

Agenda Item 26 a)

On Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10:47 am, xxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Hello,

I am reaching out regarding the three trees situated on the village green in front of our properties, representing both myself and my neighbour. While I generally support the presence of trees, we have ongoing concerns about these particular ones, especially in relation to our homes.

Firstly, the height and close proximity of these trees to our houses is a significant worry. All three stand well above the ridgeline, and with increasingly severe weather and strong winds, there is a genuine risk they could topple onto our properties. Over the past couple of years, we've witnessed several large trees elsewhere in the village being brought down in similar conditions.

Secondly, the shade cast by these trees has led to persistent moss growth on our roofs. Since moving in five years ago, I've had to hire a contractor twice to remove moss that accumulates due to lack of sunlight. The continued shading is causing the moss to thrive, and I am preparing to have it removed again this year. This ongoing issue raises concerns about potential damage from dampness, which could be detrimental in the long term. Notably, homes on South Street that aren't shaded by trees, don't experience this problem.

The third concern involves internet access. The Parish Council may be aware that BT has recently extended full fibre broadband to the top end of the village, promising improved speeds and a more reliable network. The fibre network boxes are located on telegraph poles along North Street. When a BT engineer visited last week to address an intermittent connection issue, we discussed the upcoming availability of fibre broadband. They explained, however, that my property cannot be connected directly to the new fibre network because the trees obstruct the cable path to both boxes; one tree blocks the route to the box, and another tree blocks the other. At present, my internet relies on a copper connection from a pole on South Street.

For these reasons, I kindly request that the Parish Council consider removing the three trees in front of our homes. I have attached photos for your reference and am happy to discuss this matter further if needed.

Best regards,

