

# PARISH LENGTHSMAN

## Vacancy for Contract Services Provider

### **BROADWAS AND COTHERIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Broadwas and Cotheridge Parish Council are seeking to appoint a Lengthsman for 2023/24.

Applicants should hold current relevant certificates of competence to use a range of equipment including strimmer's and chain saws. Successful applicants will be expected to provide all their own equipment including relevant safety wear, basic signage and transport and will have full public liability insurance cover to a minimum of £5 million.

### **Deadline for applications 12 Noon 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

The Parish Lengthsman is a self-employed person who can really make a difference to the community environment by maintaining roadside verges and drainage. The work may be expanded to include other small-scale maintenance work. Appropriate basic training on the hazards of working in the highway and standards of work to be achieved will be provided.

This contract for services is for up until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 only but may be extended, commencing on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. This contract is being advertised on the basis that the Parish Council has reviewed its requirements.

Payment for work is based on an hourly rate set by the applicant but agreed by the Parish Council. Worcestershire County Council provides the Parish Council with an annual budget which is managed by the Parish Clerk.

Lengthsman duties typically include :

#### Drainage:

- Clear gully grates.
- Clear verge grips.
- Clear headwalls, outfalls.
- Rod blocked drains if practical.
- Advise landowners and frontagers when their ditches need cleaning.
- In especially difficult circumstances clear ditches – with prior agreement of the Council.

#### Vegetation Clearance:

- Remove vegetation obstructing signs.
- Remove vegetation at junction visibility splays.
- Removal of basal tree growth from highway trees.
- Pulling / cutting of noxious weeds following site specific approval from the Council.
- Side out footways to normal width and spread arisings on verge where possible.
- Negotiate with frontagers for them to cut back overhanging vegetation.

#### Miscellaneous:

- Rotation and charging of mobile Vehicular Activated Signs (VAS) following site specific approval and authorisation from the Council.

- Clean dirty signs and/or retighten brackets, reposition signs which have been knocked out of place where no excavation is required (except illuminated signs).
- Painting of heritage cast iron direction signs.
- Snow clearance and gritting / salting by hand.
- Removal of illegal fly posting.
- Maintenance and repainting of highways approved visibility fencing.
- Cleaning of subways.

The Lengthsman will be required to “walk” the parish on a regular basis to identify any work that may need doing alongside reports made by parishioners and or works requested by the Parish Council.

For an application form contact the clerk at [clerk@broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk); You will need to give 2 references, one of which must be an existing employer.

Interviews will be held week commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**.