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North Area Committee
(Comprising of City Councillors representing Arbury, King's Hedges, East Chesterton and West Chesterton Wards)

16 December 2004: 7.30pm – 10:05pm
Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Anthony Hymans, Rhodri James and Tim Ward (Chair).
 King's Hedges: Louise Downham
 West Chesterton: Dianne Armstrong, Max Boyce and Ian Nimmo-Smith.
 East Chesterton: Donald Adey

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04/39	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	City Cllrs Bailey, Bell and Liddlle. County Cllrs Huppert and Leeke	
04/40	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2004 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u> Arbury Garages The Committee noted the costings report prepared by Mr Selby (surveyor) and agreed that the garages, based on Cllr Downham's investigation and the costings report, needed repair. The Committee resolved to refer the costings report to the Executive Councillors for Housing and Commercial Resources for their	<i>Committee Manager</i>

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	<p>consideration.</p> <p>Disabled Parking – East Chesterton Shops The Chair referred to a message he had received from County Cllr Huppert in which he advised that disabled parking had been introduced outside Chesterton High Street shops.</p> <p>Carlton Way works The Chair referred to a message he had received from County Cllr Huppert in which he advised that white markings had been added to the Carlton Way works. The Chair advised that further white markings may be needed.</p> <p>Street Cleaning in East Chesterton The Chair advised that this issue will be covered in part six of the meeting in the form of a presentation by the Head of Street Scene.</p>	<p><i>None</i></p> <p><i>None</i></p> <p><i>None</i></p>
04/41	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None.	
04/42	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>Resident 1 advised that she represented the residents of Evergreens who were concerned by parking issues as result of being adjacent to the Shirley Infant School. Resident 1 asked the Committee to consider introducing environmental improvement measures in the form of plants or wooden posts to protect the grass verges. She said that the verges were routinely used for parking at school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that further consultation on this issue was necessary and that resident 1 would need to liaise with her ward councillors and put together a proposal/scheme for the Environmental Improvements Programme. This proposal would be considered by the Committee at a later date.</p> <p>Resident 2 asked (question 1) what were the plans for bollards/fencing around Hurrell Road Green and what protection could be offered to residents during building work to Hurrell Road (i.e. restrictions on access and storage of materials) (question 2).</p> <p>The chair referred to page 11 of the agenda (Environmental Improvements Programme) and advised that he would be asking officers to contact the County Council and get this project underway. In regard to question 2 Cllr Nimmo-Smith advised that negotiations in regard to access and storage of material was not an issue for councillors but an issue for the planning department and the applicant. Cllr Nimmo-Smith said that once the negotiations had been completed it was then the role of the City Council to enforce the agreement.</p> <p>Resident 3 asked if the Loop system could be implemented for the next meeting and if a drop kerb could be added to the disabled bay at Chesterton Shops.</p> <p>The audio engineer advised that the Loop system was available</p>	<p><i>Resident to liaise with East Chesterton Ward Councillors</i></p> <p><i>Chair</i></p> <p><i>Committee manager to consult County Cllr Huppert</i></p>

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	<p>and now that it had been requested he would ensure that it was operating for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he would refer the drop kerb issue to County Cllr Huppert who would report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Resident 4 asked when the bye-law for grass verges was going to be enforced. She also advised that the problem in regard to the Evergreens could be solved by opening Kendal Way.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the bye-law for verge parking was in place and the City Council was currently running a pilot scheme. Cllr Downham commented that it was her understanding that the enforcement officer had been instructed not to enforce the bye-law until the pilot scheme had been completed. Cllr Nimmo-Smith urged caution on this issue because if a verge was declared a 'no-park area' then no person, including street residents, were allowed to park on the verge. The Chair advised that Cllr Bailey, Executive Councillor for Planning and Transport, may be able to provide further information on the pilot scheme and the opening of Kendal Way at the next meeting.</p> <p>Resident 5 asked if some pavement near Tesco's on Campkin Toad could be fixed.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that Cllr Downham and a council officer would meet with Resident 5 to view the problem and discuss a way forward.</p> <p>Resident 6 referred to part 7 of the agenda (Environmental Improvements Programme) and asked whether residents could put up their own 'residents only' signs.</p> <p>The Chair advised that there was nothing stopping residents from putting up their own street signs, however, residents should be aware they are unenforceable as they were not back by law.</p>	<p><i>Committee manager to consult Cllr Bailey</i></p> <p><i>Councillor Downham/ Committee Manager</i></p> <p><i>None</i></p>
<p>04/43</p>	<p>STREET SCENE</p>	
	<p>The Head of Streetscene addressed the meeting and discussed street and open space cleaning issues (a power-point presentation interleaved). He advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are four separate tidy teams within the South, North, East and West areas of the city. They were first established four years ago. • Tidy team duties include cleaning, gardening, street sweeping and grass cutting. • Streetscene is keen to develop neighbourhood links, volunteers who work with team leaders to exchange ideas and to establish local priorities for cleaning. Several successful events have been held such as car moving days to facilitate cleaning. 	<p><i>None</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscene are keen for residents to report minor issues to a help desk 01223 458282, • Volunteers who are keen to become a 'neighbourhood link' should ideally be a member of a watch scheme and/or residents association. • Cambridge is in the top 10 of cleanest cities in the UK. • A new machine (leased) is now used to help clean streets in the North area to ensure highest possible standards. <p>A question was asked in regard to providing more bins in Chesterton, especially near the bus stops. The Head of Streetscene advised that this matter would need to be referred back to committee and that discussions should also be held with local businesses who may be keen to sponsor bins. The Chair advised that there was a sustainability city fund that could be used to fund more bins and that the resident should discuss this with a ward councillor.</p> <p>The issue for new road signs was raised and residents were advised to raise this issue with their ward councillors who could assist.</p>			
04/44	UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2004/05			
	<p>The Landscape Architect introduced the report and following discussion made the following recommendations:</p> <p>2.1 (a) To consider the results of the consultation, the proposed amendments, and decide to proceed with parking bays and planting works in Oak Tree Avenue.</p> <p>2.2 (b) To consider the results of the consultation and decide to proceed with double yellow lines in Maple Close.</p> <p>2.2 To consider the results of the consultation and decide to proceed with the double yellow lines in Laburnum Close.</p> <p>2.3 To consider the results of the consultation on Chestnut Grove and proceed with the parallel parking proposed.</p> <p>2.4 To approve Elizabeth Way / Mariners Way planting.</p> <p>The committee resolved to accept recommendation 2.1(a) (by 8 votes to 0); 2.1(b) (by 7 votes to 0); 2.2 & 2.3 (by 8 votes 0); and 2.4 (by 7 votes to 1).</p>	<i>Helen Hepburn – Landscape Architect</i>		
04/45	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 2004-5			
	<p>The Grants Manager introduced the report and referred the committee to section four which contained the applications for grant funding (below). Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to approve the recommended grants.</p>	<i>Chris Freeman – Grants Manager</i>		
	Group	Project	Bid £	Offer £
5/2	Arbury Youth Project	Craft sessions	615	615
13	Bengali Family Health	Outing and Eid social event	800	800

