

Agenda item no.	13
Subject	Lime Trees / High Street Pavement - update
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### 1) Lime Trees - update

At the end of May a message was sent to all lime tree adopters covering a number of topics:

- reminding them of their agreement to cut and remove branches below a height of approx 6 ft / 2 metres
- suggesting that if this activity was too much for them the PC could arrange for this to be done by the parish handyman for a nominal charge of £5 per tree
- advising that their adoption also covers the flower bed immediately beneath the trees (if the tree has one). Adopters are requested to keep this weed free, plant any small annuals if they wish and / or cover with bark mulch
- informing adopters that if they no longer wish to adopt a tree(s) there is a waiting list and so they can easily relinquish their tree at any time.

The parish clerk maintains a list of all adopters and all trees have up to date labels reflecting the name of the current adopter.

It is planned that the Lime Tree page on the village website will be updated on the new website by the time of the next parish meeting.

### 2) Brick Pavement on Burwash High Street, pavements on Shrub Lane, School Hill and Ham Lane

#### 2.1. Background

As mentioned at the previous PC meeting, the pavement on the north side of the High Street is starting to have quite considerable weed / grass growth. Some parts of the pavement, closest to the houses, are owned by the houses themselves and so we cannot make any changes to this but the majority is public / council property.

The pavements on other roads near the village centre are also becoming covered with weeds / grass.

The weeds and grass are starting to look unsightly and, if not removed, will only grow and look much worse.

#### 2.2 Actions

So, depending on the PC's views and subject to funds being available the options are:

- Do nothing
- Use chemical herbicide (I understand the objections, simply noting an option)
- Seek 'organic' ie environmentally friendly herbicide (that actually works)
- Burn off
- Manual weeding

- Contact ESCC as presumably pavement maintenance is their responsibility (I think I know the possible response to this)
- Gently and tactfully ask the householders who front on to the pavement to weed in front of their property (I think I know the possible response to this). This of course does not cover all areas mentioned above

It has been mentioned that a large group of volunteers might be available mid-July. While this could be a perfect opportunity it may be a bit late in the year as it will be best to remove the weeds before they set seed and of course the volunteers may or may not wish to undertake this task.

### **2.3 Resolve**

Can we discuss the above options and move to act reasonably quickly to ensure the pavements look their best in prime visitor season.

Resolve which if any of the above actions are to be followed and agree budget if any  
Rough research suggests £50-100 for organic / regular weed killer / flame gun