

APPEALS & REVIEWS COMMITTEE
14TH MARCH 2011

PRESENT: The Vice-chair (Councillor Smith)
Councillors Day, J. Hunt and Pacey

APOLOGY: Councillor Shepherd

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30th March 2010 were confirmed and signed.

5. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

No disclosures of personal interests were made.

6. BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (30 SYSTON ROAD, QUENIBOROUGH) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2010

A report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources outlining details of the Tree Preservation Order served on the site, together with information in respect of the objections received were submitted (item 3 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

A representative of the Strategic Director with responsibilities for the former Director of Development, the appellant, Mr Aynsley and his wife, Mr Hallam and Councillor Brookes attended the meeting to put forward their cases and answer the Committee's questions. The matter was considered in accordance with the procedure stated in the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Borough of Charnwood (30 Syston Road, Queniborough) Tree Preservation Order 2010 be confirmed.

Reason

The majority of the Committee considered that given their size and prominence in the street scene, the wellingtonia trees made a valuable contribution to the visual amenity of the area, which would be eroded if the trees were removed. Although there had been instances of branch failure, as with any tree, there was always a potential risk and whilst accepting that the positioning of the wellingtonia in the street scene was not ideal, with one of the trees leaning towards the road, there was no reason to consider that the trees were not sound and the reasons put forward for objecting to the Order did not outweigh the contribution made by the trees.

7. BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD (25 BEEBY ROAD, BARKBY) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2010

A report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources outlining details of the Tree Preservation Order served on the site, together with information in respect of the objection received was submitted (item 4 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

A representative of the Strategic Director with responsibilities for the former Director of Development and the appellant, Mrs Green attended the meeting to put forward their cases and answer the Committee's questions. The matter was considered in accordance with the procedure stated in the agenda.

RESOLVED that the Borough of Charnwood (25 Beeby Road, Barkby) Tree Preservation Order 2010 be confirmed.

Reason

The Committee noted that the Mexican pine was a rare specimen. The majority of the Committee considered that the tree made a significant contribution to the visual amenity of the area, which would be eroded if the tree was removed and given the rarity of the tree, the reasons put forward for objecting to the Order did not outweigh that contribution.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 27th June 2011 unless notice to that effect is given to the Head of Democratic Services by 5pm on Friday, 8th April 2011.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Appeals & Reviews Committee on 20th June 2011.