



BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
 HELD 7.00PM 19 SEPTEMBER 2023
 AT COMMUNITY CENTRE, SHUTE HILL

2984 MEETING GOVERNANCE

ATTENDANCE: Committee Cllrs. Merritt (chair) Gateshill, Gill, Grimble, Head, & Vooght (6/8).
 Clerk: Mrs. K. Ford. There was no public audience.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Edwards, & Hanafin (2/8)

DOI: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS: No change to the agenda.

RATIFICATION OF MINUTES: It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to resolve the draft minutes as a true and correct record of the proceeding of the Planning Committee meeting held 24.07.23. **RESOLVED.**

2985 LPA DECISION NOTIFICATIONS

A list of notification was circulated prior to the meeting. Ther were no further comments.

2986 NEW APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** for the comment below to be sent to Teignbridge District Council as the Local Planning Authority:

- .01 **APP REF:** 23/00874/TPO - Teign View Farm Higher Exeter Road TQ14 9NX
PROPOSAL: T1 and T2 - Fraxinus excelsior (common ash) - Fell trees leaving habitat stumps at approximately 2m high. The client wishes to remove the trees as they cause conflict with neighbouring properties and wishes to reduce future maintenance costs in line with their budget.
- PTW COMMENT:** I have looked at the planning proposal and I agree that it is a shame to fell a good mature tree just because it is in the wrong place! However, I can also appreciate that a large tree so close to many properties, will be causing considerable anxiety to the property owners, especially with the risk of Ash die back disease a distinct possibility.
- I would suggest that a considerable crown reduction might be considered, as Ash responds very well to coppicing. This would retain the aesthetic of the tree whilst reducing the nuisance to the property owners and neighbours. Just leaving a 2m high stump as proposed, is likely to result in a forest of new shoots that will not form a satisfactory tree.

Following discussions, it was proposed and seconded that the committee agree with the comments made by the Parish Tree Warden and the following comment be submitted.

Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED.**

- BPC COMMENT:** Bishopsteignton Parish Council object to the proposed felling but can appreciate how a large tree so close to many properties, will be causing considerable anxiety to the property owners, especially with the risk of Ash die back disease a distinct possibility.
- It is suggested that a considerable crown reduction be carried out instead?
 Ash responds very well to coppicing. This would retain the aesthetic of the tree whilst reducing the nuisance to the property owners and neighbours. Just leaving a 2m high stump as proposed, is likely to result in a forest of new shoots that will not form a satisfactory tree.

- .02 **APP REF:** 23/01663/CAN - 44 Bishops Avenue Bishopsteignton TQ14 9RA
PROPOSAL: One large Sycamore tree (T1) - completely remove and replaced with a Photinia hedgerow. Two Elm trees (T2 and T3) completely remove and replaced with Photinia hedgerow.
- PTW COMMENT:** The proposed work is very sensible and appropriate to the site. I have talked with the property owner at an earlier time, soon after they moved in. The garden incorporated an old elm hedge and a wild grown sycamore, which had become badly overgrown with ivy in

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the past. The elms are dangerous as they are re growth from the old hedge, where trees have died from Dutch Elm disease. The problem is that the new trees (which will die anyway after they reach a certain size), are attached to the old rotting stumps and can break off and fall.

So, much as I love trees, these ones are best removed.

Following discussions, it was proposed and seconded that the committee agree with the comments made by the Parish Tree Warden and the following comment be submitted.

Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

BPC COMMENT: No objections, the proposed work is very sensible and appropriate to the site.

.03 **APP REF:** 23/01660/CAN - Cross House Fore Street Bishopsteignton TQ14 9QP

PROPOSAL: Crown reduction of 3 silver birch and 1 cherry

Following discussions, it was proposed and seconded that the following comment be submitted.

Agreed unanimously therefore **RESOLVED**.

BPC COMMENT: No objection.

MEETING CLOSED BY THE CHAIR AT 7.20PM

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