

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS COMMITTEE

Monday 4th October 2010, at 2.00 p.m. in
Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

PRESENT: -

Councillor James (Chairman)
Councillors Ahmed, Mrs Aston, Mrs Blood, K. Finch, Ms Nicholls, Mrs Rogers and Southall.

Officers

Mr J Dunn and Ms S Willetts (Directorate of the Urban Environment) Ms S Ahmed and Mrs K Taylor (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

Also in Attendance

In respect of agenda item 5 – Mr Patrick, member of the public, as observer.
In respect of application P10/1066 – Mrs Cox, applicant's wife, as observer.

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APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Cotterill.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was noted that Councillor Ahmed had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor Cotterill for this meeting of the Committee only.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th September, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c) it was

RESOLVED

That the order of business at agenda item no. 5 be varied so that planning application P10/1066 be considered as the first application.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the following planning applications. Pre-Committee notes updating information were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the applications be dealt with as follows: -

- (i) Plan no. P10/1066 – 183 Northway, Sedgley, Dudley – Fell 1 Silver Birch Tree and 1 Cherry Tree

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and the members of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Decisions: Refused, for the reasons set out in the report the Director of the Urban Environment.

- (ii) Plan no. P10/0879 – 6 Sandmeadow Place, Kingswinford – Fell and replace 3 Sycamore Trees

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and a member of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

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

- (iii) Plan no. P10/0926 – 93 Norton Road, Stourbridge – Fell 1 Birch Tree

It was noted that the correct copy of the TPO plan and schedule had been circulated with the pre Committee notes, and that since the writing of the report, a further visit had been made to the tree where it was identified that a large branch had died and the canopy was looking more stressed than previously observed.

Although this application was recommended for refusal, Mr J Dunn recommended that it be approved given that a recent visit had confirmed that the tree had declined significantly.

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and a member of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Decision: Approved, subject to the conditions set out below:

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1. The tree works subject of this consent shall be carried out in accordance with British Standard BS 3998: 1989 'Recommendations for Treework'.
2. The works hereby approved shall be carried out within 12 months of the date of this decision.
3. A replacement tree shall be planted between the beginning of November and the end of March, within 1 year of felling (and replanted if necessary) and maintained until satisfactory established. The size, species and location of the replacement trees shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning authority prior to the felling of the tree to which this application relates.

- (iv) Plan no. P10/0980 – 11 Kinloch Drive, Dudley –
PART A: Fell 1 Lime Tree
PART B: Fell 2 Sycamore Trees
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Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and a member of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Decision:

- (a) That Part A be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.
- (b) That Part B be approved, subject to conditions numbered 1 and 2 (inclusive), as set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

- (v) Plan no. P10/0989 – 23 Norton Road, Norton, Stourbridge – Fell 1 Tree of Heaven

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and a member of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

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

- (vi) Plan no. P10/1065 – 5 Claremont Way, Halesowen – Fell 1 Larch Tree and 1 Holly Tree and crown reduce 1 Alder Tree

It was noted that upon inspection the Holly Tree was found to be dead, and therefore would be exempt from the order.

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn and a member of the public withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

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

- (vii) Plan no. P10/1072 – 63 Mere Road, Norton, Stourbridge – PART A: Fell 1 Birch Tree
PART B: Prune 1 Robina Tree

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Decision:

- (a) That Part A be refused for the reasons set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.
- (b) That Part B be approved, subject to conditions numbered 1 and 2 (inclusive), as set out in the report of the Director of the Urban Environment.

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted outlining the objections received in respect of the Borough of Dudley (Jardine Close, Stourbridge (TPO/0024/AMB)) Tree Preservation Order 2008.

A site visit had been made by members of the Committee in respect of this order prior to the meeting.

Following consideration of the application, Mr J Dunn withdrew from the meeting in order to enable the Committee to determine the application.

RESOLVED

That the Borough of Dudley (Jardine Close, Stourbridge (TPO/0024/AMB)) Tree Preservation Order 2008 be confirmed without modification.

The meeting ended at 3.06pm

CHAIRMAN