

CABINET - Thursday 30 May 2019

AGENDA PART 1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 4)

Under Rule 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules members of the public may question the Executive and Portfolio Holders at meetings. There is a time limit of 15 minutes for the asking and answering of public questions.

1.

Questioner: Mrs Christine Hawkes, Community Champion

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

We were promised some time ago that the trees in the park behind gardens in Weighton Road would be removed as they were causing problems to our houses and gardens. We were amazed when the Council allowed 'Friends of Harrow Weald Recreation Ground' to plant numerous saplings in between the existing trees after all the problems we have had. Only about half of these saplings have been removed. One example is the tree at the rear of my garden, No.25 and next door No.27. When they removed all the branches some time ago the men doing the job told me that it was being done because the base of the tree was unsafe and could fall, possibly causing damage to our gardens and injury to anyone nearby. They said that they would be coming back to remove the trunk, which they never did. New branches have grown and it is in full leaf. Another example is where the residents of No.21 contacted their house insurance as large cracks were appearing in their kitchen wall. On investigation it was found that roots from the clump of trees at the park entrance were undermining the foundations of their house. The Council were contacted but nothing has been done.

With regard to the trees in the road, many of these are now huge and overhanging residents front gardens causing problems. The pruning that was promised has not happened.

Please could you tell us when the park and road trees will be dealt with.

2.

Questioner: Mr Patel

Asked of: Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment

My black food bin has not been collected today - Thursday 23rd. This has happened before and has happened to other residents (in Weighton Road) as well. Some people have had brown bins missed on occasions. As we now have to pay for this refuse collection please could those concerned make sure it is done properly.