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POLICE

Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council Meeting – 03.02.2022

The Figures stated below incorporate the Policing Area known as "Needwood". This incorporates the villages of Barton-under-Needwood, Catholme, Rangemore, Tatenhill and Wychnor. All figures, unless stated otherwise, incorporate a twelve month period which in this instance captures data from 31/01/2021 to 31/01/2022.

Crime

Overall

21% increase this year compared to last year – 166 incidents last year to 201 incidents this year, an increase of 35 crimes.

Biggest Reductions – Top Three

Business Burglary – 12 incidents last year to 5 incidents this year

Other Offences – 6 incidents last year to 4 incidents this year

Drug Offences – 5 incidents last year to 4 incidents this year

Biggest Increase

There has been an increase of reports of Vehicle Interference. This has risen from 1 incident last year to 6 incidents this year.

Pattern or Trend

Local Hot Spot locations are still being patrolled regularly with special attention being paid to Public Houses and the nuisance that comes from patrons late at night. Concerns have been raised regarding the Policing of Public Houses, although very few official reports are being made. Encourage residents to follow the proper channels and contact Police directly via 999 or 101.

Contacting your PCSO via email is not the correct course of action for 999 calls.

Focused Crime Prevention advice

Businesses urged to regularly review their security.

- Review the security of perimeter fencing and gates on a regular basis, checking for holes or weak spots that might assist access to your site.
- Consider your existing security measures.
- Do intruder alarms, closed circuit television (CCTV) and adequate lighting cover the site?
- Review the position of skips and storage units, consider using cages.
- Park company vehicles so fuel tanks are as inaccessible as possible and use lowest clearance vehicles to block higher clearance ones to deter fuel and catalytic converter thefts.
- Forensically mark metal using products such as a DNA type security marking system.
- Fix signs to highlight your security measures to would-be thieves - CCTV in operation - vehicles left with minimum fuel - catalytic converters and property forensically marked.

ASB

Overall

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have decreased over the year from 75 incidents last year to 44 incidents this year, a decrease of 41%.

Biggest Reduction

There has been a decrease in reports of Nuisance Communications – 2 incidents last year to 0 incidents this year

Biggest Increase

There has been an increase in reports of Environmental Damage and Littering – 1 incident last year to 2 incidents this year

HOT Spot Locations

The following areas are being patrolled as per our current patrol plan: Holland Park Sports Club, adjacent car parks and drive ways, the fishpond, Collinson Road Park and Oak Road Shops are all being patrolled as part of our Anti-Social Behaviour Patrol Plan. Also the industrial estates / business premises are being regularly patrolled. Special attention is being paid to the local Public Houses due to concerns being raised by the public, although very few reports have been made officially to Police. Without official Police reports being made little action can be taken. Encourage residents to contact Police directly so that any available officer can deal with it as soon as possible, rather than waiting for a PCSO who may be off duty.

Community engagement

Contact details of the Ward Team are:-

- PCSO Tim Leathers – timothy.leathers@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
- PC John MacDonald – john.macdonald@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk
- Sgt Helen Kirkland – helen.kirkland@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

Smart Alert

Be SMART and Keep Updated – Get FREE, Localised Crime Alerts and Community Safety advice by utilising the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This is available FREE and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can also get Email alerts through the following website; www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//

Digital 101

Digital 101 means that Members of the public can now report non-emergency incidents or make general enquires to Staffordshire Police through the force's main Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Staffordshire Police is one of the first forces to facilitate crime reporting through social media and this development supports the force's ongoing work to develop new and more convenient ways for the public to make contact with the police, anywhere, any time. It's also the latest development in the force's transformational programme, following the launch of its new operating model last summer.

Staffordshire Police is committed to providing the best possible service to the communities it serves and to delivering a modern police service reflective of modern-day needs.

The service launched on 4th March 2019 and is available to the public 7am – midnight, seven days a week. Members of the public can contact the force through its Facebook Account using the message facility or Facebook Messenger, Twitter users can Direct Message us via the Staffordshire Police Twitter Account @StaffsPolice

Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Summary
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2021-2022

Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total to Date
Rents	825.00	550.00	58.33	43.75	16.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,493.75
Interest	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.47	0.59	0.58	0.56	7.93	0.00	0.00	12.69
ESBC	31,937.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,937.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63,875.98
Burial Ground	2,150.00	380.00	2,155.00	0.00	1,580.00	1,595.00	630.00	1,730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,220.00
Fishpond	630.00	200.00	820.21	350.00	661.10	400.00	260.00	90.00	105.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	3,586.31
VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,682.00
BVH Sal, Tax & NIC	544.57	586.49	575.17	593.93	600.95	684.01	572.77	543.97	1,144.49	1,168.17	0.00	0.00	7,014.52
Other	5.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.89
Grants/donations	0.00	0.00	14,500.00	25.00	10.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,035.00
Total Income	36,093.95	1,716.98	18,109.22	1,013.21	2,869.25	34,617.47	1,988.36	11,046.55	3,250.05	1,246.10	0.00	0.00	111,951.14

