

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2010 in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 5.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Illingworth (Chairman), Mrs Blacklock and Crowther.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2010 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 435 – 18 FERNDALE DRIVE, KENILWORTH

The Committee considered a report for a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) that was made on 19 May 2010 in respect of the tree at 18 Ferndale Drive, Kenilworth, where an objection had been received.

A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting to assist the Committee in reaching their decision.

The tree was prominently positioned to the front of 17 and 18 Ferndale Drive at the end of the cul-de-sac. It was a semi mature silver birch which approximately 8-10 meters in height with a life expectancy of 60 or more years.

There was one objector to the Order whose concerns related to the size of the tree; its proximity to nearby properties; the loss of light and damage to those properties and nearby water pipes; and the need for consent to be obtained to undertake any works to the tree.

It was the case officer's opinion that the tree made a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the surrounding area and that the issues raised by way of objection were insufficient to outweigh the amenity benefits arising from the presence of the tree.

The Committee felt that although the tree was being cared for and looked after by the current owners, should that ownership change it may not always receive the same level of care and therefore wanted to ensure it would be protected in the future.

Having considered the officers report and presentation and visiting the site, members agreed that the TPO should be confirmed in accordance with the recommendation of the report. This was won by two votes against one.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)

RESOLVED that Tree Preservation Order 435 be
CONFIRMED.

(The meeting ended at 5.20pm)