

## **REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

### **31 OCTOBER 2016**

#### Present:

Councillors Dennis (Chairman), Austen and Hockin

#### Apologies:

Councillor Cook.

#### Also Present:

Mrs Downey – Legal Adviser

Mrs Carpenter – Licensing Officer

Mr McKenzie – Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

Applicants

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Members stood in a minutes silence in respect of the late Councillor Anna Klinkenberg, Chairman of the Regulatory & Appeals Committee from 2010 to 2016 who had recently passed away.*

#### **224. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Hockin proposed that Councillor Charlie Dennis be Chairman of the Regulatory & Appeals Committee. Councillor Austen seconded the proposal.

Resolved

That Councillor Charlie Dennis be appointed Chairman of the Regulatory & Appeals Committee.

#### **225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **226. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER**

Members considered a report which detailed the District of Teignbridge (Pathfinder Village (2) 2016) Tree Preservation Order.

The Council's Arboricultural Officer presented the agenda report, outlining the objections that had been made in addition to his professional counterarguments.

Member's considered an additional letter of representation from the owner's agent's received by email on Thursday, 27 October 2016. In addition to being circulated to Members of the Committee by email, hard copies were distributed to those present at the hearing as well as photographs of the trees taken by Mr Waddams. The appellants did not attend the hearing.

The interested parties present at the meeting submitted that:

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- The trees provided a high amenity value for residents;
- There was evidence to suggest that flora and fauna helped the cognitive functions of the older generation;
- The trees provided a natural screen of the site from the road.

At this juncture, Members adjourned to consider their decision.

Upon reconvening it was

Resolved

To confirm the Tree Preservation Order unmodified.

### Reasons for Decision

The Committee considered the trees provided a high amenity value and were an asset to the local area and landscape. They also agreed that the trees provided a natural break and screen from the site and the adjacent road with their prominence giving rise to environmental benefits to the area.

The Committee considers the protection of the trees in question complies fully with Government guidance. It is therefore expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for their preservation.

## **227. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Vice Chairman moved the following resolution:

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act”.

## **228. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE APPLICATION**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and introduced the Committee.

The Legal Advisor outlined the procedure of the meeting.

After considering all written and verbal representations the Committee adjourned to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening it was

Resolved

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence application be granted.

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CLLR CHARLIE DENNIS  
CHAIRMAN