Payments													Total to Date
Bank Charges	11.25	7.85	23.25	24.10	0.00	8.95	17.60	16.55	11.10	14.70	0.00	0.00	135.35
Salaries & Wages	2,953.49	2,726.80	2,720.66	2,963.00	2,727.80	2,954.09	2,727.80	2,718.89	3,211.59	2,603.23	0.00	0.00	28,307.35
HMRC	951.66	1,129.60	1,029.80	1,014.82	1,178.36	1,042.52	1,290.64	1,039.34	1,003.34	1,411.48	0.00	0.00	11,091.56
Nest Pensions	256.81	280.51	258.68	258.70	280.51	258.68	280.51	258.68	258.68	301.51	259.82	0.00	2,953.09
Admin	746.82	275.85	2,877.62	642.25	89.99	894.66	708.68	1,327.04	305.62	570.00	0.00	0.00	8,438.53
Burial Ground	388.34	11.99	33.34	445.22	299.06	16.67	33.39	16.67	125.00	271.07	0.00	0.00	1,640.75
Allotments	0.00	0.00	38.38	13.94	223.82	0.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	238.63	0.00	639.77
Fishpond	718.55	782.50	0.00	521.48	133.16	300.00	560.25	112.50	0.00	122.26	0.00	0.00	3,250.70
Donations & S137	85.70	0.00	0.00	50.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	113.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	368.70
Parks & Open Spaces	414.23	1,502.63	902.85	3,492.85	1,127.76	1,765.41	1,111.12	1,092.85	120.18	80.00	0.00	0.00	11,609.88
Capital Expenditure	0.00	0.00	315.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,752.48	0.00	436.20	4,670.00	0.00	0.00	7,174.51
Maintenance & Repair	30.12	0.00	0.00	50.00	120.00	0.00	195.69	0.00	1,088.63	283.98	0.00	0.00	1,768.42
Car Park	118.47	75.28	71.28	89.10	327.40	89.10	71.28	221.28	89.10	71.28	0.00	0.00	1,223.57
Lengthsmen	82.00	65.60	65.60	82.00	65.60	200.56	245.29	160.40	272.76	178.20	0.00	0.00	1,418.01
General payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	89.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.45
Projects	16,891.00	972.60	0.00	175.80	0.00	819.00	237.00	8,819.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,914.40
VAT	3,502.06	580.77	372.18	841.64	278.84	639.48	723.94	487.33	139.98	993.94	0.00	0.00	8,560.16
Total Spend	27,150.50	8,411.98	8,709.47	10,664.90	7,002.30	8,989.12	9,955.67	16,508.53	7,151.63	11,571.65	498.45	0.00	116,614.20

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Barton under Needwood Parish Council			Bank Reconciliation as per statements at:		01-Feb-22
Lloyds Current A/C			£	1,502.55	
Lloyds Deposit (Instant Access) A/C			£	49,042.33	
National Savings			£	73,853.99	
Petty Cash			£	150.00	
Total Bank Balances					£ 124,548.87
<u>Add Credits not on Statement</u>					
				£0.00	£ 124,548.87
<u>Less unrepresented payments:-</u>					
				30.00	
				30.00	
				£60.00	£ 124,488.87
<u>Opening Balances :-</u>	<u>Bank Statements as at 31st March 2021</u>				
Lloyds Current A/C		£	2,001.00		
Lloyds Deposit A/C		£	56,534.85		
National Savings		£	73,846.60		
Petty Cash		£	150.00		
Parish Council -			Total	£ 132,532.45	
<i>Add Receipts to date</i>		£	113,816.14		
<i>Less Expenditure to date</i>		£	121,859.72		
Total Cash and Investments as at -				£ 124,488.87	
				<u>Difference</u>	£ 0.00
RFO, S. Rumsby					

Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Scheduled Payments presented to Full Council

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		£	£	£
Payee		Value Gross	VAT	NET
Salaries total		3,782.47		3,782.47
Nest		259.82		259.82
HMRC		1,135.81		1,135.81
Mitmark	Collinson park CCTV	96.00	16.00	80.00
Barton Fields	Topsoil Burial Ground	65.00	10.83	54.17
Burton Skip Hire	Burial Ground	150.00	25.00	125.00
David Ogilvie	Benches Main Street	4,200.00	700.00	3,500.00
Source for Business	Water Allotments	238.63		238.63
Total Net Payments				9,175.90

PLANNING – All matters have been referred to the Planning Committee and their comments appear in italics below, the Committee meet fortnightly 5pm, in the Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall. Please contact the clerk for dates should you wish to attend any Planning Meetings

1. Consultation on Removal of Permitted Development Rights from C3 (Dwelling House) to C4 (Small House of Multiple Occupation) in Burton on Trent 8/12/21 – 17/1/22 – *Comments submitted:*
Barton Under Needwood Parish Council has been interested for a while in the principle of a possible Article 4 Direction in the village. From a very tentative discussion with an officer we got the impression, however, that ESBC did not really favour this approach. We were also very discouraged when we saw that the government had amended the criteria for making Article 4 Directions in the recent update of the National Planning Policy Framework. This states that they should only apply to the smallest geographic area and must be based on robust evidence.
When we were notified of the present proposal to apply an Article 4 Direction to the urban area of Burton for the purpose of taking away permitted development rights to change to small HMOs, we therefore took more than a passing interest in terms of the process and the evidence required for submission. Barton is clearly not affected directly with the proposal but we would just like to make a few comments about the documents we have seen.
We are gratified that our first impression of ESBC not really favouring Article 4 Directions has not come to fruition. We can also see that the application to the smallest geographic area has to be seen in context. Whilst a Burton wide area may be seen as an heroic interpretation of the guidance, because of that, we would hope that we may be able to open a dialogue with ESBC about how such an approach may be applicable to a much smaller area.
We also see that the requirement for robust evidence is perhaps not quite so onerous as we first imagined. Clearly the reason for making the order is on well-being grounds, particularly where HMOs can be associated with anti-social behaviour, but by ESBC's own admission (Cabinet Report August 2021) even the highest concentrations of HMOs never approach more than 2% in any ward. Elsewhere in the country action seems to have been taken where that percentage increases to 10%. So has the alternative of perhaps giving priority to those wards and streets with the highest concentration been considered and if so what were the reasons for rejection - off street parking, for example, may be more easier to achieve in some wards than others? The Report also refers to Environmental Health receiving over 200 complaints about unlicensed HMOs, over a five year period, but surely this needs to be seen in context of overall complaints over the same period, so that you can get some idea of the scale of the problem?
We completely understand the desire of ESBC to want to take control of the planning position regarding the impact of HMOs in the neighbourhood. We therefore welcome the imaginative use of an Article 4 Direction to target a specific issue and look forward to discussing how a further selective use might be applied in other wards particularly in a conservation context
2. 01505 - Errisbeg House, Barton Turn : Erection of a cabin to be used as a dog grooming salon (Sui Generis)
The policy for this application is SP8 which states that development outside settlement boundaries will not be permitted unless it is, (most appropriate to this proposal):
“Essential to the support and viability of an existing lawful business or the creation of a new business appropriate in the countryside in terms of type of operation, size and impact and supported by relevant justification for a rural location.”
We do not see that the applicants have demonstrated that this is the case and the development proposed is therefore inappropriate for this location.
3. 01664 - 7 Holly Road : Erection of a single storey side and front extension including pitched roof over existing flat roof – *no objections*
4. P/2021/01502, P/2021/01504 Home Farm Dunstall
We have no comment to make on the application in principle.
Our concerns are with the effect of the proposed development on roads in the area. The traffic census count surprised us with what appeared to be low numbers of vehicle movements in Dunstall Road between the 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm which are regarded as notorious for congestion associated with John Taylor High School. One traffic survey was conducted in April 2021 when, although schools were open with some reduced hours, people were still advised to work from home etc. due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has been the case in varying degrees since March 2020 and the effect continues to be noticeable to date. The traffic survey dated 7th October 2021 has only a handful of PSV movements recorded whereas in “normal” times we understand some two dozen buses and coaches serve the school.
It is accepted that most visitor journeys will be by car. During a normal school day there is a line of parked vehicles in Dunstall Road, Barton near John Taylor High School reducing the road to a single lane with few gaps for vehicles to pull in and pass. At school opening and closing times this is added to by parent’s vehicle movements and school buses entering and leaving the site which can add up to 30 minutes for a vehicle journey along the few hundred yards between Small Meadows Lane and Main Street. Most Barton residents where possible avoid the road during these hours. We feel that the existing level of traffic and congestion in Dunstall Road Barton has been seriously underestimated. We suggest Staffs C.C. Highways are asked for any records of previous surveys along this road.

