

To receive the recommendation from Ryedale District Council Tree and Landscape Officer in respect of 21/00670/CAT | T1 Weeping Ash - fell and T2 Lawson Cypress - removal of limb splitting from main growth | All Saints Church Church Street Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire

Minute P21004 dated 19 July 2021

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With regard to T1 the Weeping Ash, Cllr Dowie proposed that the PCC be asked if the tree could first be pollarded to determine if this would encourage new growth. Whilst there are two obvious "wounds" that would allow disease to enter, the tree looks to be generally in good health. This course of action may save the life of this beautiful specimen. **Agreed.**

Information received from the Tree and Landscape Officer in response to the Council's suggested treatment of the Weeping Ash:

I saw the tree last year and the question of crown reduction was raised by the applicant as a possible way forward. Whilst some trees may respond well to pollarding, my view was and still is that it would not be appropriate to do this because it is harmful to the health of the tree, would remove all amenity value and because the tree is already mature it is not likely to respond positively. There is also the consideration of the ongoing risk of leaving an unhealthy tree. The Church intends to replant a new tree therefore in time the loss of this tree will be mitigated.

In light of the above and the current condition of the tree, I do not consider it appropriate to put a Tree Preservation Order on the tree.

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