

**Minutes of Parks and Environment Committee ‘remotely’ at 6.30p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors L. Whatley (chair), R. Griffiths, E. Williams, D. Williams, P. Totterdale, P. Ingram

**APOLOGIES:** None.

**There were no declarations of interest.**

**1. Elm Tree in Park – adjacent Mr. Peter Temple’s property.**

The Chair of the committee went through the site visit that had taken place, in attendance were Mr. Temple, Mr. Paul Cleaver (Tree Consultants Wales) and himself. In Mr. Cleaver’s opinion he could find any obvious critical defects that would increase this tree’s likelihood of failure (within the current survey period) and therefore sees no reason for any risk intervention measures at the moment. Following a lengthy discussion two proposals were put forward:

- a) Proposed by Cllr. E. Williams and seconded by Cllr D. Williams - Advise Mr. Temple that, although the Council is satisfied with the advice provided by Mr. Cleaver, if he wants to reduce the crown of the tree, that the Council would give permission for that work to take place. The cost of that work would be met by Mr. Temple and would include a “sympathetic crown reduction” of the tree up to 20% of the crown volume and that the work is carried out by a contractor approved by the Arboricultural Association – copy of the quotation to be submitted and approved by Council before the work could be carried out. For 2 Against 4.
- b) Proposed by Cllr. Whatley and seconded by Cllr. Totterdale that the Council accepts the advice of Paul Cleaver (Tree Consultants Wales) that there is no reason for any risk intervention measures at the moment but will monitor the area – the next formal inspection is due at the end of 2021. For 4, Against 1, Abstention 1.
- c) It was agreed that this be proposal be put to Council for ratification on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**2. Any other business**

**3. Next meeting – chair / clerk to agree date/time of next meeting.**

**Meeting closed 7.15 p.m.**

**Signed as a true record.**

**Date:**