

BISHOPSTOKE, FAIR OAK AND HORTON HEATH LOCAL AREA
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25 November 2020 (7:00 pm – 8:20 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Couldrey (Chair); Councillors Parker-Jones, Dean, Rushton, Tidridge and Marsh

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

28. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that the Local Area Committee had been meeting informally to discuss various issues and progress had been made in Crowdhill Green. The Eastleigh Community Aid is still running and the Chair encouraged people that needed help to contact Eastleigh Borough Council.

29. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Manager (Agenda item 6) setting out a recommendation for expenditure from the Committee's developer contributions.

RESOLVED –

(1) £1,890 was allocated for a contribution for a new Speed Indicator Device (SID) to enable the allocation of one SID per local area from developer contributions;

- (2) £7,920 was allocated for internal building works at Stokewood Surgery to create more flexible working space for GP's to free up consulting rooms from developer contributions;
- (3) £10,000 was allocated for further improvement works to the Planney woodland in Bishopstoke, from developer contributions; and
- (4) Councillors note the allocation of developer contributions for the provision of a play area at Bow Lake Gardens, Bishopstoke of £67,230, as set out in the section 106 schedule.

30. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

A short pre-recorded presentation was given on guidelines that had to be taken into account when determining planning applications; in particular the issues that could, and could not, be taken into account. This was set against the broader policy framework.

31. PLANNING APPLICATION - LAND OPPOSITE 48/50 DEAN ROAD, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7JE (T/20/87709)

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development Management (Agenda item 8) concerning an application for 1 no. Oak (G14 A) – Remove 2 no. Oaks - (G14 B & C) - Crown reduce by 2 metres maximum (allowing good growth points) on southern side. 1 no. Horse Chestnut (T47) - Crown lift lower crown 4 metres above ground level over the open space. (Ref: T/20/87709).

Members did not agree with the officer recommendation and resolved that in addition to the 4m crown lift of the Horse Chestnut the felling of the Oak tree should also be refused.

RESOLVED –

That the application be determined as set out below:

PART CONSENT, PART REFUSE:

CONDITIONS AND REASONS:

1. **REFUSE: 1 no. Horse Chestnut (T47) - Crown lift lower crown 4 metres above ground level over the open space and 1 no. Oak (G14 A) – Remove.**
2. **Reason: The proposed crown lift of the Horse Chestnut of 4 metres above ground level and the felling of the Oak are considered unjustified and will be of detriment to the health and appearance of the trees. The works would thus result in an adverse impact upon the visual amenity, ecology and wildlife and screening of the surrounding area.**

- 3. CONSENT TO: 2 no. Oaks - (G14 B & C) - Crown reduce by 2 metres maximum (allowing good growth points) on southern side. 1 no. Horse Chestnut (T47) - Crown lift lower crown 2.5 metres above ground level over the open space.**
- 4. No branches over 50mm in diameter shall be removed and the tree works shall retain the natural shape and habit typical of the species. Reason: To safeguard the health and amenity of the tree.**
- 5. The tree works hereby consented shall be completed within 2 years of the date of this permission and shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and to British Standard for Tree Work BS3998:2010**

Note to Applicant: It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed tree works are acceptable because they will not materially harm the character of the area, the amenity of neighbours or highway safety, and are in accordance with the policies and proposals of the development plan and after due regard to all other relevant material considerations the local planning authority is of the opinion that permission should be granted.

Note to applicant: All works hereby consented should be carried out by a suitably qualified and insured tree surgeon. A copy of the decision notice should be given to the Tree Surgeon. Note to applicant: Deadwood may be removed at any time without an application.

Note to applicant: Please be advised that the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994 protect ALL wild birds, their nests (whether in use or being built) and eggs and other wild animals including bats and their roosts in or adjacent to trees. Note to applicant: The granting of consent does not give the applicant or their agent a legal right to enter land without the owner's permission.

Note to applicant: Advice regarding overhead utilities should be sought with the relevant service provider prior to commencing works. Note to applicant: Please follow current recommended Bio-security measures - Further advice can be found at <https://www.trees.org.uk/News-Blog/News/Biosecurity-in-Arbiculture-and-Urban-Forestry-Po>

Note to applicant: Deadwood within trees provides a rich and important habitat; it can be a natural part of the tree's life cycle. Consider retention of deadwood where it is safe to do so.

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