

## **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS COMMITTEE**

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, at 1.05 p.m. in  
Committee Room 4, The Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT: -**

Councillor James (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Blood, J D Davies, K Finch, Hanif, Ms Nicholls  
and Mrs Rogers.

### **Officers**

Mr J Dunn, Mr C Mellor and Ms S Willetts (Directorate of the Urban  
Environment) Ms S Ahmed and Miss K Wilson (Directorate of Law, Property  
and Human Resources)

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45                    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of  
Councillors Cotterill, Southall and Sparks.

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46                    **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

It was reported that Councillors Hanif and J D Davies had been appointed  
as substitute members for Councillors Cotterill and Southall respectively for  
this meeting of the Committee only.

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47                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members'  
Code of Conduct.

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48                    **MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup>  
March, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

## RESOLVED

That the applications be dealt with as follows: -

- (i) Plan no. P10/0197 – 6 Woodlawn Grove, Kingswinford –  
Fell and replace 1 Chestnut Tree
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Decision: Refused, for the reasons set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

- (ii) Plan no. P10/0241 – 44 Redlake Drive, Pedmore, Stourbridge – Fell 3 Silver Birch Trees and prune 2 Silver Birch Trees.
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During consideration of this application, concerns were raised regarding the overgrowth of ivy on Trees T1 and T2. Although there was no obligation for the applicants to maintain and control the ivy, the Committee requested that they be advised that it would be beneficial to do so.

Decision: Approved, subject to conditions numbered 1 to 3 (inclusive), as set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

- (iii) P10/0256 – 1a Quayle Grove, Wordsley, Stourbridge –  
PART A: Trim 1 Lime Tree by 30%  
PART B: Fell 1 Lime Tree  
PART C: Trim Horse Chestnut Tree by 30%
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During consideration of this application, concerns were raised regarding the applicant's request to trim the Lime Tree by 30%, as it was noted that the tree had not fully re-grown following a similar pruning in 2006.

Decision:

That Parts A, B and C of the application be refused for the following reasons:-

The lime tree and the horse chestnut tree subjects of this application provide useful amount of amenity to the users of Quayle Grove and Cot lane and to the surrounding area. The reasons and the justification put forward in support of the application do not sufficiently justify the detrimental impact on the amenity of the area that would result from the proposed works.

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COMMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

This being the last meeting of the Committee before the Local Elections, the Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their continuing hard work and support at meetings.

Councillor K. Finch on behalf of the members thanked the Chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted meetings of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1.50pm

**CHAIRMAN**