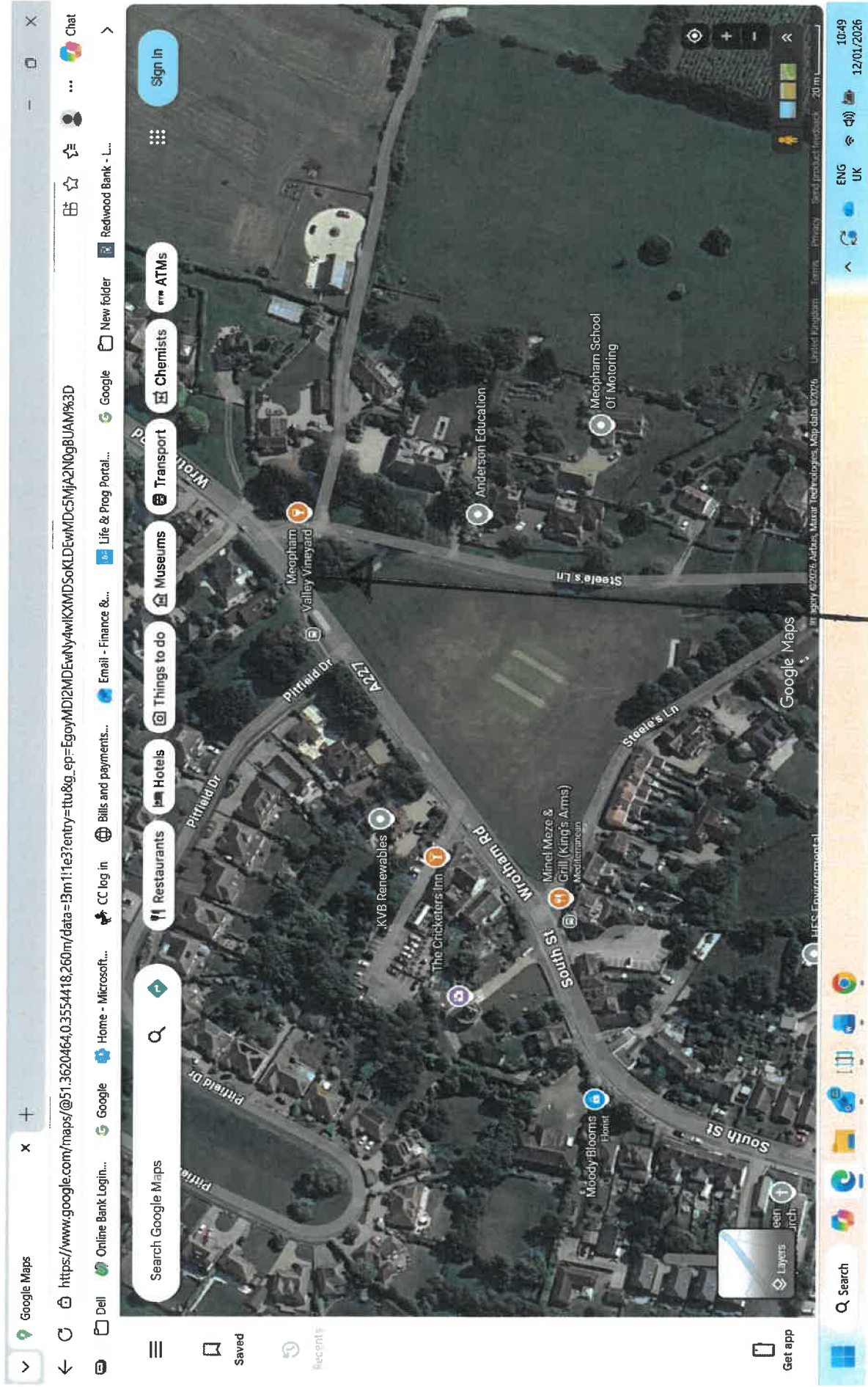




Re: Tree Work

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To Finance & Grants Officer - Meopham Parish Council <[REDACTED]>

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Hi Tracey

We went out and investigated the Large Horse chestnut today I have attached some photos of the Decay in the union which I agree with on the initial report that was done by the other surveyor

Please see my report below -

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Arboricultural Report – Recommendation for Felling

Client: Meopham Parish Council

Site Address: Meopham Green

Tree Species: Horse Chestnut. T0009 (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

Tree Form: Multi-stem

Inspection Date: 06/01/2026

Inspected By: Charlie Stone

Tree Condition & Observations

- The subject tree is a mature multi-stem horse chestnut.

- One primary stem has failed historically, leaving a large exposed wound at the upper stem union.
- Visual inspection shows advanced internal decay at the point of previous failure, with extensive loss of sound structural wood.
- Decay is present within the main stem junction, compromising the integrity of the remaining stems.
- The defect is located at a critical structural point, significantly reducing the tree's ability to safely withstand wind loading.

Risk Assessment

- The remaining stems are now structurally reliant on compromised tissue.
- Horse chestnut is known to have poor compartmentalisation of decay.
- The likelihood of failure is high, and the consequences of failure would be severe, due to the size and weight of the remaining stems.
- Failure is likely to occur without visible warning.

Management Options Considered

- Crown reduction: Not suitable – does not address internal decay at the stem union.
- Bracing: Not appropriate due to advanced decay and loss of load-bearing wood.
- Retention: Not advisable due to unacceptable risk level.

Recommendation

Due to the presence of advanced decay at a primary stem union, the tree presents an unacceptable risk to persons and property.

It is therefore recommended that the tree be felled in its entirety as soon as reasonably practicable.

Conclusion

The structural defects observed are irreversible and will continue to deteriorate. Felling is the only appropriate course of action to eliminate the risk of catastrophic failure.

Charlie Stone

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