

## Minutes to an extra ordinary meeting of North Dalton Parish Council held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7.00pm at North Dalton Village Hall.

**Present: Cllr R Harrison (Chairman); Cllr R Williams (Vice Chair); Cllrs R Horspool; P Robinson; T Byass; A M McGloughlin and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)**

**597.Apologies** were received from Cllrs C Wade; E Glassby; and R Cowham

### **598.To Receive Declaration of Interest**

- a. Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests - none
- b. Dispensations issued - none

### **599. To discuss and agree comments to Planning Application 24/02283TCA**

**Proposal:** Remove 2 no Ash Trees (T9 & T19) due to die back disease; Crown lift 1 no Walnut tree (T1) and 1 no Sycamore tree (T2) by removing 6 no. branches back to main stems/trunk to increase headroom; Crown lift 1 no Chestnut tree (T3) by removing 7 no lowest branches back to main stems/trunk and remove 1 no hanging branch to increase headroom, remove re-growth back to previous pruning points; Crown reduce 1 no Ash trees (T5) by 2 metres to improve vitality to enhance recovery and generate re-growth/density of leaf cover; Crown lift 1 no Sycamore tree (T8) as illustrated to create amenity clearance zone below tree canopy

**Location:** The Coach House, Main Street. North Dalton YO25 9XA

**Applicant:** S Nicholson

**Application Type:** Tree Works in a Conservation Area

Proposed by Cllr Harrison and agreed by all present that the Parish Council object to this application as far as the crown reduction of the Walnut tree (T1) and Sycamore Tree (T2) are concerned

Comments:

The site sits within the North Dalton Conservation Area, and as such all trees are afforded protection by virtue of that designation.

The removal of trees to enable the projects development will have an impact on the amenity value of the site. This effect of such tree loss will be most significant from the interior of the site rather than externally with most trees around the perimeter being retained

Various site layouts have been produced and evaluated as the project has evolved, which allows key trees to be maintained while accommodating the sensitively arranged dwellings within the existing tree matrix. Underground services and soakaways have generally been located beyond the root protection areas of retained trees, with only minimal encroachments propose. The installation of services within the rooting zones of trees can have a large detrimental impact on the long-term survival of retained trees leading to their unnecessary loss or root failure in high winds.

Having considered the application and the impact that the proposed works will have on the conservation area, the parish council raise no objections to the removal of 2 no Ash trees (T9 and T19) as these are diseased and crowding out the neighbouring Sycamore. We would however

request that a condition is imposed that the loss of these trees is compensated by the planting of 2 no native species trees in a suitable location within the village.

The parish council raise no objections to the crown lift 1 no Chestnut tree (T3) by removing some of the lowest branches as some limbs are damaged, and hanging

The parish council raise no objections to the crown reduction of 1 no Ash tree (T5) to improve vitality, enhance recovery and generate regrowth.

North Dalton Parish Council strongly object to the crown lifting of 1 no Walnut tree (T1) and 1no Sycamore tree (T2). Both of these are mature specimen trees form an integral part of the site and ultimately the conservation area, and are therefore protected. Further walnut trees should only be pruned at specific times of the year as they suffer from sap bleeding which can attract bugs and lead to disease, and should not be crown lifted or subject to hard pruning as this will destroy the tree. The sycamore is a mature specimen tree and crown lifting should be restricted to secondary branches or shortening of branches where possible to prevent decay and stress to the tree.

The tree survey undertaken in June 2021 and revised in December 2023 that accompanied planning application 23/03929/PLF confirms that the 1 no sycamore tree (T8) is growing in an open space adjacent to site boundary wall and contributing to public amenity, and this tree should therefore be protected., the parish council therefore object to the proposal to crown lift purely to create amenity space.

**Meeting closed 7.28pm**

**Signed as a true record**

**Chairman**

**Date**