



## FISHBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR TREES POLICY

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Signed *Geoff Hand*

Chairman

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#### 1. Introduction

Fishbourne has many trees within its boundary that have Tree Preservation Orders on them. This means that work to fell or trim back such trees has to have planning consent before any work can take place.

Fishbourne Parish Council no longer has a Tree Warden and has long since held the view that it does not comment on applications for tree work and that the District Council has the necessary expertise to make informed decisions. This Policy is designed to formalise this view.

#### 2. Application

Planning applications for tree works will automatically have the response NO COMMENT submitted by the Clerk within three weeks of the application being received by the Parish Council in order to fit within the required LPA timetable UNLESS a written request is received by the Clerk from any councillor within 7 days of the application being distributed. If such a request is received, the Clerk will include the application on the next appropriate agenda.

#### 3. Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Clerk to notify Councillors of planning applications and to submit NO COMMENT to applications for tree work if no written request has been received within 7 days of Councillors being notified of the application.

It is the responsibility of Councillors to look at applications for tree work and notify the Clerk within 7 days if it is thought necessary for the application to be considered.