

# HELPRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## GRASS CUTTING TENDER 2025 -2026

Helpringham Parish Council invites tenders for a contract to include grass cutting, hedge cutting and general tidying in the parish.

The contract will initially be for two years, commencing in March and will be for a fixed price. Should you require any further details other than that listed below please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Section A: Grass cutting –Hale Road Cemetery**

#### **1. Inside the Cemetery**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees and headstones or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

#### **2. Hedge Cutting**

- i. The cemetery hedges are to be trimmed on the cemetery side and top with two cuts a year one in Spring and the other in Autumn.
- ii. All debris is to be removed from the site.

#### **3. General tidy up of Hale Road Cemetery**

- i. A general tidy up is to be carried out once a year in autumn.
- ii. Overgrown bushes and trees to be trimmed back.
- iii. Underneath the hedges vegetation to be cleared away e.g removal of elder.
- iv. All debris is to be removed from the site.

#### **4. Outside the Hale Road Cemetery**

**From outside the double cemetery gates up to the corner of East Street**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

#### **5. East Street Junction (Corner with Memorial Bench)**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

#### **Section B: The Village Pond – to the left of the Hale Road Cemetery and before the redbrick bridge**

- i. The grass is to be cut around the whole pond area 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees and any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths if applicable.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

#### **Section C: Grass cutting – High Street Cemetery (Opposite St Andrew Church)**

##### **1. Inside the Cemetery**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees and headstones or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

## **2. Hedge Cutting**

- i. The High Street Cemetery hedges are to be trimmed on the cemetery side and top with two cuts a year one in Spring and the other in Autumn.
- ii. All debris is to be removed from the site.

## **3. General tidy up of High Street Cemetery**

- i. A general tidy up is to be carried out once a year in autumn.
- ii. Overgrown bushes and trees to be trimmed back.
- iii. Underneath the hedges vegetation to be cleared away e.g removal of elder.
- iv. All debris is to be removed from the site.

### **Outside the High Street Cemetery (Opposite St Andrew Church) (The verge that runs parallel with the cemetery)**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around any obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

### **Section D: Grass cutting – St Andrew Church Yard**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees and headstones or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

### **Outside of St Andrew Church**

#### **The small Grassed area with the memorial Bench outside of 15 High Street**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.

- ii. The grass around trees and headstones or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

**Section E: Grass cutting –Village Green including the 3 small triangled grassed areas at the junctions of the North and South Fen Roads and including the grassed area around the Bus Shelter**

- i. The grass is to be cut 18 times (every fortnight) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- ii. The grass around trees and headstones or any other obstruction to mowing is to be strimmed or controlled by chemical spraying as appropriate.
- iii. All cuttings are to be cleared from the paths.
- iv. The grass is to be cut with a machine that will chop the arisings up finely and will not leave large clumps of long length arisings on the grassed areas.

**Section F: School Lane Footpath**

- i. The School Lane footpath is to be strimmed and sprayed, as appropriate, three times per year, once in March, once in May/June and the other Aug/Sept
- ii. All debris is to be removed from the site.

Please state whether the figure advised includes or excludes VAT.

General Specifications:

1. Availability of Specification. All workmen employed on the work must be conversant with the specification of works required.
2. Protection. Reasonable precautions must be taken to avoid damage to the fabric of the church, its windows, the walls, paved areas, grass and headstones in the churchyard and cemeteries.
3. Damage. The contractor shall make good at his own expense any damage caused by neglect of the terms of clause 2 above.
4. Insurance. The contractor will hold current Employer's Liability insurance and carry a minimum Public Liability insurance cover of **£10 million pounds**. All tools and equipment will be insured by the contractor.

The contractor will indemnify the Parish Council against all claims arising out of accidents to his employees and to third parties by reason of these works and against damage to property.

The contractor will also insure against damage to the Council's property due to the contractor's negligence and the negligence of his employees.

It will be necessary for the successful applicant/Sub contractor to show the Parish Council a valid certificate of insurance and spray certificate.

The Parish Council reserves the right to terminate the contract if the work is not carried out to a satisfactory standard.