

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE MEETING

- 1 This report refers to specific trees that are increasingly a problem for the residents of 18 to 34 Olive Grove inclusive.
- 2 The recommendation is to pay for SBC Streetsmart to remove them completely.
- 3 The background. Olive Grove is a cull de sac off Whitworth Road built out around 1987. The design includes a number of communal parking spaces accessed from an adopted road. The parking spaces and the grass verges have not been adopted.
- 4 Two trees have become a problem for the residents and there is a concern the roots will damage the adjacent utility infrastructure. While there is opinion it is unclear if the trees were planted by the developer, the then Thamesdown Council or self-germinated.
- 5 The Head of Streetsmart in company of the SBC Trees Officer have visited the site and their conclusion is re-stated at 6.

- 6 It would be best to remove the cedar, rowan and malus completely as they would not prune well and will always be a problem for the future. The shrubs can then be pruned back.

All in cost including disposal would be £290.00

- 7 Pictures attached.
- 8 Given these trees are on 'no mans land' and there are many pockets of such land in this Parish, it is not appropriate for the Parish to commit to ongoing maintenance on such land and only no action or complete removal can be our options.
- 9 Members views are sought.



