

MEETING OF THE WOODHALL SPA TREE COMMITTEE

23 January 2008

Present; Mrs. Audrey Pestell Parish Councillor (in the Chair),
Mr Chris Astill Parish Councillor, Mrs Pamela Kalinowski, Mr Piotr Kalinowski, Mrs
Daphne Robinson Parish Councillor, Mr. Will Saunders, Mrs Pat Wheat and Mr Jan Wrebel
Mr Roy Ormsby, Business manager for Street Scene, ELDC
Mr Robert Taylor Community Development Officer for Environment, ELDC

- Agreed that Mr Taylor would e-mail the group with details of relevant applications so as to give as much notice as possible to the Parish Council of proposed works to trees.
- Agreed following sequence of events:-
 1. E-mail contact
 2. Possible joint site visit
 3. Parish response within time limits to ELDC
- Agreed that relevant responses from Council would refer to visibility of tree from public places; amenity value of tree; historic context; view of parish if application felt to be simply to create a building plot; views on safety of tree etc. Not a relevant response to simply indicate desire to see no more felling.
- Agreed that Parish Council has an annual allocation of 25 trees from the County Council – this is over and above other trees available as replacements.
- Agreed that the Tree Committee could have a role in ensuring that replacement trees are actually planted up as agreed with ELDC.
- Agreed that Mr Taylor will supply information re Bennetts Mill site. There were no TPOs on the site but Conservation Area status can provide protection. Mr Taylor will talk to the planning officers to clarify and will let Tree Committee have information.
- Agreed re the pinewoods – ELDC would have no objection to management scheme based on a lease arrangement with the Woodland Trust – this would be on the grounds that the work constituted good management practice. Note that the public will need to be kept informed before work starts to allay concerns etc. ELDC officers supplied copy of The County of Lincoln – Parts of Lindsey Tree Preservation (Woodhall Spa) Order 1951 which relates to the pinewoods.
- Agreed re Viking Estate – that the Highway Authority is responsible for trees in the verge between highway and pavement. That re the open space area where S 106 Agreements are in force then ELDC is responsible where area has been adopted. Not clear which areas have been adopted and which remain with the developers. Agreed that a meeting should take place with David Pocklington of ELDC.
- For general contact – trees@e-lindsey.gov.uk.
- ELDC Officers thanked for attending. Next meeting – Friday 22 February 2008 at 7.00 p.m. Parish Offices.