



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

26 August 2004: 7.30pm – 9:55pm
Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Anthony Hymans and Rhodri James (Chair)
 King's Hedges: Louise Downham
 East Chesterton: Donald Adey and Jennifer Liddle
 West Chesterton: Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith & Diane Armstrong

Also Present : County Councillor Maurice Leeke (West Chesterton)

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04/25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	Apologies were received from Councillors Ward (Arbury), Hughes and Bell (Kings Hedges), Bailey (East Chesterton); and County Councillors Jones (Kings Hedges), Huppert (East Chesterton) and Kidman (Arbury).	
04/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Cllr James (Chair) declared a personal interest as a member of the Board of North Cambridge Credit Union. The Committee noted that there was no decision to be made and that the Chair would remain throughout the presentation.	

04/27	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2004 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.	
04/28	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>Resident 1 asked about the progress of public consultation in regard to the review of traffic management along Milton Road.</p> <p>The chair referred to a message he had received from the County Council in which they advised that they would carry out informal consultations with ward councillors, relevant stakeholder groups, residents and businesses between Mitcham's Corner and Arbury Road (along Milton Road). The Chair understood that the County Council's engineer had recently made contact with the Residents Association at Mitcham's Corner. The County would, subject to Area Joint Committee support, hold more formal and wider ranging consultations in the future.</p> <p>Resident 1 advised that she had not been contacted by the engineer . The Chair said that he would follow this up with the County.</p> <p>Resident 2 asked what the Council was doing in regard to the problems with trucks accessing and unloading on Campkin Road (near Tesco's) at 5:00am in the morning. The road is allegedly not big enough for manoeuvring trucks.</p> <p>Cllr Downham commented that the problems had been created by a lack of consultation with local residents.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the issues would be referred to Cllr Bailey who was responsible for Planning and Transport matters.</p> <p>Resident 3 asked when the holes in the footpaths along High Street Chesterton (especially around Haymaker Public House) would be fixed. He said that people had fallen due to the holes and there was also a puddle problem caused by traffic calming measures (speed humps). A second resident commented that Kings Hedges had the same problems.</p> <p>Cllr Liddle commented that these problems were dealt with on a priority basis and that she would make some inquiries in regard to the problems near the Haymaker.</p> <p>Resident 4 asked that in light of the proposal that black bins will be collected once a fortnight, how much more waste will be recycled.</p> <p>Cllr Nimmo-Smith advised that the Council was in consultation over these changes which would hopefully enable it to meet the governments recycling target of 36% of all waste. He said that at present the Council was recycling 24% and if this did not improve the Council would be fined and also incur a loss of income.</p>	<p>The Chair</p> <p>Cllr Bailey</p> <p>Cllr Liddle</p> <p>None</p>

