

Chair - Councillor P W Jones

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

A S Harp

A N Pearce

G P K Pardesi

R M Sutherland

Other Councillors Present:- Councillors A T A Godfrey and J M Pert

Officers in attendance:-

Mr G Finn - Senior Legal Officer

Mr G Pearce - Tree Officer

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

Also present:-

Miss S Eastwood - Avison Young

Mr J M Preston - Property Owner (Trent Road, Stone)

Mr B Williams - Tree Heritage Ltd

Approximately 50 local residents of Eccleshall

PA1 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 January 2018 were submitted and signed.

PA2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A R G Brown and M V Holmes.

PA3 Tree Preservation Order No 624 of 2019 - Land at Shaws Lane and Kerry Lane, Eccleshall, Staffordshire

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development detailing an objection received to TPO No 624 of 2019 from Avison Young as the agent on behalf of Taylor Wimpey and the response of the Council's Tree Officer.

The Order was made by the Council on 18 April 2019 and was detailed in Appendix 1 of the report. A copy of the Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) was detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

The Committee viewed the trees in question on site with the Council's Tree Officer, arriving on site at 10.17 am and reconvening at the Civic Centre at 11.30 am.

The Tree Officer outlined the case as set out in the report and all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

The objector's representative set out her case as provided for, to which all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask any questions.

Councillor J M Pert, Eccleshall Ward Member set out his case in support of the Tree Preservation Order and all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

A number of local residents set out their case in support of the Tree Preservation Order and all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

All Parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

The Committee withdrew from the meeting at this point whilst they considered the case in private.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.

After deliberating in private, the Committee subsequently formed their decision, following which they re-joined the meeting.

Recording of the meeting was resumed.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the authority delegated to the Committee, Tree Preservation Order No 624 of 2019 be confirmed without modification.

Reasons:-

- (i) The Committee is satisfied that the Order is warranted for the reasons given in the report presented by the Tree Officer. The trees do have amenity value;
- (ii) An assurance has been given that the Order will be reviewed and the trees re-assessed at some point in the future;
- (iii) The confirmation of this Order will not prevent the development of the site in the future.

Councillor G P K Pardesi was not present for this part of the meeting.

PA4 **Tree Preservation Order No 625 of 2019 - Land North of Trent Road, Stone, Staffordshire**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development detailing an objection received to TPO No 625 of 2019 from Mr J M Preston and the response of the Council's Tree Officer.

The Order was made by the Council on 5 June 2019 and was detailed in Appendix 2 of the report. A copy of the Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO) was detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

The Committee viewed the trees in question on site with the Council's Tree Officer, arriving on site at 10.49 am and reconvening at the Civic Centre at 11.30 am.

The Tree Officer outlined the case as set out in the report and all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask questions.

The property owner set out his case as provided for, to which all Parties were afforded the opportunity to ask any questions.

All Parties were then given the opportunity to sum up their case.

All Parties withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the case in private.

Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.

After deliberating in private, the Committee subsequently formed their decision, following which the Chairman of the Committee then invited all parties to re-join the meeting.

Recording of the meeting was resumed.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the authority delegated to the Committee, Tree Preservation Order No 625 of 2019 be confirmed without modification.

Reasons:-

- (i) The trees are considered to have amenity value;
- (ii) The site may be developed in the future and the trees should be retained where possible;
- (iii) The objector has indicated a willingness to work with the Tree Officer to determine which trees should be protected when the Area Order is re-assessed in the future.

CHAIR