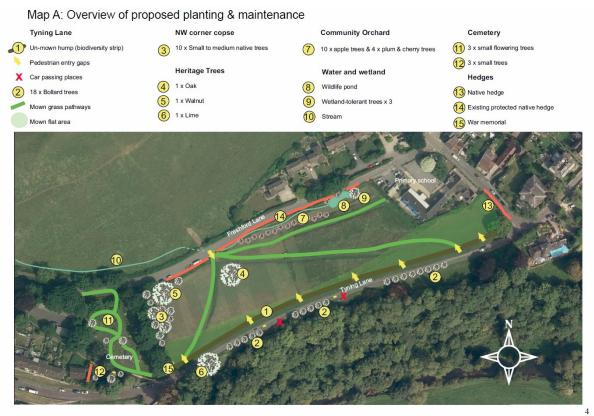
Tyning Main Mowing 2 x per annum

In line with the F of F Tyning proposal to enhance biodiversity on the Tyning it was agreed that the main grass would be cut 2 x per annum and the grass taken away.

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The aim is to continue with the existing pattern of wide shortly mown paths and flat areas (see Map A, page 4 below)



leaving longer grass on the slopes to grow and flower in summer. Chalkhill Environmental appraisal July 2015 suggests mowing long grass twice a year (September/October and March), removing cuttings. And also leaving tussocky grass at a range of heights.

Discussions with farmers suggest a midsummer cut is best for meadow management, this is approved by F of F.

Quotes received.

Two quotes have been obtained, with 5 farmers / contractors approached. Removing the grass is a problem for most.

David Horler (who cuts Stephen Dawson's field can cut and remove the grass for £800 (the first cut would be in the next few weeks). Grass to be mown and left for 36 hours to wilt before being baled into large bales and hauled back to the farm. The only caveat is that he cannot mow the very steep part of the slope near the hedge to the school – this would have to be strimmed. He suggests second cut August/September.

H L Mills would charge £2,740 per cut and would get the grass removed in skips.

Recommendation

It is recommended to go with David Horler due to price and knowledge and appropriate machinery.