

APPROVE CONTRACTORS 2025/26

A request for tenders was advertised in The Parish Magazine and on The Parish Council Website and on The Parish noticeboards in December 2024

The following recommendations are made for approval:

THE LEES CAR PARK AND PICNIC AREA

Car Park Management (including gatekeeping and litter picking)

J L Buttigieg to be reappointed to manage the area for the 2025 season 1 April to 30 September. He was the only contractor to quote, the cost remained the same as the 2024 season.

Grounds Maintenance

Three Counties Contracting to be reappointed, they provided a competitive quote and managed the contract well in 2024.

The Lees Toilets

Cleaning – Only one quote was received, Element Cleaning to be reappointed their quote is still very competitive and they have the experience and require no supervision.

Cesspit – Several quotes were obtained. Kent Waste to be reappointed as they again provided the most competitive quote, they also have the experience and are very flexible in terms of frequency of emptying.

ROUTINE CONTRACTS

PLAY AREA SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Safeplay were appointed in July 2024 after much searching for a suitable contractor, this to continue for another year.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Quotes were requested from seven contractors but were only received from six contractors.

PLAYING FIELDS/PLAY AREAS:

The Kintons (including the hedges either side of the track).

M.S. AGRI to be appointed they are a local company who provided a very competitive quote.

Jubilee Field, Laddingford

The playing field - continues to be cut by KCC at no charge to the Parish in return for its use by Laddingford School.

The play area, borders and ditch - M.S. AGRI to be appointed they are a local company who provided a very competitive quote.

OPEN SPACES

Yalding and Laddingford Verges, Windmill Path, Yalding Village Green and Fowle Hall Green

Three Counties Contracting to be reappointed, they provided a competitive quote and they managed the contract well in 2024.

The Lees – including CALPAC field

Sanders Farming to be reappointed to cut, bail and take the hay, they provided the most competitive quote.

M.S. AGRI be appointed to cut the edges they are a local company who provided a very competitive quote.

Dog and play Area Litter Bins

Quotes were only sought from MBC there is no increase on last year and the service provided at substantially below market value.

Gatekeeper

Mrs Martin was the only quote received for the daily opening and closing of The Kintons gate at £150 per month, with no increase on last year.

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Streetlights Limited to be re-appointed, no other quotes were received.

NON-ROUTINE WORK

Odd Jobs – Community Payback

Approved Parish maintenance contractor - J L Buttigieg be re- appointed they were the only contractor to quote; the quote was considered very reasonable.

Approved Parish tree work contractor - J L Buttigieg be re-appointed they were the only contractor to quote; the quote was considered very reasonable.

Approved Parish electrician - Conshae Construction was the only contractor to quote with no increased from last year.

VOLUNTEERS

Litter pickers