



**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**

**South Area Committee  
(City Councillors representing Cherry Hinton, Queen  
Edith's , Trumpington Wards)  
2 September 2004 7.30pm – 10.05pm  
Minutes & Actions**

**Present:** Councillors  
Eric Barrett-Payton, Russ McPherson (Cherry Hinton)  
Alan Baker, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)  
Edrich Adigun-Harris, Sheila Churchill, Philippa Slatter (Trumpington)

**Also Present:** County Councillors Anne Kent (Trumpington)

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**Action by  
(see  
action  
sheet  
attached  
also)**

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**04/32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Dryden (Cherry Hinton) and Stebbings (Queen Edith's). County Councillors Carter (Cherry Hinton) and Heathcock (Queen Edith's)

**04/33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

04/39a Councillors Slatter and Adigun-Harris personal interests as

members of the Trumpington Residents Association.  
04/40 (2) Councillor McPherson was known to the objector and did not to participate in the debate and decision.

#### **04/34 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

The Chair advised the Committee that an answer was still awaited on 04/29 (Council costs incurred on the Queen Edith's Way environmental improvements).

*Subsequently, the Head of Policy and Projects reports that the costs of the exercise were approximately £2,500 on officer time and £100 for hire of rooms and use of materials. All costs were covered by existing budgets.*

Councillor Barrett-Payton requested that his name be recorded voting against the grant to CIAC (04/30).

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **04/35 OPEN FORUM**

*Street parking in Almoners Avenue – situation becoming intolerable 'an all day car park', any plans for a car park at Addenbrookes?*

Councillor Baker stated that because it was a Ward matter he was in regular contact with the management and Trustees of Addenbrookes and the County Council (the Highways Authority). The County Council's position was not to limit on-street parking unless there were issues of safety or access, although some single and double yellow lines had been introduced in recent times. Addenbrookes had made efforts to reduce the number of employees arriving to work by car with a Green Travel Plan and a shuttle bus, both of which should be commended. However, the management could not control visitors and patients arriving by car. Cllr Baker's personal view would be to support the construction of a multi-storey car park.

*Speeding on Queen Edith's way - dangerous*

Councillor Taylor advised that speed checks had been conducted in the past and Councillor McPherson stated that it had been raised at the last Police Local Consultation Group (South) with a request for a report and he would report these findings to the Area Committee.

Cllr  
McPherson

*(Update from Cllr McPherson - the results from a survey sometime last April were that the general speed was not as fast as even the police had expected. However, I may be able to get them to*

undertake another if the residents feel there is still a problem in the area).

*Rogue DIY traders – anything the public can do?*

County Councillor Kent referred to the Trading Standards service (part of the County Council) which co-ordinate investigations with the police. Councillor McPherson as Chair of the Cherry Hinton Neighbourhood Watch would raise the matter with the police. (It was noted that vehicle number plates of rogue traders were often false).

Cllr  
McPherson

*(Update from Cllr McPherson - The Police support the reporting of all such incidents. Take vehicle details if and when possible description of person. If any leaflets are delivered then collect these and send them to Parkside Police Station, Cambridge, CB1 1JG for the attention of 'Louisa Cross'.)*

#### **04/36 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Antoinette Jackson representing the Community Safety Partnership spoke about the preparation for the 2005-08 Community Safety Strategy and what members of the public thought the crime priorities were in the local area. A questionnaire had been sent to Residents Groups and the consultation was open until **31st October** (see website at:

[www.safercamb.org](http://www.safercamb.org)

A Committee of Inquiry on 20 November would consider the Partnership's proposals for the new Strategy's crime priorities. The Committee noted that this would be informed both by the consultation and a Crime Audit.

Members of the public and the Committee raised the following points:

- 1) Graffiti and rubbish, the appearance of an area can have an effect on people's fear of crime. The Chair mentioned a clean-up scheme being planned by residents of Council flats in Newtown. She will report back in case other neighbourhoods in the South Area want to do something similar.
- 2) Agreed that it is very important to see a visible police presence on patrol.
- 3) Response times for crimes in progress and the grading of crimes to manage that response. *(Answer required from the police - Committee to be advised by its next meeting **see below**).*
- 4) Proposals to reduce admin back-up and the knock on

Chair to

consequences for time available to patrol the street. (*Answer required from the police - Committee to be advised by its next meeting see below*).

write to  
Chief  
Super-  
intendent  
Needle.

**Response from Chief Superintendent Needle (Parkside Police Station):**

“a) Police response to emergency calls is prioritised in accordance with an incident grading policy. Attendance to incidents deemed to require an emergency response in Cambridge city should be under 10 minutes. The target for incidents fitting the rapid response criteria is within the hour.