Roads around Dunstall are country lanes needing neither street lighting, footpaths nor speed limits, indeed this is part of the attraction of the location. For travel by foot or pedal cycle however this is something of a deterrent. NPPF requires such rural developments to promote opportunities for sustainable travel. We see no reference to how this is to be undertaken.

SP8 requires such developments to provide facilities for use of the general public and be reasonably accessible by foot, cycle, or public transport. There is currently no public transport and no proposals by the applicants to set out either how it will promote sustainable travel or at least mitigate the use of the private car.

SP35 commits ESBC to developing an integrated community aiming to promote a modal shift to sustainable travel away from private cars. Staffs C.C. Highways have expressed doubts about the location needing to rely on private cars.

If ESBC do approve this application, we ask that the applicants are required to provide a travel plan with details of how sustainable travel is to be promoted and monitored. We would like to see, for example, some permissive footpaths and routes between Barton and Dunstall to facilitate safe access. We would also like ESBC to consider a s106 agreement to provide some mitigation for the adverse impact of the increased traffic on roads in Dunstall and the surrounding area.

5. 01652 - Land rear of 8 Arden Road : Erection of a single storey detached dwelling

This proposal is for the erection of a three-bedroom bungalow in the rear garden of 8 Arden Road. Access is gained, by a long driveway, on the western side of the main property and provision is made for three parking spaces within the proposed plot, but with no garage. The existing property looks like it occupies about 3/5ths of the plot and the proposed bungalow the remaining 2/5ths. This section of Arden Road is characterized by a mix of detached properties, with the north side consisting of predominantly bungalows. Most properties have above average sized plots although some are larger than others.

Comments

Whilst the principle of development within the settlement boundary of the village is established, planning applications will still have to meet the specific and detailed requirements of individual policies, especially regarding design.

Policy SP 24 High Quality Design

1.1 This policy states that proposals must contribute positively to the area in which they are proposed. Developments must help to create a sense of place and reinforce character and identity through local distinctiveness. Proposals must also present an appropriate layout that integrates with the existing environment and context including space around dwellings. In particular relation to this proposal, development should reflect the existing density of its locality. Intensification of an existing built up area will only be allowed where development would represent a benefit and not be harmful to the character of the area.

1.2 Clearly this is an infill plot at the rear of frontage development in Arden Road. In that sense, it represents an intensification of the built-up form. Despite the relatively large plots of properties, not just along Arden Road but also on Efflinch Lane, there have been no examples of infilling. This proposal will be built on a substantially smaller plot than the surrounding properties and, accordingly, will not be in keeping with the local density. We feel that the proposed development is inappropriate as it fails to integrate within the existing street context and, therefore, does not contribute positively to its surroundings. In this case, we cannot see what benefit can be brought to the character of the area by permitting this development.

1.3 We believe the proposal is contrary to Policy SP 24

Design of New Development: Policies DP 1 and DP 3

2.1 Policy DP 1, again, emphasises the need for developments to respond positively to their context, but is also concerned with the general principles of the detailed design including issues such as the massing in terms of shape, volume and density.

2.2 Policy DP 3 sets out more detailed design guidelines including issues of overlooking, loss of light and the need for space to allow normal outdoor and domestic activities. This policy, however, also has a section dealing specifically with infill plots. They will only be permitted where it would not result in an unacceptable intensification; they would be

sensitively integrated; not be visually intrusive; and the size of the garden to the new dwelling and the existing building is appropriate of the size of the dwelling and reflects the spatial pattern of the area.

2.3 *The documents accompanying the application merely consist of a block plan, a series of elevations and a floor plan. There is no additional information and, therefore, no material considerations have been submitted.*

2.4 *From looking at the Block Plan, our impression is that the proposal just seems too large for the size of the plot proposed, especially in the context of the existing density. We fear that the mass of the building may just dominate what is a large open area of private space i.e. the garden land at the rear of Arden Road and Efflinch Lane, and, therefore, is likely to be visually intrusive. In that sense we do not feel that the proposal reflects the spatial pattern of the area.*

2.5 *The amount of space for manoeuvring three vehicles in the proposed parking area also seems very tight. If increased in area, however, then this would reduce the amount of amenity space for the property even further. The long driveway to serve the property, adjoins the existing residence for at least part of its length. We would be concerned that the narrowness of this driveway may make it difficult for deliveries and, more importantly, for access by emergency vehicles.*

2.6 *The ESBC Design Guide indicates that for Barton the predominant materials are red-orange brick with some limited use of Staffordshire Blue Brick for detailing. Materials are yet to be determined, but we are disappointed that the applicants appear to want to use render contrary to the Design Guide.*

Separation Distances and Amenity SPD

3.1 *Our fears about intensification are confirmed in the Separation and Amenity Supplementary Planning Document. This SPD sets out spacing standards which are concerned with overlooking, overbearing impacts and the intensification of vehicular and pedestrian activities close to the boundary of existing residential properties. The recommended minimum back to back distances between properties (para 4.3) should be 21m. From our, admittedly rough and ready, calculations, we do not consider that this standard has been achieved.*

3.2 *Private garden spaces are regarded as an essential component of high-quality design and a key to a sustainable residential environment. Garden spaces should be sufficient to accommodate most household activities and to offer some sunshine and encourage plant growth. In the SPD, the recommended minimum garden size for a three bedroomed house is 60sqm. Our rough calculations indicate that this may be met but may be questionable if further vehicle manoeuvring space is required. The rear and the eastern side elevation of the residence also sits right on the edge of the respective boundaries, meaning that the only really usable amenity space is located on the western side of the property. We also feel that in view of the existing density then meeting just the minimum standard would be inappropriate. The standard to be met should be higher in view of the character of the area.*

3.3 *Accordingly, we feel that the proposal is contrary to Policies DP 1 and DP 3*

Conclusion

4.1 *We do not feel that this proposal meets the specific criteria regarding infill plots as set out in Policy DP 3. We feel that it would result in an unacceptable intensification resulting in a density which does not reflect the spatial pattern of the area. We consider that the proposed plot is too small for the size of the residence proposed. This is confirmed by our interpretation of the proposal not meeting the required separation distance as set out in the SPD. We feel that the proposal will not be sensitively integrated and accordingly would not make a positive contribution to its surroundings.*

4.2 *The Parish Council objects to this proposal as being contrary to Policies SP 24, DP 1 and DP3.*

6. ES.20/06/501 MW – Newbold Quarry – correction to operating times, invitation to presentation 9.30am, 3/2/21
7. 00049 - Castle House , 33 Station Road : Felling of 1 Yew tree, reduce height to 5 metres and reduce spread by up to 1 metre all round of 2 Yew trees, reduce height to 8 metres and reduce spread by up to 1 metre all round of 1 Yew tree, reduce height to 4 metres of 3 Holly trees and reduction in height to 5 metres and reduce spread to 1.5 metres all round from trunk of 1 Yew tree – see full comments annexed.
8. 00076 – 171 Efflinch Lane - Erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extension – no objections

9. P/2019/01494 - Unit 2 Bell Lane : Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the conversion and alterations to existing workshops to form 2 no residential dwellings including two dormer windows to Plot 2 and rooflights to front and rear of Plot 1 and bin store – Notice of Appeal APP/B3410/W/ 21/3285069
10. 00087 - 24 Fullbrook Avenue : Erection of a front porch and single storey rear annexe extension

ESBC Decisions – Permissions Granted

1. 01473 - Land South of , Ashcroft House, Small Meadows : Change of use of land to equestrian (Sui Generis) & erection of stable block with associated concrete apron for private use
2. 01569 - Deer House, Dunstall Road : Cut back from building to give a 2.5 - 3m radial clearance to one Sycamore tree (T1
3. 01413 - 56-58 The Green : Erection of a single storey side extension, conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation, installation of rooflight to existing garage roof and erection of a front porch
4. 01519 - 70 Church Lane : Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation and store with associated roof alterations and installation of roof light to existing roof
5. 01470 - 112 Park Road : Erection of a single storey rear extension, front porch and conversion of part of existing garage and utility room, including raising of height to form additional living accommodation
6. 01433 - 114 Main Street : Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor Material Amendment to planning permission P/2019/01366 relating to the demolition of existing outbuilding/garage and single storey attached flat roof extension to facilitate the erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension and erection of a glazed canopy without complying with Condition 2 by way of increasing the size of the single storey element of the proposed extension and additional windows and rooflight
7. 01580 - 70 The Green : Erection of a single storey rear extension and erection of a rear dormer to facilitate additional living accommodation

SCC Decisions – Permission Granted

1. **ES.21/01/501 MW:** to vary conditions 5, 6 and 7 of permission ES.17/13/501 MW to allow the concrete product factory and associated mobile plant to operate on a 24/7 basis and to extend the hours during which HGVs can access the concrete product factory for a temporary 12 month 'trial' period at Newbold Quarry concrete products factory

P/2022/00049 - Application for Tree Works in a Conservation Area
Castle House, Station Road, Barton under Needwood.

Comments of Barton under Needwood Parish Council – 02 Feb 2022

P/2022/00049 - Application for Tree Works in a Conservation Area Castle House, Station Road, Barton under Needwood.

On behalf of Barton under Needwood Parish Council Planning Committee Cllr Ed Sharkey (who is a Landscape Architect by profession) met with the owner Mrs Cheryl Smith on Monday 31 January to view the site and go through the works proposed in the application.

Following discussion on modifications to the proposed works Cllr Sharkey reported on the suggested changes to the BPC Planning Committee at its meeting on 31 January

The Parish Council commend the new owners of Castle House for the work they have been doing on the property and for the improvements to the road frontage with the installation of a dwarf timber sleeper retaining wall, new bespoke steel railings and use of advance planting stock to create a new Yew hedge to the rear of the railings.

The frontage had been much overgrown for many years and offered no view of Castle House – one of the historic properties in the village.

Much of the tree and shrub growth on the frontage was most probably a 'Victorian Shrubbery' of mixed evergreens put in to screen the house from the road.

Examination of early C20th photos shows that there is not thought to have been a formal 'hedge' along the roadside.

The photograph dated from 1912 shown that the Yew trees on the frontage are already of considerable size and age and may well have been put in when the house was built in the 18th Century

The applicants' suggestions to reduce the height and spread of the Yews are supportable and ESBC has previously given permission for similar works to old Yew trees in the Conservation Area on Dunstall Road.

In particular at this location the canopies of the trees are being damaged by passing HGV traffic and branches being broken off.

Barton PC have suggested to the applicant that for the avoidance of doubt they should agree a schedule of modifications to the list of proposed works with annotated photographs to identify some additional works beyond those described on the original application form.

BPC have prepared the schedule which has been discussed and agreed with the applicants.

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The main changes are:

1. some explicit notes on removal of three limbs on the trees
2. the suggestion that the outgrown Hollies either side of the entrance gate should be coppiced and the re-growth trimmed to a topiarised dome form and maintained at approx 1.5m in height
3. Yew Tree T8 should be RETAINED and NOT felled

The limbs proposed to be removed on Tree T1, T3 and T8 are shown on the set of annotated photographs.

Coppicing of the multi-stem Hollies will extend the useful life expectancy of the trees whilst at the same time allowing glimpsed views into the site and of the historic house.

Trimming the resultant re-growth to a topiarised dome will provide a neat landscape feature flanking each side of the entrance gateway and would be in keeping with the style and setting of the Georgian/Victorian property.

Coppicing the Holly T7 will also let in more light and allow the new Yew hedge planting to be extended to flank the right hand side of the entrance gateway creating better visual balance on the frontage.

It will also allow more light through to the Yew tree behind – T8 – and if the deadwood is removed from the Yew canopy and a slight canopy reduction approved then there is less likelihood of the applicants perceiving a need to actually remove the whole tree.

In the Parish Council's view complete removal of Yew tree T8 is unnecessary and would have a negative impact on the character of the Conservation Area locally and on the setting of the historic building.

The changes suggested were discussed and agreed by the Parish Council's Planning Committee on 31-01-22.

Cllr Sharkey subsequently met Mrs Smith on site again on 02-02-22 to review the PC's suggested modifications and she indicated her agreement to them and that she would contact the Planning Officer to ask that the schedule of modifications replace the original list of works and be taken to be the works now being applied for.

The same document is attached to these notes.

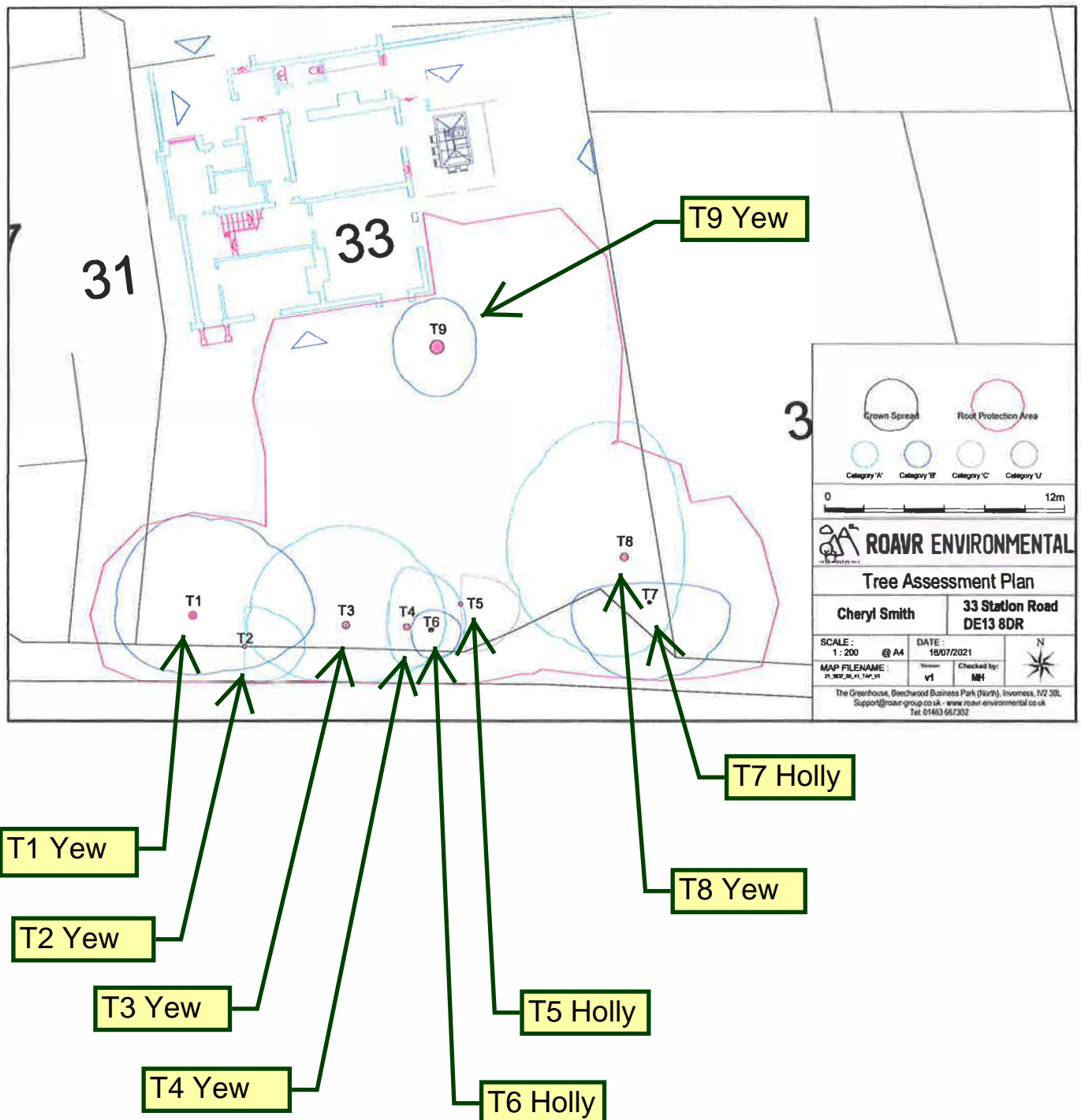
Barton Parish Council would therefore ask that ESBC note the PC's support of the revised schedule of works.

