

## **Proposal for a Permanent Christmas Tree on the Village Green**

### **Cllr. Sutton – Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

I would like to propose that we as a council look into having a permanent Christmas tree on the green.

- The main reason is for sustainability as each year we cut down a tree that has taken about 12 years plus to grow, as a Christmas tree only grows about one foot a year, then we only have it on the green for around 3 weeks.
- Also it is always the same 4 people who put it up and two of them are over 60. Then it is up to them to make sure it stays upright and this needs checking at least once a day (even more on windy days). This could be a safety issue if it fell down and someone got hurt.
- I would propose that we get a ten foot traditional tree as this would only grow about a foot per year and would not need to be cut down/replaced for ten years+ (depending on how big we let it get).
- I think if the Parish Council agrees in principle that we should put it in the village news so that the villages could have their day as it will effect the people who live around the green, and also the best place it could be planted.
- I would think that if it gets the go ahead we could look around September to look and plant the tree as the wetter months will help it take root.