



ARBORICULTURAL WORKING GROUP – MINUTES

Planning & Regeneration Services including Building
Consultancy

Wed 7th Jan 2015

4.00pm – 5.30pm Room 134

ATTENDEES	
<p>Internal Attendees:</p> <p><u>Borough of Poole – Planning and Regeneration:</u> Richard Genge – (RTG) – Planning and Regeneration Manager (chair) Gabriella Cobelli (GC) – Business Support / PA to Stephen Thorne Sue Ludwig (SPL) – Business Manager Rory Gogan – (RG) – Arboricultural Officer Adam Cooper – (AC) – Assistant Arboricultural Officer</p> <p><u>Borough of Poole – Environmental and Consumer Protection:</u> Andy Osborne – (AO) Senior Arboricultural Officer</p>	
<p><u>External Attendees:</u> Andrew Scott (AS) – Scott Tree Services Mark Wadey (MW) - Barrell Tree Consultancy Steve Cox (SC) – Tree Call Consulting Mark Hinsley (MH) – Mark Hinsley Arboricultural Consultants Martin Saxon (MS) – Apex Tree Surgeons</p>	
APOLOGIES	
<p><u>Internal:</u> Stephen Thorne (ST) - Head of Planning & Regen including Building Consultancy Russ Fisher – (RF) – Senior Arboricultural Officer</p> <p><u>External:</u> Steve Jones – (SJ) Arborcare Wayne Doe (WD) - W.T.Doe Tree Surgeon Ltd Jonathan Fulcher (JF) - Alderwood Consulting Ltd Mark Hunter (MHu) - Hunters Treework</p>	
AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Introduction and Minutes of Meeting of 15th Oct 2014</u></p> <p>1.1 <u>Richard Nicholson</u> The note was for RTG to invite Richard Nicholson to a meeting sometime in the future once he has settled into his new role at East Dorset District Council. RTG opened this issue up to those present and it was suggested to invite Nick Jackson who is based At Bournemouth Borough Council and also Jeremy Kelsey who is a retired Tree Officer. Action: RTG and GC to discuss with a view to extending invitations to future meetings.</p> <p>1.2 <u>Recommended Tree Species Leaflet</u> On agenda.</p> <p>1.3 <u>Dead and Dangerous Tree Notifications</u> The Guidance Note has now been amended. See link below as a reminder:-http://www.poole.gov.uk/environment/countryside/trees-and-woodland/privately-owned-trees/ (See PDF document to the right hand side of the page).</p> <p>1.4 <u>Pre-Commencement Site Visit Meetings</u> RTG and RF met and this is in progress. Terms and conditions are</p>	<p>GC/ RTG Ongoing</p>

	still being looked at to see if the content can be refreshed and made clearer. Action: RTG to keep the group updated.	RTG
2.	<p><u>Update on the Recommended Tree Species Leaflet</u></p> <p>The leaflet was circulated to the group. Nothing has changed in terms of the content though AO, AS and SC have met to discuss the leaflet since the last meeting. This is with a view to looking at a long term green infrastructure plan. Various points were made by those present (including AO AS and SC) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion that the leaflet should be divided into 3-4 factors that influence planting (20 trees over 3-4 bands). • Size suggestion - A4 folded into three (to consider postage cost). • The leaflet needs to say that the “list is not exhaustive”. • A black list of trees should still be included. • There may be areas populated with specific trees but are these the right trees for Poole? • The coastal area salt winds need to be considered when choosing species • The landscape of Poole and tree species need cross referencing against specific soil types. • Although liability needs to be minimised it does not want to be too limiting hence there is a balance to be found. • Perhaps call the leaflet “preferred tree species for planting” <p>SC also circulated some guidance on planting trees in Poole.</p> <p>Action: GC to circulate and electronic copy of this to the group with the minutes.</p> <p>Discussions continued, and RTG asked if the leaflet could be worked on in order to be presented at the AGM on 4th March 2015.</p> <p>Action: AO/AS/ SC to schedule in meeting at the end of this month to continue shaping the leaflet. If the group has any suggestions please either email AS SC direct or Andy Osborne at a.osborne@poole.gov.uk</p> <p>Action: SO/AS/SC to present leaflet to the Agents and Developers and Arboricultural AGM meeting on 4th March 2015</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>AO/SC/ AS (+ note for all)</p> <p>AO/SC/ AS</p>
3.	<p><u>Woodland Orders on Domestic Properties –Mark Hinsley</u></p> <p>MH raised concerns regarding reviewing Woodland and Tree Preservation Orders as some are out dated with the current land usage, and specific areas within Poole need reviewing.</p> <p>The subject prompted further discussion and concerns amongst the group. Officers recognised the issue, though there is currently no resource to carry out reviews, and Tree Preservation Orders sometimes extend beyond a single site. We also need to ensure we are preserving the right trees.</p> <p>AO felt this issue was more strategic and a report is needed ideally to go to Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as a full explanation of the issues would need to be presented to members.</p> <p>This could be included via a Green Infrastructure Policy, though at this stage resource is very limited and nothing is programmed in at the moment to undertake this work.</p>	<p>Note for Officers</p>

4.	<p><u>Area Order Tree Review</u> Discussed as part of Item 3.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Superseded documents on Poole Planning website – Mark Hinsley</u> MH raised concerns about two documents on the website a specific tree survey and method statement and seemingly one supersedes the other though this may cause confusion if there is no indication as to which one supersedes the other which may result in an incorrect decision or action. RTG advised that this may be resolvable by showing the date each one was received by MH said that there was no evidence of this. Some councils only put approved documents on their websites though officers recognised that some members of the public like to see the complete picture. Possible solutions were discussed amongst the group. Action: RTG advised that this will need more investigation with SPL and RF as to how we can ensure approved documents are clear.</p>	<p>RTG/RF /SPL</p>
6.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> <u>AGM Focus</u> SC kindly volunteered to compile a summary of Arb Working Group discussions in 2014-2015 to present to the AGM on 4th March 2015. There will be a draft agenda to be submitted in due course. Attendees may like to start thinking about any questions they may wish to raise to be answered as part of the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting: The Agents and Developers and Arboricultural Working Group AGM – Wed 4th March 2015 6.00pm-9.00pm – Cattistock Room Civic Centre</u></p>		