

Trees at Moorhaven:

Notes on meeting held at 4.00pm, 26th June 2013 between :-

Brian Beasley—Dartmoor National Park, Tree Preservation Officer

Luke Foster—Grounds Maintenance Contractor for Moorhaven

(Man for All Seasons Company)

Nigel -- Tree Surgeon for MFAS

Elayne Hoskin—Chair of Moorhaven Village Management Company

Trudi Bell—MVMC

We met at the GM shed and proceeded to look and comment on all tree groups or individual trees within Moorhaven communal grounds; referring to the TPO map Brian had given us .

WORK DONE TWO WEEKS AGO –by Nigel & Luke:-

Formal Gardens—Beech—Better practice to take back to spur division, rather than just cuts bits off end of twigs. Metasequoia—Happy with the tree surgery taken back to collar at junction of trunk and branch.

Cemetery, Sports Ground and Bottom of Arboretum—Happy with dead wood removal.

CORRECT PROCEDURE—Dangerous and dead wood to be removed from all trees as it is noticed. If a large limb needs removing on TPO tree inform DNP referring to TPO number on map.

TPO TREES :-If major work ,such as large limb or more branches; or more than 5 cubic metres per ¼ year(perhaps from a group of shelter belt trees) wants to be cut down then :-

- (a) A special form has to be downloaded from DNP website
- (b) Form filled in referring to TPO numbers and sent back to DNP , allowing 8 weeks for a decision to be made.(N.B.-do not copy map provided by DNP, use for reference only, and provide a hand drawing and description of area and tree).
- (c) If permission is granted ,DNP need to receive notice of work to be carried out at least 5 working days before
- (d) The license for work to be carried out applies for up to 2 years.
- (e) If in any doubt refer to BS 3998 paper, or better still, ring or email Brian at DNP.

TREES WITH NO TPO'S- Major work (up to 5 cubic metres per ¼ year) can be carried out without notification to DNP. If work over 5 cubic metres per ¼ year required ,a felling license has to be obtained from the Forestry Commission prior to work.

GENERAL—Wood chippings and brash can be spread amongst the trees of shelter belt around sports field ; this will enhance provision for flora and fauna. Permission to hold materials for up to 1 year before chipped, provided care taken with storage place eg not close to tree trunks or over main roots. Wood chippings can be used to good effect to act as grass and weed suppressant around any trees young and mature, and on garden areas around plants.

No signs of” Ash Dieback “ (leisions on bark and withered ,blackened leaves) were seen as we walked around Moorhaven.

Good practice to remove epigeal growth and suckers from trees and shrubs.

Self seeded Oak, Ash,Beech and Sycamore that are growing towards top of banks either side of Main Drive can be left to come on to replace existing mature avenue of trees, cutting back to leave one strong leader to form trunk. All self seeded saplings/trees do not have TPO’s, even if within a TPO group.

Existing SHELTER BELT (group TPO’s) can be planned to take out small groups (rather than single trees) in areas where they are dying; replacing with other species when this space and light is created.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED & MINUTED AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

- 1- Evergreen (NO TPO) in corner of wall (below croquet lawn)
- 2- Gate Lodge Tree (NO TPO)
- 3- Indian Yew (NO TPO) either side of steps from Moor Park to Arboretum
- 4- Moor Park- Young trees behind and shelter belt in front
- 5- Shelter Belt plans made several years ago- does Matt still have a copy?

Our meeting finished at approximately 5.30pm.

We thanked Brian Beasley for a very positive,helpful and informative meeting.

Most of the mature trees in communal areas have TPO’s, either grouped or individual : the exception to this is within the formal gardens,where only two Weeping Ash and one Beech have TPO’s (the Weeping Ash Trees in private gardens at Moorfields also have TPO’s). If anyone wants to know specific details Trudi will be happy to talk to you

Trudi Bell

Hi Trudi

Just a couple of points. All works to TPO trees require an application unless it's very minor work or the trees (or parts of the trees) are dead or dangerous. Outside of the garden area, felling timber with a collective volume of over 5 cubic meter will require a felling licence from the Forestry Commission not the National Park Authority. If you apply for a licence the Forestry Commission will consult with the National Park Authority, you will not have to make a separate application to the Authority.

The trees by entrance next to the lodge are not protected by the TPO and you do not need consent from the Authority to carry out works to these trees.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Brian

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