

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 13th Sept. 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 11.2 Grounds

Report to Council

Dated: 8th Sept 2021

Subject: Christmas Tree

Report prepared by: Clerk – Mrs K Jones

Reason for report: To consider the 2 options for the supply, installation, removal and disposal of the Christmas tree for the Village, including decorating with LED lights.

Members are requested to: consider the quotes and vote on the way forward.

CHRISTMAS TREE

To be installed, provisionally, Friday 19th November 2021 at 4.30am and removed early January 2022.

Grass Area – Centre of Green

Existing Socket Dimension 270mm wide x 920mm deep

There are two double sockets inside a waterproof box mounted around 10 metres from the tree socket. There is conduit placed between the tree socket to this waterproof box so you can run all wiring underground by using the rope inside the conduit to pull the wires through.

OPTION 1 - 25FT NORWAY SPRUCE

Supply and install one hand selected 25ft live cut Norway Spruce decorated with LED add along multicoloured Christmas trees lights , fixed securely into the existing socket ensuring it is straight in the ground and guyed off securely with galvanised wires as close to the tree as possible to limit the trip hazard

£3,600.00 nett

Removal and disposal away from site at £80.00 nett

Total Cost £3,680.00 + VAT

OPTION 2 - 19FT NORWAY SPRUCE

Supply and install one hand selected 19ft live cut Norway Spruce decorated with LED add along multicoloured Christmas trees lights , fixed securely into the existing socket

ensuring it is straight in the ground and guyed off securely with galvanised wires as close to the tree as possible to limit the trip hazard

£1785.00 nett

Removal and disposal away from site at £80.00 nett

Total Cost £1,865.00 + VAT

The difference in the costing for the larger 25ft tree is because, with a much bigger tree comes a much more labour-intensive installation and they will need to hire in a cherry picker to install the lights and this is reflected in the increased costs.

To keep costs to the minimum they hire in a cherry picker usually around the 19th November and carry out as many installations with this machine while they hire it for around a week.

We will also need significantly more lights for a taller and broader tree and, this year due to the pandemic, they have been advised there could be supply issues of lights and decorations, in addition to what they have already ordered.

They will check what the availability is going to be for additional multi coloured lights but have soft white lights available from their stock.
