
PLANNING (TREES) SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 19th March, 2025

Present: Councillors Judith Addison, Bernard Dawson MBE, Stephen Button and Loraine Cox

Apologies:

388 Appointment of Chair

The committee appointed Councillor Bernard Dawson as Chair.

389 Appointment of Vice Chair

The committee appointed Councillor Stephen Button as Vice Chair.

390 Apologies for Absence, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Loraine Cox substituted for Councillor Peter Edwards.

391 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last Planning Trees committee held on the 1th of April were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved – That the minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

392 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Tree Preservation Order(s)

Mr Adam Birkett Head of Planning and Transportation presented the reports in the absence of the Arbor and Conservation Officer Katie Morley.

393 Tree Preservation Order - No 2 Back Lane Baxenden

Mr Birkett presented the report submitted by the Arbor and Conservation Officer which recommended the protection of seven trees at Old Play Area, Back Lane, Baxenden, BB5 2TB through the use of a Tree Preservation Order.

Mr Birkett presented the report to the committee and confirmed no representations had been received and a temporary Tree Protection Order has been in place since October 2024.

The reasons for recommending the Trees be protected are set out in the report and Mr Birkett highlighted that there has been interest in purchasing the land which the trees are located on, posing a foreseeable threat to the trees.

Members of the Sub-Committee reviewed the report and appendix and discussed the trees amenity value to the area. The committee noted that a majority of the trees are marked as medium trees which are in mostly good condition and will add value for years to come.

Resolved – The Sub-Committee voted to follow officer recommendations and confirm the permanent TPO on the grounds listed on the report.

394 New Tree Preservation Order - No 3 Waterside, Hoyle Bottom

Mr Birkett presented the report submitted by the Arbor and Conservation Officer which recommend the protection of a Woodland of trees at Waterside, Hoyle Bottom through the use of a Tree Preservation Order.

Mr Birkett presented the report and attached appendix to the Sub-Committee and clarified the previous conduct of the land owner in relation to felling a number of trees including a Sycamore Tree. These images are included in the report.

A temporary TPO was placed on the remaining trees after this occurrence in October of 2024.

The Sub-Committee discussed the actions of the resident in relation with the scoring sheet attached as an appendix to the report. The trees are categorised as Large or Medium Trees which are clearly visible to the public adding amenity value to the area and are likely to live for a number of years.

Resolved – The Sub-Committee voted to follow the officer recommendation and make the TPO permanent on the grounds set out in the report.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed