

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Planning Committee

Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present:

R D Burrett (Chair)

Y Khan (Vice-Chair)

Z Ali, K L Jaggard, S Malik, M Mwagale, S Pritchard, S Raja and S Sivarajah

Also in Attendance:

Councillor K Khan

Officers Present:

Siraj Choudhury Head of Governance, People & Performance

Jean McPherson Group Manager (Development Management)

Clem Smith Head of Economy and Planning

Jess Tamplin Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor S Mullins

1. Disclosures of Interest

The following disclosures of interests were made:

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| Councillor Burrett | Tree Preservation Order Application CR/2022/0709/TPO – 24 Walton Heath, Pound Hill (Minute 5) | Personal Interest – a West Sussex County Councillor. |
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2. Lobbying Declarations

No lobbying declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 5 December 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Tree Preservation Order Application CR/2022/0623/TPO - Front Garden of 13 Keymer Road, Southgate

The Committee considered report [PES/409a](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning which proposed as follows:

Oak – crown reduction of a maximum of 1.5 metres to nearest appropriate growth points. Removal of deadwood (amended description).

Councillors Burrett and Jaggard declared they had visited the site.

The Group Manager (Development Management) provided a verbal summation of the application, which sought consent for containment pruning to the crown of an oak tree which had become overgrown and was preventing light from entering nearby residential properties.

The Committee then considered the application.

RESOLVED

Consent subject to the conditions set out in report PES/409a.

5. Tree Preservation Order Application CR/2022/0709/TPO - 24 Walton Heath, Pound Hill

The Committee considered report [PES/409b](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning which proposed as follows:

False acacia (T1) – fell due to excessive lean across highway and footpath.
Cherry prunus (T2) – fell due to disease and proximity to highway and footpath.

Councillors Burrett and Jaggard declared they had visited the site.

The Group Manager (Development Management) provided a verbal summation of the application, which sought consent for the felling of two trees which were in decline and were considered unsafe. A request for the works had been made to the applicant by the Highways authority to ensure the adjacent road and pavement remained safe for public use.

The Committee then considered the application and agreed that the reasons for felling were justified. It was confirmed that the two replacement trees would automatically be subject to Tree Preservation Orders.

RESOLVED

Consent subject to the conditions set out in report PES/409b.

Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Planning Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.44 pm.

R D Burrett (Chair)