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RURAL SKILLS AND LENGTHSMAN'S CONTRACT

The Contract will be from April 1st 2025 until March 31st 2026 with an option following agreement with the Council for a second year.

1. The Contractor will work two days per month across the Parish in April, June, and from September until March (nine months).
2. The Contractor will spread his working days across each month.
3. The Contractor will liaise with the Clerk or a nominated Councillor prior to working each month.
4. The Contractor will be required to clear gutters, and keep drains free from litter, weeds and leaves
5. To trim verges and/ or hedges at junctions which are causing poor visibility or forcing walkers and cyclists to be in the middle of the road.
6. To remove ragwort, and vegetation which is obliterating signs or pinch points, or causing a hazard.
7. To clean road signs and maintain them in good repair and ensure that footpath signs are visible and pointing in the right direction.
8. To clear rubbish and litter found around the Parish and dispose of this appropriately.
9. The contractor may be asked to trim grass verges or remove saplings which are growing in the wrong place.
10. The aim is to relieve roads which are liable to flooding, to enhance visibility, and to maintain the flow of traffic, and improve road safety for cyclists, walkers and all road users.
11. The Contractor will be required to state an hourly rate charged for any additional work authorised or requested by the Parish Council in addition to work covered by this specification.

The Contractor will be paid monthly following the submission of his work log to Chagford Parish Council Clerk.

CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

The Contractor must have a Public Liability Insurance Cover of five million pounds.

The Contractor must provide all necessary signs and visibility gear required to work on the Highway.

The Contractor must provide all necessary tools and equipment and additional labour if required.

The contractor must dispose of all the waste in an appropriate and legal manner.

The Contractor must be trained to DCC Chapter 8 Standard.

The Contractor will be required to submit copies of his/her certificates when the tender is submitted.

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THE TENDER

Tenders are being sought for a Lengthsman with General Rural Skills to work two days per month for nine months of the year across the whole of Chagford Parish from April 2025 – March 2026.

Details of the Specification may be obtained from:

The Parish Clerk – Ruth Wright on 07399815164 or clerk@chagford-parish.co.uk

Any queries with regard to the Specification please contact Jill Millar Chair of Chagford Parish Council on 07928322447 or jill.millar@chagford-parish.co.uk

Tenders should be submitted by midday on Wednesday 8th January 2025 to the Clerk, Ruth Wright at Meldon View, Mill Street, Chagford, TQ138AR. Please submit the Tender in a sealed envelope with an indication on the envelope that it is a 'Lengthsman Tender' in order that all the Tenders will be opened and considered at the same time.

Alternatively if electronic submission is preferable, please submit to clerk@chagford-parish.co.uk. This will then be stored in a secure folder and accessed at the same time as any postal tenders.