

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 9th May, 2012 at 2.00pm
in Committee Room 2 at The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Rogers (Vice-Chairman) (In the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Cotterill, Miss Cowell, K Finch, Ms Nicholls and C Wilson

Officers

Mr J Dunn (Tree Protection Officer), Mr C Mellor (Principal Planning Officer Enforcement), Mrs S Willetts (Planning Control Manager) – All Directorate of the Urban Environment, Mrs G Breakwell (Senior Solicitor) and Miss H Shepherd (Assistant Democratic Services Officer) - both Directorate of Corporate Resources

54 **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Knowles.

55 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Rogers declared a Personal Interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in relation to agenda item no. 5 – planning application no. P12/0229 – 2A Berkeley Drive, Kingswinford – Fell 1 Beech Tree, as her son had provided the applicant with a Tree Survey Report in May 2010.

Councillor Miss Cowell declared a Personal Interest, in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct, in relation to agenda item no. 5 – planning application no. P12/0229 – 2A Berkeley Drive, Kingswinford – Fell 1 Beech Tree, as her nephew had provided the applicant with a Tree Survey Report.

Councillor C Wilson declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest, in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct, in relation to agenda item no. 5 – planning application no. P12/0438 – Fairfield House, Quarry Park Road, Stourbridge – Re-establish a beech boundary hedge involving removing to stump level on up to 15 fir trees. Cut down 10 beech trees/hedge to a height of 8-10 feet. Pollard 1 robinia tree. Remove to stump level on further 2 fir trees, as he knew the applicant and his family.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Committee held on 10th April, 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the following planning applications.

- (i) Plan No. P12/0207 – 9 Penns Wood Close, Sedgley, Dudley – Fell 1 Oak Tree.
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Decision: Refused, for the reason set out in the report submitted.

- (ii) Plan No. P12/0229 – 2A Berkeley Drive, Kingswinford – Fell 1 Beech Tree
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Decision: Refused, for the reason set out in the report submitted.

- (iii) Plan No. P12/0299 – Car Park Area Rear of Metropolitan Lofts, Parsons Street, Dudley – Fell 1 Lime Tree
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Decision: Approved, subject to conditions 1 and 2 as set out in the report submitted.

- (iv) Plan No. P12/0342 – 98 and 102 Clock Tower View, Wordsley, Stourbridge – Fell 1 Oak Tree. Crown thin 2 Sycamore Trees by 20%
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Decision: Approved, subject to conditions 1 and 2 as set out in the report submitted.

- (v) Plan No. P12/0343 – 278 Hagley Road, Stourbridge – Fell 1 Silver Birch Tree and Prune 2 Cedar Trees.
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Decision: Approved, subject to the condition set out in the report submitted.

- (vi) Plan No. P12/0374 – 9 Stour Hill, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill – Fell 1 Willow Tree
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Decision: That the application be approved, subject to conditions 1 and 2 as set out in the report submitted, and that, as a consequence of this, approval be given to the revocation of the Borough of Dudley (9 Stour Hill, Quarry Bank) (TPO/0038/QBD) Tree Preservation Order 2010, as the tree was the only tree protected by the order.

- (vii) Plan No. P12/0416 – 24 Stuarts Green, Pedmore, Stourbridge – Fell
1 Scots Pine Tree
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Decision: Approved, subject to conditions 1 and 2 as set out in the report submitted.

- (viii) Plan No. P12/0438 – Fairfield House, Quarry Park Road, Stourbridge – Re-establish a Beech boundary hedge involving removing to stump level on up to 15 Fir Trees. Cut down 10 Beech Trees/hedge to a height of 8-10 feet. Pollard 1 Robinia Tree. Remove to stump level on further 2 Fir Trees.
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(Having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application, Councillor C Wilson left the meeting whilst the application was being considered.)

Decision: Approved, subject to conditions 1 and 2 as set out in the report submitted.

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COMMENTS

Councillor K Finch, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Councillor Mrs Rogers for the able and courteous manner in which she had conducted the meeting and wished the same comments to be expressed to Councillor Knowles, the Chairman of the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Rogers responded and in doing so thanked Members for there continued attendance. Thanks were also expressed to all officers involved with the work of the Committee for all the help and support given.

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm

CHAIRMAN