

## HIGH HEDGES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the High Hedges Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc Clowne on Wednesday, 8 January 2020 at 11:00 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillors Tom Munro, Chris Kane, Anne Clarke, Dexter Bullock and Maxine Dixon.

Officers:- Richard Purcell (Joint Head of Planning), Richard Scott (Enforcement Officer), Jenny Owen (Legal Executive) .

### **542 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Chris Kane and seconded by Councillor Anne Clark  
**RESOLVED** – that Councillor Tom Munro be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Tom Munro in the Chair

### **543 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Watson.

### **544 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business to be considered at the meeting.

### **545 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

### **546 HIGH HEDGES REPORT RELATING TO 14 FAIRFIELD ROAD, BOLSOVER**

The Enforcement Officer presented the report which informed Members of a high hedge complaint at 14 Fairfield Road, Bolsover and sought Committee's decision on whether the hedge was adversely affecting the reasonable enjoyment of the affected property and whether a remedial notice should be served to require works to reduce the hedge height and to maintain the height at a lower level.

Committee were given full details of the description of the hedges, their surroundings, the

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background to the law giving the Council's powers to deal with complaints, details of the complaint, the observations of both of the hedge owner and other adjoining land owners, policy and guidance and information on the assessments.

Committee concluded that the hedges, at their present height did have an adverse effect upon the complainant's reasonable enjoyment of his property. The complainant had provided evidence of previous attempts made, without success, to resolve the matter without the Council's involvement. In such circumstances the service of a Remedial Notice was appropriate

Moved by Councillor Chris Kane and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

**RESOLVED** – That Committee determined that the hedges, because of their height, adversely affected the complainant's reasonable enjoyment of his property, and that a Remedial Notice should be issued requiring the following:

- i. Reduction of the height of hedge one and hedge two to a height of no more than 2.2m above ground level (prior to the end of February 2020);
- ii. Reduction of the height of hedge three to 9.5m (prior to the end of October 2020)
- iii. After that date, the hedges be trimmed regularly to ensure they never exceed the above heights above ground level.

The meeting concluded at 11.25 hours.