Ian Gilbey
Chairman – Barton under Needwood Parish Council Planning Committee.

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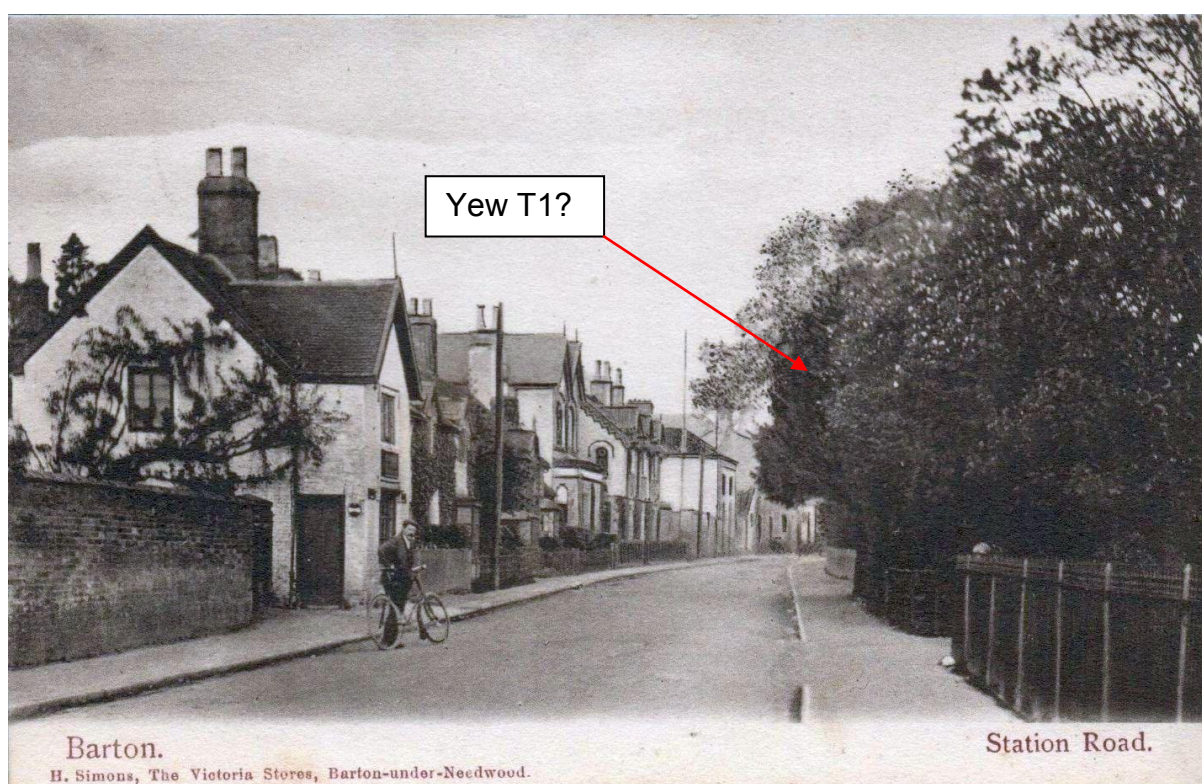
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Additional notation to Location Plan - see also annotated site photographs and schedule of modifications to application





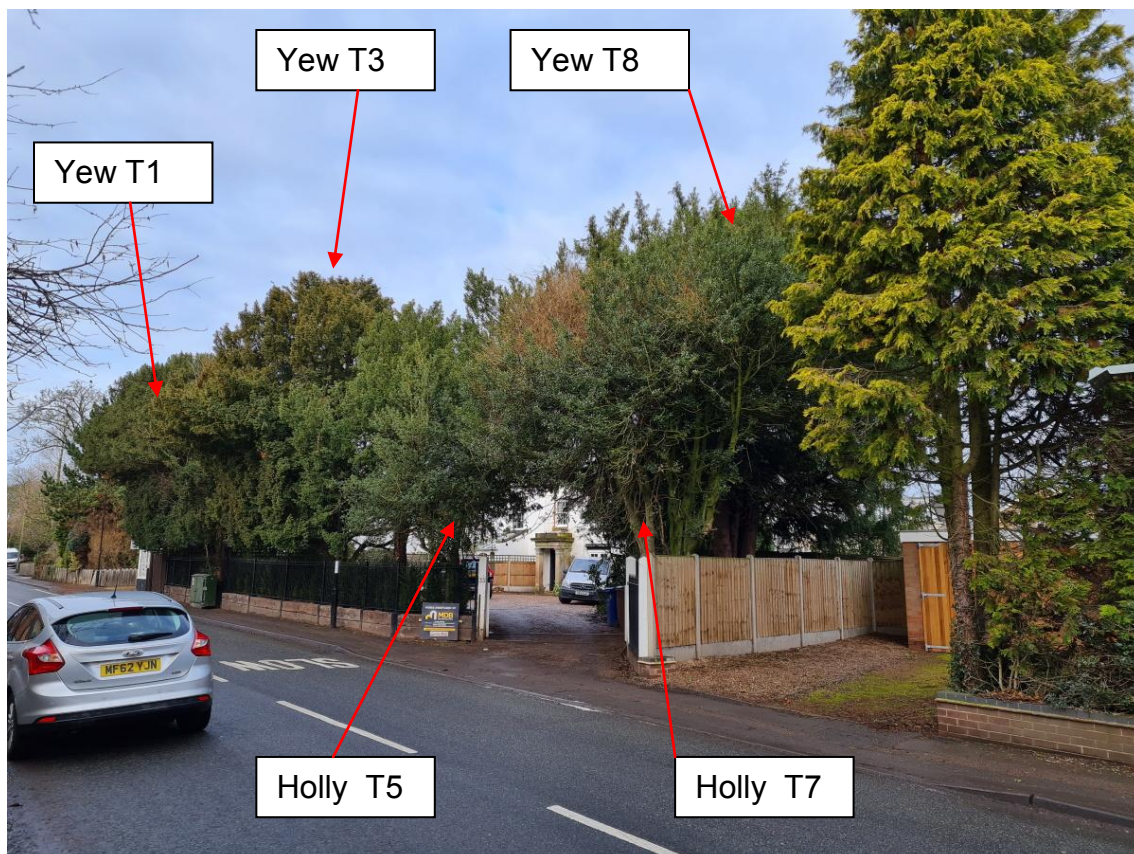
Station Road – 1912: Castle House frontage to right showing access gate and metal boundary railings. Predominantly evergreen screen planting with Yew T1 prominent.



