

**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, 15 May 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Kilbride (Deputy Chair – in the Chair); Councillors Aziz, Marriott, Stone and Beardsworth

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Sargeant.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**4. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

There were none.

**5. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**

There were none.

**6. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO. 236 QUINTON ROAD, WOOTTON, NORTHAMPTON, NN4 6LN**

The Interim Arboricultural Officer elaborated on a report that sought confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No 236. It was explained that following the submission of notification to fell a cypress tree in the rear garden of 2 High Street, Wootton, a site visit was carried out on 13<sup>th</sup> February and a subsequent telephone call whereby the property owner explained his reasoning for wanting the tree felled. A letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> March and received on 5<sup>th</sup> April from the owner of 2 High Street Wootton reiterated concerns voiced over the telephone, chiefly that of public safety should the tree fall, however the Interim Arboricultural Officer noted that evidence to support a claim that the public were at risk was lacking.

Members considered that the cypress and lime trees formed an important feature on the fringe of the conservation area and agreed that they contributed to the overall amenity of the area.

**RESOLVED:**

That Tree Preservation Order 236 be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 5:19 pm