

BUILDINGS & LAND WORKING GROUP

Following the annual statutory meeting the buildings & Land group who had been delegated to make a decision on the location of the tree discussed the points raised by the chairman of the football club.

The working group discussed the matter and how the decision had been reached to locate the oak sapling in the War Memorial Recreation Ground. Other areas had been considered but had been deemed unsuitable.

It was agreed that at this late stage it would not be sensible to change the arrangements for the Lord Lieutenants visit.

It was agreed to leave the tree planting ceremony as it is, but as soon as possible afterwards to invite the cricket, football and scouts to attend a meeting with the buildings group to discuss what should happen to it next.

The football club made it clear that they were not happy with the location despite reassurances otherwise. The council will reconsider, but did not want to change the arrangements for Saturday 2nd June 2012.

It was agreed that if the scouts choose to remove the tree, that would be their prerogative as it was gifted to the Scouts and is therefore their tree. The Town council was only asked to give permission for the tree to be planted on council land.

It was agreed that after a site meeting the group may still reach the same decision at the next meeting.

The DJCC have only been involved in arranging the LL visit only and therefore have no input into the location of the tree. They have stated their non involvement.

A meeting will be arranged by the clerk as soon as possible after the Diamond Jubilee.

28th May 2012.