

Tree Warden APM Report – 20/04/2016

Remit:

1. To make recommendations to the Planning Committee or the Parish Council on planning applications for proposed works to trees that are subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

2. Make Observations to the Planning Committee or the Parish Council on notifications on proposed works to trees in the Conservation Area.

3. Take an interest in the condition of trees on Parish Council land and raise any concerns.

Historical examples:

Dead Wood - Lime Trees at the Rec.

A resident of Astrop Road reported having seen wasps congregating around a tree and having noticed that one of the limbs appeared dead. I was able to confirm that the limb was dead however I did not see any wasps. The dead limbs are being removed soon as we approved of a quotation at the last Parish meeting.

If anyone does see any wasps on trees during the warmer months, please contact professionals first about any wasps/bees as I would strongly advise against tackling such issues single handedly!

Windsor Close Poplar Tree:

There is a tree on public ground at Windsor Close. It is a large tree that has caused concerns for many residents. One resident was concerned about the tree affecting the foundation of their house, a second resident was concerned about limbs falling into their garden. I visited this resident's property and I noted that a substantial amount of foliage, twigs and parts of the tree had fallen from the tree and I personally felt concerned at the way that the tree was leaning.

I put forward a request for the tree to be inspected and for something to be done. The second part of my request was rejected after receiving advice from our tree surgeon.

The tree surgeon advised against doing anything to the tree as any action would cost a lot of money and the result would be an incredibly short term solution. The surgeon's advice was that we look at the tree again next season in case of any substantial changes. I will be requesting a secondary review of the tree in summer as per the surgeon's advice.

Halestrap Way:

A resident of Halestrap Way expressed concern about a tree on Banbury Lane that has encroached upon his back garden. The tree belongs to developers according to Northamptonshire County Council and is therefore not a part of our remit. The fact of the matter is that nothing has happened to this tree. I intend to take a look at the tree and make a recommendation at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Astrop Road – Copper Beech Tree:

A copper beech tree had been felled. Residents raised concerns and I acted on those concerns by giving a report at the last Parish Council meeting. If anyone requires a copy of that report please note that I have sent a digital copy to the Parish Clerk but I can also supply the document should you decide to contact me directly.

My report was brief and explained that the Copper Beech tree lacked a TPO, it was not in the Conservation area nor was the tree on council property and therefore it was beyond the Parish Council's remit. I advised that further investigation into this tree needs be halted and that we need to do something. I proposed a review into outstanding trees that exist within the Kings Sutton Parish. My proposal was approved by the Parish Council.

The review will seek to find where the outstanding trees are located, to determine any potential risks to these trees and to decide whether a TPO is required to protect the tree. I intend to create this review over the coming months. I am ready and willing to accept any public feedback concerning any trees they feel are in urgent need of protection. Please contact me if you have any trees that you feel could warrant a TPO.