Station Road – Date not confirmed but probably pre-1940: Castle House frontage to right showing access and metal boundary railings. Predominantly evergreen screen planting with Yew T1 prominent



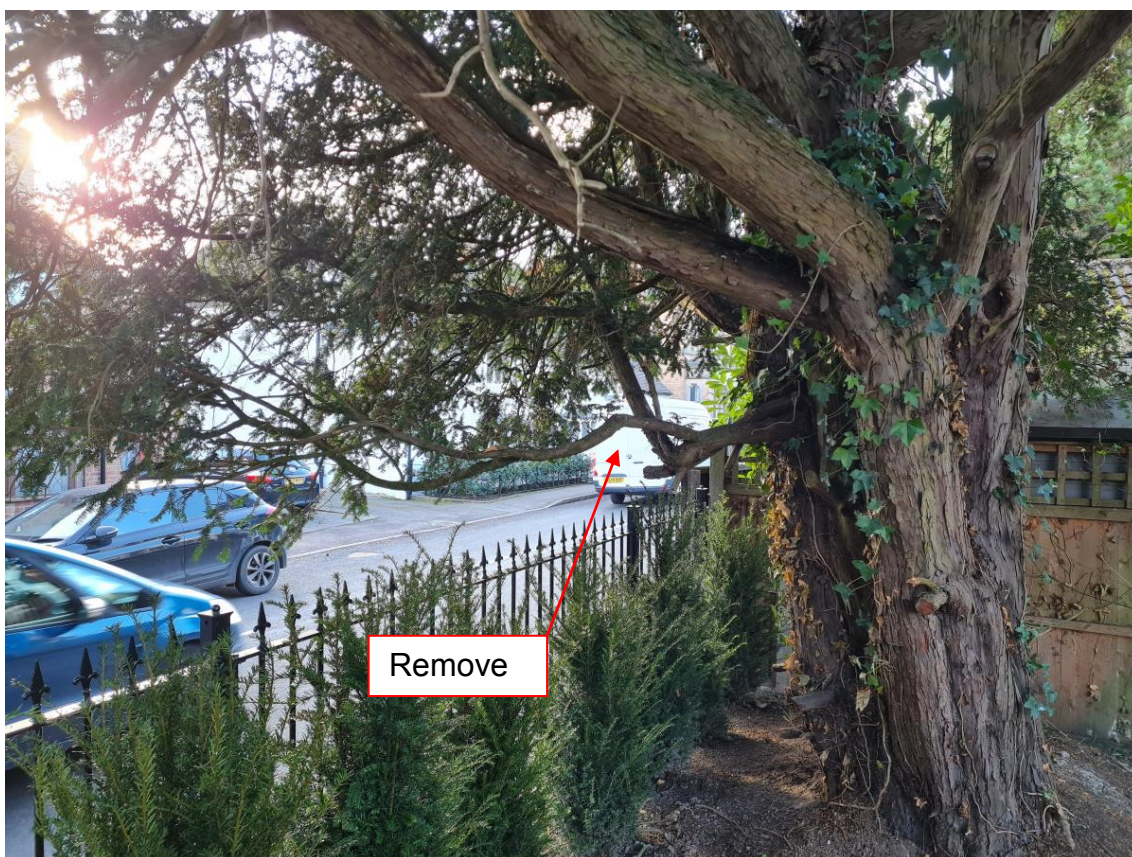
P1 – Site frontage looking east



P2 – Site frontage looking west



T1 – Remove lower limb 1 back to main trunk



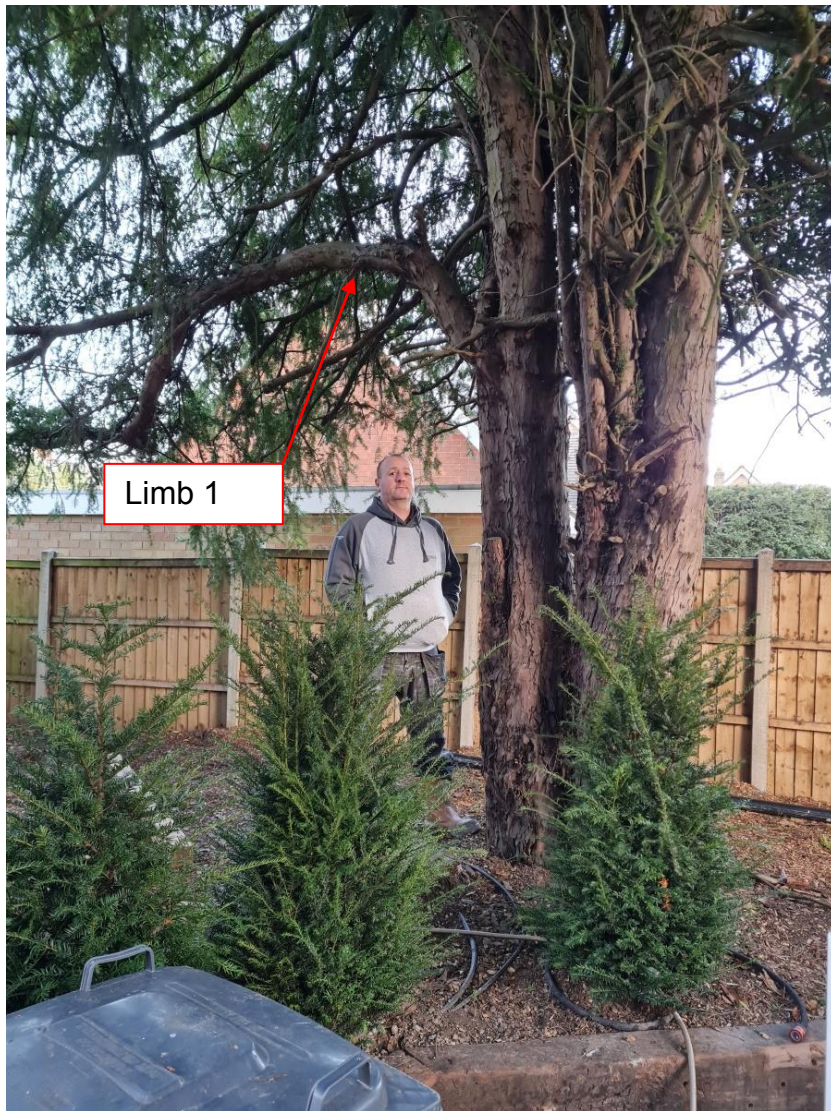
T1 – Remove small branches overhanging pavement