	<p>Resident 5 commented that anti-social behaviour was becoming an ever increasing problem and that the Council should be doing more.</p> <p>Cllr Nimmo-Smith commented that the Community Safety Strategy was looking at ways for community groups to deal with anti-social behaviour and providing the public with an opportunity to put forward their views.</p> <p>Resident 6 commented that garages around Arbury Court were often burgled and vandalised and that the CCTV was ineffective. He was concerned that children may get injured as they climb the garage roofs and suggested that the Council consider constructing a brick wall or fence around the garages.</p> <p>The Chair advised that this was an issue for the Housing Department and would refer the matter to them for consideration.</p> <p>Resident 7 asked about the progress of the Environmental Improvements Programme at Oak Tree Avenue. She commented that the issues to be considered included a lack of double yellow lines, parking bays not in the correct places, no lighting in the car park and a lack of street signage.</p> <p>Cllr Liddle said that she would organise a meeting between the Residents Association and the Environment and Planning Department so the concerns can be addressed.</p> <p>Cllr Boyce advised that the consultation period for Oak Tree Avenue closed tomorrow and the work had not gone out to tender at this stage.</p> <p>Resident 8 raised the issue of long periods (4 weeks) of unguarded excavation works by Cambridge Water on Neptune Close and Northfield Avenue, Kings Hedges. This issue had been previously raised with Anne Campbell MP without success.</p> <p>Members commented that these were not isolated problems and Cambridge Water, like other public utilities/companies, only had to advise the Council on what they were doing. The Council has no legal power to enforce excavation standards on public utilities and, in this particular case, discussions needed to be entered into with Cambridge Water to resolve the matter.</p> <p>Resident 9 commented that there was no record of who attended the north area meetings and that the Residents Associations should receive a copy of the minutes.</p> <p>Members commented that the public could complete the committee's questionnaire if they would like to see any changes to procedure.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>The Chair</p> <p>Cllr Liddle</p> <p>The Chair</p> <p>Committee Manager</p>
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	<p>Resident 10 asked when the replacement for the Cutter Ferry Bridge was going to start.</p> <p>Cllr Nimmo-Smith advised that he could not give a definitive answer as this was a County Council issue. He said that it was his understanding that it would be finished by the end of the year which was in line with the publicly announced schedule.</p>	None
04/29	NORTH CAMBRIDGE CREDIT UNION	
	<p>Andrew Wilson, a representative of North Cambridge Credit Union (NCCU), gave a presentation on the range of services provided by NCCU. He said that the NCCU was a member owned and controlled organisation that provided low cost loans and encouraged people to save. Mr Wilson commented that the NCCU wanted to enter into partnership agreements (i.e. local strategic partnership) with other organisations, such as the City Council and Cambridge Housing Society, and assist people with financial problems. He also said that the NCCU, in partnership with other organisations, wanted to conduct research on how best to help people manage their finances. Mr Wilson added that at this stage the NCCU only operated in the north of Cambridge, however, there were plans to expand to the south of Cambridge.</p> <p>Mr Wilson was asked what the average rate of return was for people investing in NCCU. He replied that the return could be anything between 2-8% depending on performance. He said that the NCCU had recently paid 0.5% dividend to shareholders.</p> <p>Members supported the role of the NCCU and the local strategic partnership concept. They said that the NCCU provided a unique opportunity in the way individuals could manage their own finances.</p>	<i>(Presentation by Andrew Wilson NCCU representative)</i>
04/30	LICENSING REFORM – INTRODUCTION OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003	
	<p>Christine Allison, Licensing Officer, introduced the report and advised of the changes that would arise from the implementation of the <i>Licensing Act 2003</i>. She explained that the Council needed to have a Licensing Policy and had to consult interested parties, councillors and the public prior to implementing the policy. Ms Allison encouraged completion of the questionnaire contained in the report and advised that responses needed to be returned by 6 October 2004.</p> <p>Members agreed to the recommendation of the report that the <i>Licensing Act 2003</i> required the council to prepare and publish a statement of its licensing policy. The Committee noted that before determining the policy, the council must undertake extensive consultation in accordance with Government guidance. Members urged the public to put their questions in writing and to provide as much information as possible when completing the questionnaire.</p>	<i>Christine Allison, Environmental Health and Waste Services</i>

04/31 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

1	
Site	182 Milton Road Cambridge CB4 1LF
Proposal	Renewal of planning permission C/98/0798/FP - Erection of 2 storey dwelling
Application No	C/04/0660/FP
Applicant	Keith Warburton
Public Speaker(s)	Mr Wade (resident), Mrs Wade (resident), Mr Warburton (applicant).
APPROVED	By 6 votes to 0 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report

2	
Site	176 Milton Road. Cambridge, CB4 1LF
Proposal	Change of use from single dwelling house to two flats and single storey side extension.
Application No	C/04/0764/FP
Applicant	L. De Simone
Public Speaker(s)	Mrs Gilmartin (resident), Mrs Wade (resident)
APPROVED	By 5 votes to 0 (with 1 abstention) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report

3	
Site	Land rear of, 361/363 Milton Road. Cambridge, CB4 1SP
Proposal	Erection of 2no. semi detached house to the rear existing dwelling house with access from Lovell Road.
Application No	C/04/0733/FP
Applicant	L. De Simone
Public Speaker(s)	None
APPROVED:	By 6 votes to 0 as set out in the Agenda

4	
Site	110 – 113 Fallowfield, Cambridge, CB4 1PG
Proposal	Erection of 1No. 3 bed house, 1No. 5 bed house, 2No. 2 bed flats and 2No. 1 bed flats following demolition of 4 existing residential units.
Application No	C/04/0367/FP
Applicant	Hundred Houses Society
Public Speaker(s)	Mr Fryde (resident)
APPROVED	By 5 votes to 1 (1 abstention) as per agenda

The meeting ended at 10:05pm.

CHAIR