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	Project			
6/2	Bermuda Road Community Room	Chairs	1053	1053
14	Camsight	Information sessions	875	875
15	Meadows Family Wing	Publicity and information brochure	736	736
16	Moonbeams Playgroup	Visit to Milton Farm School	314	314
17	Romsey Mill	Voluntary youth work support	3540	3540
18	St Andrew's Playgroup	Rent	434	434
19	St Andrew's Toddler Group	Multicultural toys and equipment	393	393
20	St George's Church Hall	Furniture	800	800
Total			9560	9560
Leisure				
	Group	Project	Bid £	Offer £
1/2	Britten Sinfonia	Community music project	1285	1285
Total			1285	1285

04/46 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

A Former Magdalene College, Boathouse site, Pretoria Road.

C/04/1008/FP

Pre-Committee Amendments to Recommendation :

The Environment Agency has withdrawn its objection subject to the following conditions:

1. The ground floor level of any buildings involved in the development shall be constructed in accordance with Prior Associates correspondence dated 24 August 2004.

Reason: To provide reasonable freeboard against flooding, and to prevent the increased risk of flooding to other land/properties due to impedance of flood flows and reduction of flood storage capacity. (Cambridge Local Plan 1996 policy NE10)

2. No raising of ground levels shall take place on any part of the site lying within the area of the site liable to flood.

To prevent the increased risk of flooding to other properties/land due to impedance of flood flows and reduction of flood storage capacity. (Cambridge Local Plan 1996 policy NE10)

3. Prior to the commencement of any development, a scheme for the provision and implementation of boundary fencing shall be submitted and agreed in writing with the Local Authority. The works/scheme shall be constructed and completed in accordance with the approved plans/specification at such times as may be specified in the approved scheme.

Reason: To prevent the increased risk of flooding to other land/properties by ensuring flood flow conveyance through the site. (Cambridge Local Plan 1996 policy NE10)

DECISION: APPROVED (Vote 3-3 – Chairs Casting Vote) as agenda and subject to additional conditions as above.

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B 162 Histon Road - C/04/1021/FP

DECISION: APPROVED (Vote 6-0 - Unanimous) as agenda.

C 37 Ramsden Square - C/04/0877/FP

DECISION: APPROVED (Vote 6-0 - Unanimous) as agenda.

D 18 Blackthorn Close - C/04/0952/FP

DECISION: REFUSED (Vote 5-1) as agenda.

E 110-133 Fallowfield - C/04/1142/FUL

To Note : Amended plans have been received (9.12.04) showing the following amendments to the proposal:

- **Units 1 and 5:** These units have been redesigned to remove the protrusion at the north-east end of the block. A front gable has been introduced to help reduce the roof bulk and lower the ridge;
- **Units 1,2,5,6, and 8:** The width of the entrance hall has been narrowed to help shorten the length of the block;
- **Unit 8:** As a consequence of narrowing the hall, unit 8 now has one less bedroom and is therefore now a two-bedroomed, three-person flat;
- **Unit 4 (three-bed five-person house):** A front gable has been introduced to help reduce the roof bulk and to lower the ridge. The entrance door has been relocated to the front to make it visually more a separate unit.

With the reduction of unit 8 from a three-bedroomed to a two-bedroomed flat, the description of the proposed development has now changed to the following:

‘Erection of one three-bed house; four two-bed flats; and four one-bed flats (following demolition of existing four residential units)’

DECISION : APPROVED (Vote 6-0 - Unanimous) as agenda and subject to amended description as above.

04/46 NEXT MEETING

10 February 2004 at a venue to be announced.

The meeting closed at 10:05

CHAIR