

## MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Maintenance Committee Meeting 19 January 2021

Item: MA133 21f) Tree planting

### Donation from resident for trees



Consider planting a row of lime trees along Cambridge Road to create an avenue of trees on the approach to the village. There is already a row of limes on the opposite side of the road (see shadow in the image above). There is a verge on the road side opposite and also along the hedge.

Q:

- Is the roadside verge sufficiently wide?
- Who owns the hedge along the adjacent field?
- Would we need to take out any of the hedge to plant trees?

The Highways Officer has agreed in principle that trees can be planted along the cycle path provided the roots do not interfere with the surface of the path.

Maintenance:

- Trees would require regular watering after planting. Who will do this? Wardens?

- Need to clarify if we need to put anything formal in place with regard to future maintenance of the trees.

There will probably be quite a lot left over for other trees. Need to consider what to plant and where.

CL met with James Cantle last year to talk about pre-emptive planting. James believes that we will lose a significant number of trees over the next 5-10 years through disease. Discussed the possibility of identifying areas where trees are likely to be lost and planting new trees.

ACTIONS: CL to arrange meeting with James Cantle and JT to progress.

### **Various fruit trees donated**

Keith is storing a number of heritage fruit trees in his garden. Need to decide where these will be planted (Stockbridge Meadows / Jubilee Orchard / Millennium Copse / other?). Also, who will plant them.