

Minutes of Tree Management Sub-Committee
Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 4th June 2007

Present: Councillors A Baker, B Green, Mrs P A Green, Mrs R Gregory, Ms C Mason, P Norton, K Watkins.

Also Present: Residents of Thornton Park Avenue (House No's 15, 17, 19, 25)

Public Session: The residents of Thornton Park Avenue present at the meeting stated that the trees to the rear of their properties on Parish Council owned land had grown so much that light was being blocked out of their houses and gardens. They requested that the Parish Council pollard the trees to reduce their height to around twenty feet. The residents were against the trees being thinned out as they provided privacy to their properties. Concerns were also raised regarding the condition of some of the trees situated there and it was requested that the dead tree be removed. Councillors were concerned that if money was spent pollarding the trees then in five years time they would be back to the same condition but would discuss this further in Council Session.

1. Election of Chair

Nominations were requested for Chair of the Tree Management Sub-Committee. Councillor Mrs P A Green was nominated. There were no other nominations.

Resolved - that Councillor Mrs P A Green is Chair of the Tree Management Sub-Committee for this Parish Council.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were then requested for Vice-Chair of the Tree Management Sub-Committee. Councillor K Watkins was nominated. No other nominations were received.

Resolved - that Councillor K Watkins is Vice-Chair of the Tree Management Sub-Committee for this Parish Council.

3. Apologies: Councillor J Hockin (Work), G Platt (France).

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

4. Declaration of Interest: As per Register.

5. Trees to rear of Thornton Park Avenue

Councillors discussed the points raised in the public session regarding the trees to the rear of the aforementioned properties of Thornton Park Avenue, Muxton. The following options were suggested:

- a. Selling of the land to the residents with a view that any money raised from this should be invested back into the local community.

- b. Request a meeting with the Tree Officer from Telford and Wrekin Council, Residents of Thornton Park Avenue and Parish Councillors. The idea of this is to get the Tree Officers views on pollarding the trees or thin as necessary.
- c. That the Parish Council carries out a “one off” pollard of the trees.

Councillors stated that if any decisions are made which would result in work being carried out then the work would not commence until the autumn.

Resolved – that the Clerk investigates the above options and reports back once the information has been collated.

6. Siting of two Silver Birch Trees

The Clerk informed the Committee that two Silver Birch trees had been donated to the Parish Council. Councillors discussed where it would be best to plant them.

Resolved – that the Clerk contacts local schools to see if they would be interested in having the trees for planting within the school grounds.

The meeting closed at 1855hrs.

Signed:

Date:

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