

**NORTH WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman: Mr Geoff Chapman

Clerk: Mrs Sharon Shea
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Tel: 01256 391983, Email: clerk@northwaltham.info**MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL ORDINARY MEETING****Wednesday 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm
outside Old School House, Mary Lane, North Waltham****Councillors Present**

Cllr Geoff Chapman (GC) – Chairman (Chair), Cllr Judith McGinley (JMG), Cllr David James, Cllr Yann Caironi and Sharon Shea – Clerk (SS)

**098/FC/
06/21-22****Apologies for Absence**Cllr Bill Preston (BP).
Did not attend: Cllr Peter Waggett (PW).**099/FC/
06/21-22****Declarations of Interest**

Cllr David James declared an interest as the application refers to trees at a neighbouring property.

**100/FC/
06/21-22****Meeting open to the Public**

One member of the public attended.

**101/FC/
06/21-22****Current Planning Applications**

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

(a)**T/00435/21/TCA Old School House, Mary Lane, North Waltham**Application for works to trees growing in a conservation area.
Proposal: T1/T2 Ash: Fell.

The agent was present, representing the applicant.

Discussion: The Parish Council accepted that the trees are overgrown, having never been pollarded or otherwise managed, and are displaying signs of ash dieback disease. One tree appears to be more affected than the other. The application refers to felling both trees but the agent informed the Council that the intention is to cut both trees down to 'stools' approximately one metre high. Given the significant number of trees being felled in the village the Council's preference is to save the tree least affected if at all possible.

Parish Council response: Objection – see full response at Appendix A.

ACTION:

Convey the Parish Council's response to BDBC.

ClerkDocuments can be viewed at <https://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>**102/FC/
06/21-22****Date of Next Meeting**

As and when required.

Signed:

Clerk to North Waltham Parish Council

Appendix A

RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION T/00435/21/TCA

Planning application T/00435/21/TCA

Application for works to trees growing in a conservation area

Proposal: T1/T2 ash: fell

At Old School House, Mary Lane, North Waltham

The application above was discussed at an Additional Ordinary Meeting of North Waltham Parish Council on 15th September 2021.

The meeting was attended by the agent.

The Council is concerned about the number of trees being felled in the village and prefers that an alternative to felling both trees is considered. The Council understands that ash dieback disease is a prevalent problem and accepts that the first tree (nearest the dwelling) may be beyond saving. Should this be the case, the agent advises that it will be cut back to a “stool” up to one metre high from which new, healthy growth may regenerate.

On the basis that the second tree (farthest from the dwelling) may not be so badly affected the Council hopes that it may be possible, with suitable pollarding, for it to be saved for a number of years to come. Losing two substantial mature trees from this location will have a significant effect on the local landscape and the Council hopes that this can be avoided.

Thank you for taking the Council’s view into consideration.