

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Kirkheaton Churchyard – Work required to Tree T29

PRELIMINARIES

The Employer:

Kirkburton Parish Council, Burton Village Hall, Northfield Lane, Highburton, Huddersfield HD8 0QT. Email: clerk@kbpc.co.uk

The office is currently closed due to Covid-19 but the Clerk is working from home and can be contacted by email.

All correspondence and enquiries must be addressed to the Clerk at Kirkburton Parish Council.

Tender and Contract Documents:

Exact details of the work and the location of the tree are provided in the attached documents.

The Site:

The churchyard of St John's Parish Church, Church Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield HD5 0BH.

The Contractor's attention is drawn to the restricted nature of the site, the need to define working areas that encroach as little as possible into the Churchyard which is a burial ground and onto the adjacent Highway.

The site contains many trees, which are subject to Tree Preservation Orders. Additionally, the Church is a Grade II* Listed Building.

Access to the Site:

Access is via the Churchyard gate either on School Lane or Church Lane, whichever is most appropriate. The dates when the work is to be carried out must be agreed in advance with the Parish Council.

Work shall be carried out at minimum inconvenience to the Church and its Parishioners, neighbouring properties and the general public. Contractors shall be aware of the sensitive nature of the site, and shall show due respect particularly at the times of Church services, funerals, etc.

All work shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998: 2010

Parking and storage of materials:

Subject to the agreement of the Church the Contractor may use a defined area in the car park by the Parish Rooms, situated opposite the site on Church Lane.

Waste:

All rubbish, debris, spoil, containers and surplus material must be removed from the site by the end of the contract. Felled wood to be chipped on site and removed from the site.

Risk to Health and Safety:

The Contractor must ascertain for him/herself any information he/she may require to ensure the safety of all persons and the works. He/she will be responsible for putting all safety measures in place at the time the work is being carried out and for ensuring that they comply with all legislation and codes of practice.

Public Liability Insurance/Risk Assessments/References:

The Contractor must confirm the value and validity of the PLI before the works commence. A copy must be supplied to the Clerk to the Council along with a risk assessment, copies of NPTC/Lantra awards and certificates of other relevant qualifications.

Additionally, the Contractor is required to supply the names and contacts of three referees where similar work has been carried out, unless he/she is known to the Council. Work may not commence until the Clerk of the Council has confirmed that all documentation is in place.

Work on the Public Highway:

The Contractor is responsible for all work on the public highway, with reference to signing and other protective measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic. These shall comply with all legislation and codes of practice.

Use of the Site:

The Contractor must not use the site for any purpose other than the carrying out of the works.

Site Visit:

Before tendering, ascertain the nature of the site, access thereto and all conditions and restrictions likely to affect the execution of the works.

The Parish Council does not accept any responsibility for any cost incurred during the preparation of the tender.

The tender shall include everything necessary to complete the works and shall be exclusive of VAT.

Status of the Tree:

The tree is subject to a Tree Preservation Order and all work must be carried out in accordance with the conditions of the permission, which has been granted for the works by Kirklees Council. A copy of the permission is attached.

DETAIL:

Please see the Site Plan attached for details of the tree's location.

Lime, crown lift removing small diameter branches only (less than 10 cm) to give 5-6 metres ground clearance.

Crown thin removing 20% of the crown mass, thinning the crown evenly throughout the entire canopy ie thinning branches in the outer portion of the canopy to prevent 'lion tailing'.

Clean out crown removing any dead, dangerous, hazardous or split branches and stubs; while maintaining the tree's structural integrity and natural form.