



## East Area Committee 15 April 2004

7.30 – 10.05



Abbey, Coleridge, Romsey and Petersfield wards

### Minutes & Actions

**Present:** Councillors: **Abbey** (John Durrant, Caroline Hart, Richard Smith),  
**Coleridge** (Jeremy Benstead, Berni Callaghan),  
**Romsey** (Iain Coleman, Catherine Smart),  
**Petersfield** (Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Patricia Wright)

**Also Present:** County Councillor: County Martin Ballard (Coleridge)

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#### Councillor Ruth Bagnall

At the beginning of the meeting the meeting stood in silence in memory of Councillor Ruth Bagnall, Councillor for Coleridge Ward and Leader of the Labour Group on the City Council whose death had recently been announced.

#### 04/10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 5 February 2004 were approved as a correct record.

#### 04/11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Sarah Ellis-Miller and County Councillors Colin Shaw (Abbey), Bachan Bhalla (Petersfield) and Joe Gluza (Romsey)

#### 04/12 OPEN FORUM

### **Council Garages at Hooper Street & Vandalism in the area**

David Ousby asked for an update on access to garages on Council owned land at Hooper Street. He also asked what could be done about vandalism outside their property.

The Chair suggested that Mr Ousby discuss the situation of illegal parking at Hooper Street with the Head of Property and Building Services, who was to present a report to the Committee during the course of the meeting. A regime of clamping offenders had been introduced and the Chair noted Mr Ousby's comment that the enforcement was carried out only during the day, offences continued during the evening and needed to be dealt with.

Other members said that they were aware of the problem referred to by the speaker and undertook to continue to work on resolving the situation on residents behalf.

In relation to the vandalism it was recommended that residents report incidents to the Police. Not only would this enable Police to meet the immediate problem but also deal with it long term.

The Chair said that the issues raised would be pursued and a report made to the next area meeting.

### **Improving the Planning Process**

Roger Crabtree of the Rustat Neighbourhood Association spoke to a paper submitted following a meeting of Residents Associations. The paper commented on the current planning process and suggested means of improving it, including pre-application consultations with developers. The Executive Councillor (Environment) had responded to the suggestions and Residents Associations felt that there was need for further discussion on their proposals.

Members welcomed the suggestions and the opportunity for the Council to discuss them with the Associations' representatives. They agreed that the Council would consider how best to set up the discussions and noted that, with the forthcoming local elections, they would probably not be able to hold them with members involved in the planning process until late June or early July. They agreed that some preparatory work could be done by the officers to facilitate an early start.

The Chair thanked Mr Crabtree for his comments and said that the proposals would be pursued. A report on progress would be made to the next meeting.

### **04/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Durrant and Smith declared personal interests in Item 7, Environmental Improvements Programme, as members of the East Barnwell Community Centre Management Committee.

Cllr Durrant declared a further personal interest in Item 7, Environmental Improvements Programme, as a Friend of the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene (the Leper Chapel)

Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in Item 7, Environmental Improvements Programme, as a member of the Cambridge Preservation Society.

Cllr Smart declared a personal interest in Item 8, Community Development and Leisure Grants, as a member of the Board of Ditchburn Place.

Cllr Wright declared a personal interest in Item 8, Community Development and Leisure Grants, as the Treasurer of PACT.

#### 04/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the beginning of the debate of this item Councillors Bradnack , Benstead and Callaghan said that they would not be taking part in the determination of planning applications as it would inhibit their ability to represent residents in their wards. They also felt that they lacked expertise in planning matters and that the members of the Planning Committee had acquired such expertise and were the proper body to consider applications.

*Peter Carter,  
Principal  
Development  
Control  
Officer*

These members withdrew from participation in the Committee, except as indicated where they acted as ward councillors representing residents of their ward, and sat with the public.

The Committee noted that an amendment sheet had been circulated to members of the Committee prior to the meeting and made available to the public attending the meeting.

#### 04/15 1

**Application No:** C/03/0879/OP

**Site:** Land to the rear of, 68-92 Ditton Walk

**Proposal:** Outline application for residential development and demolition of No 16 Ferndale Rise

**Applicant:** Loxfield Developments

**PSR:** John Murray (for daughter, local resident)

**Recommendation:** refuse unless the S106 Agreement is completed by 14 May 2004,

**REFUSED:** (by 7 votes to 0) if the S106 Agreement is not completed by 14 May, for the reason set out in the officers' report

#### 2

**Application No:** C/04/0031/FP

**Site:** 101-103 Glisson Road

**Proposal:** Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing building

**Applicant:** Montara Ltd

**PSR:**

**Recommendation:** Approve

**REFUSED:** (by 4 votes to 2, against officer recommendation) for reasons to be drafted by the Head of Development Control Services for approval by Chair and Spokes on the basis of overdevelopment of the site, un-neighbourliness and not enhancing the character of the neighbourhood.

