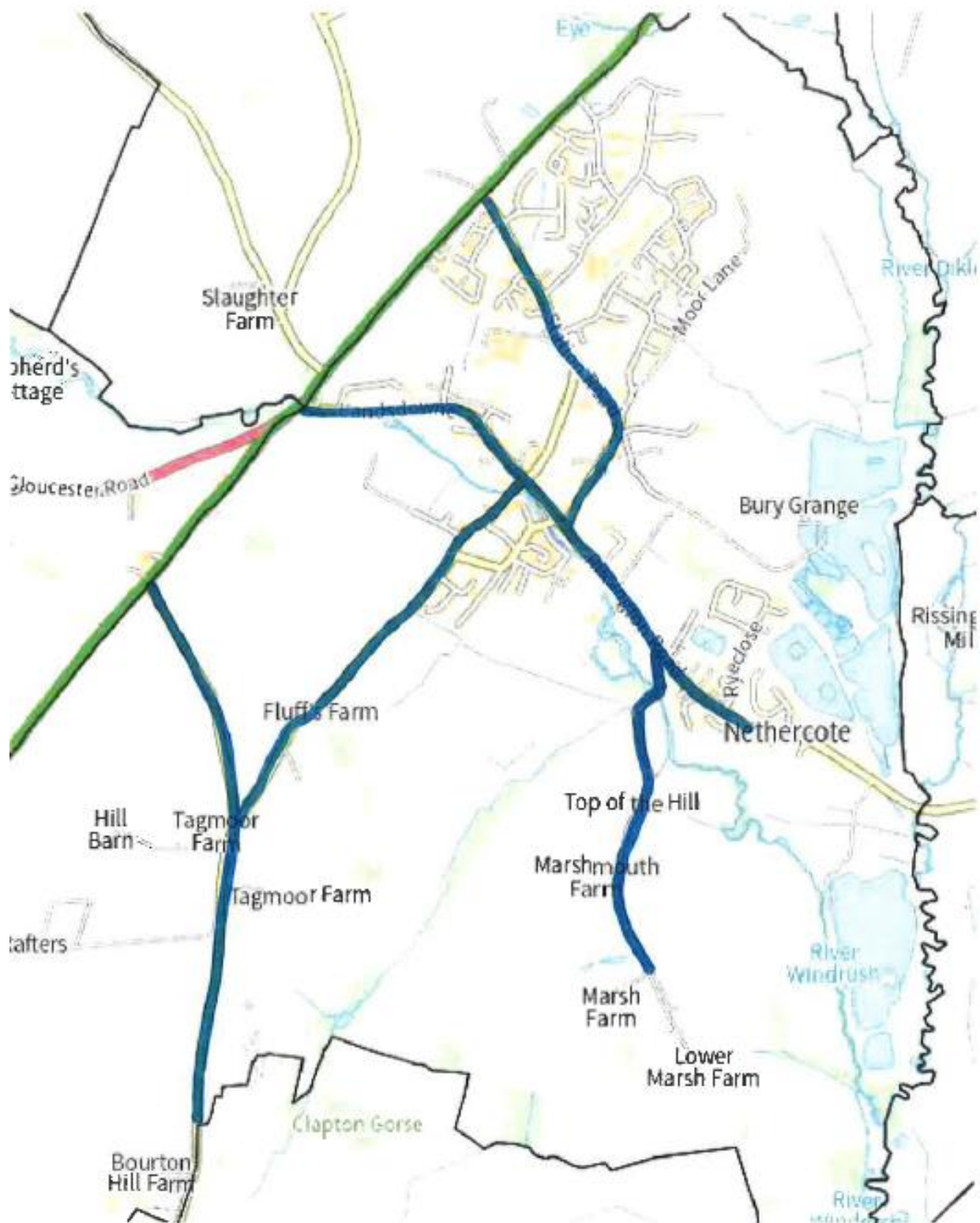


**ANNEX A – SCHEDULE AND PLANS OF STEETS/ROADS WITHIN THE PARISH
SUBJECT TO THIS AGREEMENT.**



ANNEX B – THE COUNCIL’S (GCC’S) SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES (The Works)

Grass cutting

Grass cutting is carried out to maintain sight line visibility at junctions and bends, to prevent traffic signs and bollards being obscured, to control brushwood and scrub, to prevent the loss of width of paved surfaces, prevent the spread of noxious weeds and to lessen the risk of fire.

Verges are currently cut with a swathe width (approx. 1 metre) plus visibility splays each year alongside carriageways and 0.5m width alongside roadside footpaths. In some areas grass cutting is carried out in partnership with parish councils, district councils and housing associations and the county contribute towards this work.

GCC will pay (*the Parish Council*) for the completion of one full cut which includes visibility splays plus one further cut of visibility splays for each parish per year.

