



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Review decision to erect fencing on Bridge Place Corner

Report to: Planning and Development Committee 25-06

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under:

Local Government Act 1972, s.111 – Power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions.

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement
- To recognise the climate and biodiversity emergency and consider as the basis of all decision and policy making

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)

Erection of fencing could limit the width of access to an adjoining property, potentially affecting accessibility for residents and visitors.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

Consider how the policy/decision will contribute to conserving or enhancing biodiversity

The existing proposal was to protect a new hedge, however this hedge has now become established.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

No direct impact identified in relation to carbon reduction as part of this decision.

Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal¹

It is impossible to list every risk faced by a local council. Risk, in the general sense, means the likelihood of an event happening, and the severity of the negative consequences. The insurance industry regards risk as representing loss or damage. Risk always involves uncertainty. When protecting a local council effectively, it is important to consider if risk is present in the following areas (SLCC AN241)[Tick]

Decision making
✓Finances
✓Property
✓Staff

Events
✓Legal
✓Inspections
✓Written/verbal communication

✓Insurance

¹Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register? Any contingency planning needed?



Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?

(Financial Regulation 17b)

No new activity is proposed. Therefore, a separate risk assessment under Financial Regulation 17b is not required.

REPORT

Bridge Place Corner, a grassed area at the junction of Bridge Street and Bridge Place, is maintained by the parish council, volunteers, and local residents.

A previous decision was made to install post and wire fencing along the boundary adjacent to the access path serving an upstairs flat at the Sun Inn, to protect a newly planted hedge.

Installation work commenced but was paused following concerns raised by the landlord of the adjacent property. The landlord indicated that the fencing would restrict access to the flat, particularly for moving furniture and conducting improvement works.

The hedge in question has now matured and established itself. Consequently, it is considered that the original rationale for the fence is no longer valid, and its installation is not necessary.

RECOMMENDATION(S): **That Committee.**

1. Notes the content of the report.
2. Agrees that the fencing is no longer required.
3. Revokes the decision and no further action will be taken in relation to the installation.