**3****Application No:** C/04/0009/FP**Site:** 7C Station Road**Proposal:** Change of Use from 10 offices (Class B1 to 3 offices and 4 flats incorporating erection of a third storey to building and single storey front extension.**Applicant:** M r J Gordon**PSR:** Don Proctor (agent for applicant)**Recommendation:** Refuse**APPROVED:** (by 4 votes to 3, against officer recommendation) subject to conditions, informatives and heads of terms of a Section 106 agreement to be drawn up by the Head of Development Control Services.**4****Application No:** C/04/0165/FP**Site:** 8 Mill Street**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling**Applicant:** Mr Tytherleigh and Miss Lindop**PSR:** -**Recommendation:** Approve**Approved:** (by 7 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and the informative set out in the officers' report**5****Application No:** C/04/0166/FP**Site:** Rear of, 1 & 3 Peverel Road**Proposal:** Outline application for the erection of 1 three bed-roomed detached house**Applicant:** Danzie Hazell**PSR:****Recommendation:** Approve**Approved:** (by 7 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and the informative set out in the officers' report

## **04/15 IMPROVEMENT WORKS RELATING TO COUNCIL-OWNED SHOPS/SHOP PARADES**

Following a survey by the Head of Property and Building Services of residents in the catchment areas of the Council's local shops, a priority list of costed works had been identified for the Local Shops Support Group. A capital bid for £74,000 had been approved and the Committee was asked to consider the list of improvements for shop parades in the East Area set out in the appendix to the report before consideration by the Commercial and Human Resources Scrutiny Committee.

**Agreed** that the improvements be welcomed and the list of improvement works outlined be endorsed.

..... J Cowin  
..... Tel 457431

## 04/16 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Following a decision by the Executive Councillor (Environment) the Area Committee budget for 2004-5 for Environmental Improvements had been increased from £25,000 to £45,700. The funds remaining unspent by East Area in year ending 2004 is £12,770. However, funding for a further £31,000 is already committed. This is carried over to the following year giving a total of £27,470 less professional fees (other than landscape architects') available to the East Area Committee to allocate on projects for environmental improvements.

Progress on approved schemes was outlined in the report. The Area Committee also had the opportunity to invite or put forward additional schemes for investigation, taking into account the limited capacity for officers to carry out either a large number of small investigations or a small number of complex ones in a short period of time.

Cllr Wright undertook to pursue the project for fencing and gate for the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene (the Leper Chapel) with Cambridge Preservation Society, of which she was a member.

### Agreed to

- 1 Approve the additional work to Barnwell Road shops, subject to consultation with the Head of Property and Buildings to ensure no conflict in the work undertaken.
- 2 Fencing work to the Chapel of St Mary Magdalene (the Leper Chapel)
- 3 to continue to keep those projects set out in paragraph 5 of the report on hold.

H Hepburn  
Tel 457134

## 04/17 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 2004-05

At their October/November meetings all area committees had considered proposals for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants in 2004-05, these were set out in appendix 1 of the report.

The Executive Councillor for Community Development and Leisure had agreed the allocation of 10% of the total Community Development grants budget and 3% of the total Leisure grants budget. This had been calculated using population levels and was also weighted to give additional funds to areas of economic disadvantage as defined by the City Council's *Mapping poverty* research report.

For the East Area this had been calculated as follows:

Population 01 Census	Mapping poverty score	Combined score	Community Development £	Leisure £	Total £
28%	35%	.327	24,280	3,230	27,510

Applications would generally be brought to area committee meetings in their June/July and November/December cycles. However, in this first year, an initial allocation of funds was needed to respond to local organisations which had previously been funded from the city-wide grants budget and are unable to wait for a response at the 17 June 2004 meeting. Details of these grant applications were set out in the report in Paragraphs 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.

The report also set out the amount of funds which would be available in 2004-05.

**Agreed** the grants be approved as set out below:

..... *C Freeman*  
..... *Tel 457862*

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Grant</b>
Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	Administration, publicity, summer event, laptop computer	£ 694
Tuesday Club	Hall hire; summer outing	£ 261

#### **04/18 UPDATE - BYELAW TO CONTROL STREET-DRINKING**

At the request of the Chair, members were updated on the discussion in the Open Forum of this Committee in October which led to the Council's decision to make a city-wide byelaw to control street drinking.

The Housing and Health, Environment and Strategy Scrutiny Committees were to consider a report in the current committee cycle on the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. The report to these committees contained an appendix which showed the work in progress and referred specifically to the making of the Byelaw.

**Agreed** to note the report and to request confirmation of the date of the submission of the proposed byelaw to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. .... *J Blunt*  
..... *Tel 457012*

#### **04/19 APPLICATION FOR A DISPERSAL ORDER IN PARTS OF PETERSFIELD AND ROMSEY WARDS – S. 30, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT, 2003 (DISPERSAL OF GROUPS AND REMOVAL OF PERSONS UNDER 16)**

Members heard that on 24 March 2004 the Council had received a request from the Police to designate an area of Romsey and Petersfield wards for dispersal powers under Section 30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003. The Act gave dispersal powers to the Police but this was subject to prior approval by the Council.

Council policy stated that the Leader could give such approval without Strategy Scrutiny Committee being first consulted, but that such requests from the Police and the Leader's decision must be reported to Group Leaders immediately and to the next available meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

Following consideration of evidence provided by the Police about anti-social behaviour caused by people who have adopted a 'street life' existence and following consultation April 2004 for use of Dispersal Powers in areas of Romsey and Petersfield wards with ward Councillors, the Leader had given approval to the Police on 1. These powers had come into force on 7 April 2004 and would remain in place until 6 October 2004. Use of the powers would be regularly monitored.

In summary, the powers meant that in the area designated, a constable in uniform can give directions where there are reasonable grounds for believing that the presence or behaviour of a group of two or more persons in any public place has resulted or is likely to result in any members of the public being intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed. Persons in the group can be directed to disperse and/or leave the locality for a period specified by the officer and not return for a period of up to 24 hours. Failure to comply with a direction can lead to arrest.

Members noted the position.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

**CHAIR**