any particular issues.
- 1.3 In respect of the small group of tall Alders (with one Ash and a Poplar), that are growing to the NE of the lake, these have a covering of Ivy that prevents detailed examination of the trunks. The trees appear healthy and the removal of Ivy is suggested simply to check that a significant defect that could lead to the tree failing is not apparent. If Council wishes to explore this particular group further, therefore, he proposes that the easternmost tree have the Ivy removed to the lowest branch (approx 6M). The same to be done to the nearest 6 trees albeit the height to which the Ivy is removed can be reduced the further away from houses and gardens.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted and that consideration be given to the consultant's suggestion about the Alder group referred to.

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