

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 August 2010 in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 5.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Crowther and Illingworth.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that: Councillor Illingworth be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2010 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 432 – 50 TO 56 STRATHEARN ROAD AND BEAUCHAMP HOUSE, LEAMINGTON SPA

A provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made on 2 March 2010 in respect of a group of trees located within the Leamington Conservation Area. The TPO was made following the receipt of a Conservation Area Notification proposing the crown reduction of two of the trees.

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

The trees were located in a highly prominent roadside location on the land west of 50 – 56 Strathearn Road and Beauchamp House, Leamington Spa and comprised of mature sycamores.

There was one supporter of the application and two objectors. The Objectors raised a number of issues including the danger that they believed the trees presented to properties in the immediate vicinity resulting from their size and location on an excavated bank.

Mr Russell of 52 Starthearn Road addressed the Committee explaining that he felt work needed to be undertaken on the trees as they were of an unacceptable height and that his insurance company had also requested work needed to be carried out.

It was the case officer's opinion that the works that were proposed to 2 of the trees were not appropriate and would have a significant adverse impact on the amenity of the area. The case officer believed that all of the trees the subject of

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the provisional Order made a significant contribution to the character of this part of the Conservation Area and that the objections to the making of this TPO were not sufficient to outweigh the amenity benefits arising from the presence of the trees.

Members all agreed that the trees contributed to the whole area and were important features. However they felt that some work did need to be carried out on the trees and that this should be considered further by their owners in conjunction with advice from council officers.

Having visited the site, heard from the objectors and the officers present, members agreed that the TPO should be confirmed.

RESOLVED that Tree Preservation Order 432 be
CONFIRMED.

(The meeting ended at 5.25 pm)