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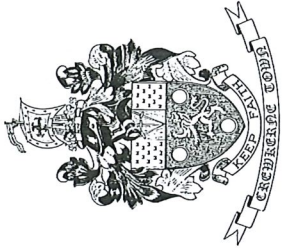
Dear Town Clerk, Mr Mayor, and Councillors.

As Crewkerne Council Tax payer's we wish to know, under the freedom of information act, the answers to the following questions please.

The Beech Tree is in the hedge on the road side at Barn Street Recreation Ground. A car fire damaged the tree trunk some years ago.

- 1 When was the last inspection of the Beech Tree surveyed by a Arborists, and his report? see photos above
2. When is the next inspection of the Beech Tree to be surveyed by the Arborists?
3. Has the Beech Tree been inspected after the recent storms?
4. The Beech Tree is now showing further deterioration with rotten wood falling onto the bank/road. There are now several large fungi.as shown in the above photos.
5. The Beech Tree decay is going further into the trunk, and the split in the trunk is increasing up the tree trunk.
6. Is it time for the Beech Tree to be cut down, for health and safety?
7. Is the Town Council covered by Public Liability Insurance in the event of the Beech Tree falling and causing personal injury and damage to properties and vehicles etc.,?

Thanking you for your help. and we look forward to your written reply



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9th March 2022

Freedom of Information request: Beech tree at Barn Street Recreation Ground

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 21st February 2022 regarding the Beech tree at Barn Street Recreation Ground. Please find below in italics the responses to the questions you have asked.

1. When was the last inspection of the Beech tree? *The last inspection by the arborist took place in June 2021. Walk by inspections are carried out regularly by Town Council staff when working in the area.*
2. When is the next inspection of the Beech tree? *The next inspection by the arborist has not yet been scheduled.*
3. Has the Beech tree been inspected following recent storms? *Yes.*
4. & 5. As points 4 & 5 do not request any information I have noted your comments for reference.
6. Is it time for the Beech tree to be cut down, for health & safety? *The Town Council employs an arborist and would follow his professional advice, should he identify that this be necessary.*
7. Is the Town Council covered by Public Liability insurance in the event of the Beech tree falling and causing personal injury, damage to properties and vehicles etc? *Yes.*

This request and the Council's response will be published on the Town Council website. I acknowledge receipt of your other request for information and will respond fully once I have the necessary information to do so.

Yours sincerely

Katharine Sheehan
Town Clerk

cc. Cllr Head, Mayor of Crewkerne and all Town Councillors via email.