

Bromham Parish Council

Tree Planting Policy

Tree Planting

Bromham Parish Council often receive requests to plant trees. Bromham Parish Council will only plant trees on land owned by Bromham Parish Council. See Map attached.

Any other requests for tree planting will be forwarded to Bedford Borough Council.

New tree and replacement tree requests will be considered as follows:

1. Budget – Application considered by the Amenities Committee
2. Location – consider size of mature tree, consider possible over-crowding, position is conducive to good management practices
3. Type – Should be English, local common trees.
4. Planting – November through to January only

Memorial Tree Planting

The Paddock, Lower Farm Road, Bromham – Planting complete

Previously memorial trees had been planted in The Paddock at Lower Farm Road. This area is now full and it has been agreed there will be no more tree planting in The Paddock.

Types of Trees planted:

6 Field Maple
4 Lime
5 Oak
2 Red Oak
3 Norway Maple

The tree types were chosen as they were a mixture of locally common trees and species to give added interest and colour.

Future Planting

Agreed next location - Parklands

Bromham Parish Council would like to continue the planting of memorial trees plus memorial plaques for Bromham Residents. It has been agreed that memorial trees will be planted at Parklands.

The first area to be planted will be between the football pitches and the car park.

Fee

Cost £400.00

- Fee includes: Tree, Planting & Stakes, water feeder, Memorial Plaque, 2 years maintenance. Tree Guaranteed for 12 months. If tree dies within first planting year it will be replaced, subsequent replacement trees will be at the Applicant's cost.

Types of Trees:

6 Field Maple
4 Lime
5 Oak
2 Red Oak
3 Norway Maple
Silver Birch

Planting Site

Trees will only be planted by Bromham Parish Council's Contractor in a position identified by The Clerk in accordance with the agreed plan.

1. Trees will be standard tree size 8/10 feet, type as above.
2. Trees will only be planted at suitable times of the year (November to January), trees will not be planted in the Summer months as it is not possible to keep young trees watered to the required level.
3. Adequate spacing (both above ground and underground) must be present to allow health growth to maturity.
4. Location must be conducive to good management practices and does not significantly disrupt maintenance activities or utilities.
5. Trees shall not be planted where they would interfere with the growth of other trees in the immediate area or be overshadowed by an existing tree.
6. Planting site shall allow 5 ft minimum distance from gas, electric or water meters.
7. Location shall be 15 ft from street lights, 10 ft from fire hydrants and 5 ft from walkways, driveways or other hardscape features.

Pruning/Maintenance Policy

Bromham Parish Council will consider the trees for maintenance every two years.

Pruning is carried out in accordance with good arboricultural practice to:

1. Alleviate, as far as it is practical, any loss of daylight to dwelling and associated problems.
2. Keep trees in a safe and healthy condition
3. Enable trees to grow into the desired shape and form
4. Reduce the risk of tree-related subsidence damage to buildings by limiting trees' foliage area and subsequent water demand.
5. The management of The Paddock takes priority over individual trees.

Removal Policy

Trees should only be removed for the following reasons:

1. If the tree is dead, dying, diseased, dangerous or otherwise in a poor condition.
2. As a result of an insurance claim where evidence has been presented implicating a tree and no other practical steps are available to resolve the problems.

Application Process

1. Residents wishing to purchase a memorial tree shall first complete the Memorial Tree Application Form.
2. The Amenities Committee will consider the application.
3. Once the application is agreed the Clerk will arrange tree planting.
4. Bromham Parish Council are not bound to accept an application.
5. Information noting the planting site will be included on the tree inventory on File P2.
6. Bromham Parish Council will acknowledge in writing to the applicant the arrangement for the memorial tree and where it is planted.

General

1. The memorial scheme restricts residents to purchasing a tree and plaque only. It is not permitted to lay/bury ashes on the site or to adorn the area with other commemorative items.
2. This Policy was agreed by Bromham Parish Council on 2 February 2021 and will be reviewed bi-annually by the Amenities Committee.

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