

Kingston Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 22 October 2019

James Clear (JCI)
Miki Ellar (ME)
Sue Dalgleish (SD)
Katherine Reid (KR)
Peter Stokes, Clerk
Members of the public: Rachel Hooper, Peter Reynolds

1. Apologies

Julie Conder

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Planning Application S/3493/19/TC: tree work at The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane

Following discussion, it was agreed that:

- 3.1. KPC did not have any objections to pollarding, pruning, crowning or similar work on trees in order to improve their health, or keep branches away from buildings.
- 3.2. KPC did not object to the felling of certain trees the felling of which was recommended in the specialist report filed with the application.
- 3.3. KPC objected to the felling of any tree the felling of which was requested in the application but was not recommended in the specialist report, on one or more of the following grounds:
 - 3.3.1. The tree is within the grounds of a Grade 2* listed building (The Old Rectory), which is adjacent to the grounds of a Grade 1 listed building (the church) and is entirely within a Conservation Area.
 - 3.3.2. The felling of the tree is unnecessary and is not recommended in the arborist's report.
 - 3.3.3. The tree has an amenity value to the public because it is visible from Rectory Lane, Church Lane, or from the grounds of neighbouring properties.
 - 3.3.4. The tree forms part of an ancient hedge within the conservation area and outside the village boundary and which has a special protected status given in the setting up of the Conservation Area.
 - 3.3.5. There was no proposal to replace the tree to be felled
 - 3.3.6. In the current climate of concern regarding climate change it is recommended by several bodies, notably the Woodland Trust, to plant trees rather than fell them.
 - 3.3.7. There is no evidence that permission has been obtained to remove the hedges, as is required under the Hedgerows Regulations 1977.

3.4. It was agreed to write a suitable letter of objection to SCDC. **Action: Clerk.**

4. Invoice from Buchan's Landscapes for £485.15 for grass-cutting and hedge-cutting. Agreed for payment.

Meeting finished at 21:25.

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Date.....