

# St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

## Report #01.3

### Minor tree work in the Corston Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

#### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To seek council approval to undertake important tree works in the Corston LNR

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 There is a pressing need to remove several trees from the south side of the pond in the LNR as they continue to cast considerable shade and their fallen leaves contribute to the build up of silt in the pond. Ideally the work should be undertaken in January or February before the amphibians return and the birds start breeding.
- 2.2 A quotation from a local contractor, James Hinwood, has been obtained - see 2.3. He is available to undertake the work in early February.
- 2.3 To remove small beech tree, cutting stump to just above ground level, all arisings to be chipped on site £150: coppice willow on the far side of the pond, all arisings to be chipped on site £250: remove a cherry tree, leaving a monolith approx 3m high as a habitat, all arisings to be chipped on site £350.

#### 3. Options

- 3.1 To decide not to undertake the work
- 3.2 To seek another quotation from a suitably experienced contractor
- 3.3 To accept this quotation

#### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The work could be sourced from the council's CIL funds.

#### 5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Option 3.3 is recommended for a total cost of £750

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