**MIDDLETON CHENEY GRASS-CUTTING AND OPEN SPACES CONTRACT:**INVITATION TO TENDER

The Parish Council of Middleton Cheney cuts grass seasonally on open spaces and verges across the village.

The services sought include grass cutting, strimming, blowing, shrub maintenance and weed control. During this contract, in line with the Council’s ecological and biodiversity considerations, some areas may be reallocated as wildflower areas and the contractor should be prepared to adapt schedules to accommodate.

The grass cutting season is between March and October each year and 16 cuts per year are anticipated. On the village green and play parks, as well as all first cuts of the season, grass must be collected and removed. For all other cuts, the grass must be blown from footpaths and roadsides back onto the green space / verge. All arisings shall be collected, removed from site and disposed of by the supplier at their cost.

The Council seeks a contractor who will use their professional discretion and all information available to them to liaise with the Council where alterations to the schedule may be needed, e.g. in times of drought. The provided map indicates all areas to be addressed by the contractor. With the exception of the Middleway alleyway which requires more regular maintenance, maintenance of footpaths should be considered in the contract ad hoc, to include at least one yearly weed spraying and one separate strim.

The contract term is 3 years and covers the satisfactory completion of the works outlined in this document. The award of the contract is also dependent on the receipt of evidence of appropriate public liability insurance, professional qualifications and policies. The point of contact is the clerk to Middleton Cheney Parish Council and the contractor should be prepared to work harmoniously with the Council’s employees and other service contractors. Any considerations not identified in this document may be addressed with the Council at the point of tender, or negotiated with the clerk and Council as they arise.

Please refer to the specifics and process contained in the document “Middleton Cheney Parish Council – Green Spaces Contract Tender 2023-2026”. Completed and signed copies of the Tender Form and Declaration & Company Details Form should be received at the Middleton Cheney Parish Council offices by 12 NOON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 at the latest.