T3 – Remove limb 1 back to trunk



T4 – T7 – Coppice Hollies either side of entrance down to 500-600mm agl and prune re-growth into topiarised domes. Improves light to more important Tree Yew T8 in street scene



T8 – **RETAIN** tree – remove deadwood and lift canopy to 4m inc
remove limb 1 overhanging garage on adjacent property

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Tree No.	Species	Proposed Works		Notes
		Orginal Application	BPC Suggested Revision	
T1	Yew	Reduce height to 5M and reduce spread overall by 1m	Reduce height to 5M and reduce spread overall by 1m. Modification: Remove deadwood from canopy and remove Limb 1 indicated on photo plus small side branches to 2.0m agl overhanging pavement	Good arboricultural practice to allow more light into canopy and to reduce damage from passing HGV's
T2	Yew	No works proposed	No works proposed	No change
T3	Yew	Reduce height to 8M and reduce spread overall by 1m	Reduce height to 8M and reduce spread overall by 1m. Modification: Remove deadwood from canopy and remove Limb 1 indicated on photo	Good arboricultural practice to allow more light into canppy and to reduce damage from passing HGV's
T4	Yew	Reduce height to 5M and reduce spread overall by 1m	Reduce height to 5M and reduce spread overall by 1m. Modification: Remove deadwood from canopy	Good arboricultural practice to allow more light into canopy and to reduce damage from passing HGV's
T5	Holly	Reduce height to 4M	Coppice Holly stems to 500-600mm agl and prune regrowth to form topiarised dome approx 1.5m	Coppicing Holly of poor form will prolong life of the tree and as a topiarised form make a more positive contribution to the street scene in the Conservation Area.
T6	Holly	Reduce height to 4M	Coppice Holly stems to 500-600mm agl and prune regrowth to form topiarised dome approx 1.5m	Coppicing Holly of poor form will prolong life of the tree and as a topiarised form make a more positive contribution to the street scene in the Conservation Area.
T7	Holly	Reduce height to 4M	Coppice Holly stems to 500-600mm agl and prune regrowth to form topiarised dome approx 1.5m	Coppicing Holly of poor form will prolong life of the tree and as a topiarised form make a more positive contribution to the street scene in the Conservation Area. It also creates space and light to continue the new Yew hedge planting along the frontage to the RHS of the entrance gate This will also allow more light through to the canopy of the Yew Tree T8 behind and improve it's standing as a feature in the Conservation Area.
T8	Yew	Fell	Modification: RETAIN. Lift canopy to 4m. Reduce height by 1.5-2.0m and spread by 1.5 - 2.0m overall. Remove Limb 1 overhanging adjacent property	Coppicing Hollies to S side of tree, canopy lift and removal of deadwood will allow more light into the site and means owners can review effectiveness of tree works on improving internal amenity of site. If it is then felt that removal is still necessary this could be subject of a later application.
T9	Yew	Reduce crown to 5m agl and reduce spread by 1.5m all round. Maintain as trimmed topiarised form	Reduce crown to 5m agl and reduce spread by 1.5m all round. Maintain as trimmed topiarised form	No change

CORRESPONDENCE *as circulated to Council*

7.1. GENERAL

- 7.1.1. Residents of Church Lane – regarding replacement fencing along boundary with Collinson Park.
- 7.1.2. Residents offer re funding of £840 raised for pollution measures at Fishpond.
- 7.1.3. Walton on Trent PC – notifying damage to stile and flytipping into stream Station Lane – lengthsman to investigate and Countryside Properties notified.
- 7.1.4. Holland Sports Club – formal expression of interest in leasing S106 land at Mill Lane
- 7.1.5. Resident interest in Greener Barton matters.
- 7.1.6. Residents concerns regarding Gilmore Lane and the two plots of land where millennial signs were located.
- 7.1.7. Resident – regarding parking outside the Library by users of the Training Centre – *Clerk referred to County Cllr.*
- 7.1.8. St James Church thanks for electricity contribution and remarks on positive feedback for the Christmas Star
- 7.1.9. Correspondence with Royal Mail regarding dilapidated postbox on The Green
- 7.1.10. Correspondence regarding car parked permanently in Crowberry Lane Car Park – *now resolved.*
- 7.1.11. Resident concerns re parking near John Taylor High School – *Cllr A Jones requested assistance from Road Safety Education and Staffs Safer Roads.*
- 7.1.12. National Forest Society Grants Open. £1-3k budgets, deadline 21 February 2021

7.2. SCC/HIGHWAYS

- 7.2.1. Cllr Jessel: reports and communications

7.3. ESBC

- 7.3.1. Review of Public Space Protection Orders- Response by 11/2/22
- 7.3.2. Request for current running total of windfall properties lodged.

7.4. POLICE

- 7.4.1. Report

7.5. SPCA/NALC/SLCC

- 7.5.1. SPCA – Newsletters, training circulars