

CHALFONT ST PETER PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY FOR THE DONATION OF A TREE.

Introduction

Chalfont St Peter Parish Council is delighted to support the wishes of individuals to donate a tree / trees as a gift to the community, to act as a living memory of relatives, friends, special occasions such as births, weddings, special birthdays, loss of a family member, or as a valuable gift to the environment to offset carbon emissions.

These trees will serve to make Chalfont St Peter a more beautiful village for all to enjoy, with all the benefits of cleaner air, and wildlife support which trees will provide.

Because green areas and grass verges are there for the benefit of all, such tree requests and plantings will be regulated and managed to the mutual benefit of all in the community, but still reflecting the importance and generosity of the individual or family who made the gift.

2. Tree Donations.

2.1 Areas in the village where trees may be planted are normally established by the Parish Council. In the event of a request to plant outside of these areas, the Parish Council will seek to agree such a site if all normal checks are clear.

2.2 Permission to plant will always be subject to survey results of underground services, safety considerations and sight lines at any location.

2.3 Memorial plaques will not be permitted on or near trees. No additional mementoes e.g. statues, vases, balloons or any form of memorabilia etc. will be permitted on or around the tree, and would be removed without any reference to the applicant.

2.4 The names of loved ones, or events celebrated, that the tree plant commemorates, may be entered into a memorial book to be held in the parish offices.

2.5 Trees will be planted by the Parish Council or its representatives, but applicants and their family would be welcomed at this planting, and even to assist under the Parish Council staff supervision, if practicable and desired.

2.6 We would consider any particular request of tree species, but the final choice of tree type will be at the discretion of the Parish Council, and taken

from a list of pre approved trees chosen to suit local soil and street conditions. Applicants may make preferences known from the listing, and particular requests will be sympathetically considered if they do not conflict with local planting plans.

2.7 Planting will only take place in the appropriate season, usually during the Autumn or early winter months.

2.8 The cost of a tree will be dependant on the species chosen. The Parish Council will charge for the tree/trees, stakes and labour at cost, with a one off surcharge for future care and maintenance.

2.9 The Parish Council will maintain the tree in line with its current maintenance programme.

2.10 The Parish will not be liable for the replacement of old, diseased or damaged trees. Any replacements of gifted trees will be treated as new planting. The Parish council would be minded to seek replacement if budget or gifting was forthcoming.

2.11 The Parish Council reserves the right to immediately remove any tree which at some later date becomes a danger or there are clear reasons, agreed by the Parish Council for the tree's removal. This would be without any need for permission from the original applicant. A presumption in favour of protection of any tree is always made.

2.12 Planting applications will proceed once the application form is completed and full payment received.

2.13 Should there be a high demand at times, there may be delay in processing applications, in such instances there is no liability on the Parish apart from reasonable attempts to proceed.

2.14 Should a group of residents join together to seek the planting of a line, or group of trees in their road or area, this would be welcomed and encouraged by the Parish Council under the same regulations as above.

2.15 During the first three years following planting, an applicant must show how they will ensure the survival of the tree by regular watering three times a week during spring and summer.

**If you have any further queries please contact the Parish Council on 01753 8915822
or email clerk@chalfontstpeter-pc.gov.uk**

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