

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 7pm on 26th April 2021 over Zoom video conference.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr. M Humphreys and 5 members of public.

1. Apologies: Mr J Marriage

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

The Chairman asked if the minutes from the planning meeting on the 8th April could be signed off. All councillors concurred.

4. Planning Applications

Application No.: PL/2021/03476

Application Type: Works to Trees in a conservation area.

Proposal: T1-Yew - fell.

Site Address: Spray Road, Ham, SN8 3QR

Mr. Robinson, the applicant, explained that the reason they wished to remove the Yew tree, an Irish Yew Tree, was three-fold, interference with the overhead electric cable, parking space and most importantly that it blocks a lot of light. Some reduction took place 5 years ago but this has proved insufficient.

Lady Walker raised that the with regards to the view from the Village Green the tree would be greatly missed and asked if anything would be put in its place to balance against the Willow. Mrs. Robinson responded, saying that it was very unlikely they would plant anything in that location.

Mr. Humphreys concurred with the applicants with regards to the loss of light and continual growth of the tree.

Following wide discussions, it was agreed to discuss potential replacement ideas once the tree had been felled as it would be easier to make a sensible suggestion at that point.

The council voted no objections to the application.

5. Any Other Business:

A long discussion was had about the state of the verges in the village, particularly with regards to the best kept village competition. The damage caused is particularly server due to the recent weather and increase in large vehicles travelling through the village. No specific solutions were agreed on, but all present agreed further efforts were needed and that it was a genuine problem.

The meeting ended at 7:40pm.