

## **April 2026 Planning and Development Committee**

### **To request the WLDC Tree Officer visits the parish to consider tree preservation orders on identified trees**

#### **Purpose**

To seek Committee approval to request that the West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) Tree Officer undertakes a site visit to assess a number of trees within the parish for potential Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

#### **Background**

A number of trees across the parish have been identified as making a significant contribution to local amenity, landscape character, and biodiversity. Some of these trees may be at risk from future development or works. A formal assessment by the WLDC Tree Officer is required to determine whether they meet the statutory criteria for TPO designation.

#### **Locations for Assessment**

The following sites are proposed for inspection:

- Corner of Highfield / High Street – 3 trees
- Manor Road, outside entrance to Oaklands – 2 trees
- High Street, outside The Haven – 1 tree
- Church frontage (viewed from the road) – 5 trees
- Churchyard, left side burial ground towards the rear – 1 tree
- Sykes Lane, green area opposite Wildline – all trees
- Waterfront – all willow trees
- ~~Recreation Ground, near skate park – 1 tree~~ (removed by clerk as if in council leased area the council will undertake the tree management anyway) plus 1 tree within adjacent residential garden
- Queensway – 1 willow tree
- Wispington House, neighbouring property at No. 35 – 1 tree

#### **Considerations**

- TPOs are made by the local planning authority under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Trees are typically assessed against criteria including visibility, individual, and collective amenity value, and potential threat.
- Early engagement with the WLDC Tree Officer will support a consistent and evidence-based approach.

#### **Recommendation**

That the committee resolves to formally request that the WLDC Tree Officer attends the parish to assess the above locations for potential Tree Preservation Orders, and to report findings back to the committee.