Service Standards/Specification

1. Tractors and tractor mounted grass cutting equipment shall comply with manufacturer’s recommendations regarding the fitting and operation of attachments. All dedicated grass-cutting machines shall have an effective silencer of the type originally fitted on manufacture. All grass cutting equipment, whether self-propelled or attached to a tractor, shall comply with the following:
 - All cutters and blades shall be sharpened and set according to the manufacturer’s recommendations to ensure a consistent cleanly mown swath and the height of cut determined as the height above ground level to the cutting blade measured with the machine standing on a hard level surface.
 - All guards shall be in place and in good condition and all safety devices shall be operational and of a type originally fitted on manufacture.
 - For grass and vegetation cutting on slopes, the grass-cutting equipment manufacturer’s recommendations relating to safe gradients for cutting shall be observed.
2. All plant must have high intensity rotating amber beacons in such positions as to be clearly visible from all sides of the vehicle, high visibility markings and other safety devices as specified by the manufacturers must be fitted and be in a clean condition at all times. The rotating amber beacons must be operated when the plant is working. An arrow sign to Diag. 610 (1200mm diameter) of the Traffic Signs and General Directions 1981 is to be mounted at the rear of the plant.
3. The grass cutting operation shall include cutting around all obstacles such as trees, posts and signs. Strimmers may be used where appropriate. Areas around obstacles shall be cut to the same height as specified for the surrounding grassed areas. If the Contractor chooses to cut around obstructions as a separate exercise the work must be completed within 24 hours of the main area of grass being cut.

4. Mowing operations shall avoid spillage of debris such as stones onto carriageways or footways. Grass clippings and arisings lying on roads, footpaths, car parks, drains and other hard surfaces shall be immediately swept up and removed from the highway. Grass clippings and arisings on all other areas shall be dispersed evenly over the swath, unless specified otherwise by the Employer.
5. Grass cutting for visibility splays at junctions shall include for the X and Y distances in accord with the following table.

Through Road (Speed or Type)	Side Road (Type of Road)	X (metres)	Y (metres)
Dual Carriageway	All	9*	260
60mph	All	9	200
50mph	All	9	150
40mph	All	9	110
30mph	All	9	70

6. The Y distance is the length of the splay as measured from the centre line of the side road at the junction along the nearest channel of the through road. The X distance is the width of the splay as measured back along the centre line of the side road from a point on the near channel of the through road. Splays will be cut to improve visibility in both directions from any side road or access. Where the positions of boundary hedges, walls or fences do not allow a visibility splay cut in full the maximum width of cut (X) may be reduced until a sight line can be obtained.
7. The verge on the inside of a bend must be cut back to a width of 9 metres measured horizontally, from the edge of carriageway, or to the boundary hedge, wall or fence if this width is not available. This work is deemed to be included in the general kilometre rate.
8. The cut shall be to a height not exceeding 100 mm and the cuttings evenly dispersed to leave a neat and uniform appearance. The timing of the cutting shall be as stated in this Clause or as instructed by the Employer. Additional selective cuts shall be undertaken within these areas as instructed by the Employer.
9. A single cut of 1 m width from the edge of the carriageway shall be undertaken once per year. Additional selective full width cuts shall be undertaken within sight lines at hazardous bends, junctions, roundabouts, some central reservations, major accesses, bus stops and lay-bys and any other areas as instructed by the Employer.
10. A single cut shall be undertaken once per year in the visibility splay in front of road signs. The cut shall extend from the edge of the carriageway, at a point 50m from the sign and be splayed to meet the full width of the sign. Additional selective cuts shall be undertaken within these areas as instructed by the Employer.

11. Any damage caused by the Contractor's vehicles or personnel shall immediately be notified to the owner and/ or occupier and the Employer. The damage shall be remedied as soon as practicable. In the event of the Contractor failing to remedy any damage the Employer will range for repairs to be carried out and appropriate amount will be deducted from the next payment to the Contractor.
12. The Contractor shall avoid causing damage to turf, trees and shrubs. Damage to roadside ditches and grips due to overriding by the Contractor shall be rectified within 5 working days at the Contractors expense.
13. During periods when ground conditions are so wet as to prevent grass cutting without causing damage to the surface or producing divots, operations shall cease and shall recommence only when ground and weather conditions are suitable.
14. Traffic measures and control of road works shall conform to Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office or any amendments thereof.
15. All Traffic Management is to be provided by the Contractor
16. The Contractor shall provide, erect and remove on completion all necessary signs, barriers, cones and other associated traffic management infrastructure as required by legislation. This work is deemed to be inclusive in the rates. The Contractor shall carry out the works in a manner approved by the Employer for the operation of traffic measures and control and shall, if required; produce an agreed phased programme before commencement of works.

Note- as Annex B sets out the County Council's specification when used by the County Council to appoint contractors, the term 'Employer' means the County Council. Where a Parish Council enters into an agreement with the County Council to organise this work it may use the County Council's specification in full or in part within the Parish Council's agreement with its contractor. In the latter circumstances the term 'Employer' will mean the Parish Council.