We aim to attend 86% of emergency calls within the target time. We achieved this last year but are currently at 85.7% this financial year.

b) 11 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be funded from the start of the next financial year to work in Cambridge. Two will be funded by the City Council, the rest through a combination of Home Office grants and the Police Authority budget.

c) Our support staff structure is being reviewed to ensure that we have the right people in the right jobs to help us focus on current national, force and divisional priorities. This may result in us no longer providing services that are not key policing functions or are better provided by other organisations or agencies. The Chief Constable has made it clear that the need to achieve savings in the support staff budget will not be at the expense of front line services and must not lead to police officers being taken off the streets to carry out administrative tasks.”

**04/37 LICENSING REFORM – INTRODUCTION OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

Christine Allison, Licensing Officer presented the report and highlighted the questionnaire for consultation. In response to a question from the Chair regarding child protection advice (para 7.6), the officer stated that it would be the responsibility of either the Area Child Protection Committee or Social Services and the revised Policy would reflect this.

Members of the public were advised that the questionnaire needed to be submitted by **6<sup>th</sup> October**.

**04/38 SOUTHERN FRINGE DEVELOPMENT**

Brian Human, Head of Policy & Projects updated the Committee since last reporting in April 2004.

Mr Cook, Vice Chairman of Hobson’s Conduit Trust addressed the

Committee. He was concerned that the Trust was not being consulted on various proposals within the Southern Fringe. He referred to a letter from the Chairman of the Trust to Mr Human, which had not been replied to concerning a cyclepath between Brooklands Avenue and Long Road.

Mr Human apologised if this was the view of the Trust but stated that it had been represented at consultation workshops that had been arranged, and had been consulted by Countryside Properties. Councillor Slatter and County Councillor Kent (members of the Joint Strategic Forum Reference Group) had thought that the Trust was being kept informed. Mr Human undertook to keep consulting with the Trust and confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Chairman of the Trust. There had been no formal decision regarding a cyclepath as referred to. A note updating the Area Committee on the cycle path is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Brian  
Human,  
Head of  
Policy &  
Projects  
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Mr Human undertook to keep the South Area Committee informed of the concerns raised by the Trust.

The Committee noted that the Supplementary Planning Document would be submitted for comment when ready (para 4.3).

Southern Access Road – Mr Human confirmed that the Joint Strategic Forum Reference Group would consider the consultant's report at its meeting on 28 September prior to public consultation as part of the Local Plan consultation. The Chair requested that at that meeting the officers should press for a decision in principle on where the road would be likely to cross Shelford Rd. In response to questions from the public, Mr Human stated that the City Council would insist that the road was in place before delivery of settlements and this would be tied-in to any planning consents.

**04/39 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, FISHER'S LANE**

The Committee agreed a grant of £100 towards fencing.

Adam  
Fuller,  
Projects  
Officer  
01223  
457135

**04 APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING – TRUMPINGTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**39(a)**

The Chair ruled that under 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the late item from the Grants Manager on an application for grant of £400 be considered despite not being made publicly available for this committee five clear days prior to the meeting. The reason was that the request for funding had been received

after agenda publication.

Trumpington Residents Association request £400 to prepare and print a document for the planners and developers of the proposed additional dwellings in Trumpington which will look at community integration and facilities and environmental issues. It is based on both targeted work by Association members and feedback from a local questionnaire; the Association wants to print it as soon as possible. The Committee has £10,865 in the 2004/05 budget.

The Committee was advised that the full cost of the document was over £800.

Mr Brown from the Trumpington Residents Association addressed the Committee on the detail of the project.

The Committee agreed to grant £400 as applied for.

Chris  
Freeman,  
Grants  
Manager  
01223  
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#### **04/40 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**1 Application no.** C/04/0786/FP

**Site** R/O 46 Newton Road (Trumpington)

**Proposal** Erection of detached dwelling and 2 car garage.

**Applicant** Summerpark, c/c 1 Orwell Close

**Public speaker** - Mr Gordon & Dr Green (residents), Mr Gilmore (architect for the applicant).

The planning officer referred to the circulated amendment sheet which included the following:

A further letter has been received from the occupiers of 46 Newton Road, Cambridge enclosing an extract from the deeds of that property which are said also to relate to the application site. The correspondent's solicitor "is quite clear that any attempt to proceed along the lines proposed would be totally at odds with the existing covenant and therefore illegal. And he is quite happy to go into battle on this account." Surprise is expressed that the Council would contemplate approving an application in these circumstances.

A letter has also been received from the occupiers of 41 Bentley Road, Cambridge objecting to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- the sightlines for entry and exit to the dwelling are inadequate.
- The proposed dwelling is two-storey, which is contrary to the original outline consent, which was for a single-storey dwelling. The dwelling should

- be a bungalow like the others in Diamond Close.
- Render would be out of keeping and intrusive.

A letter has been received from the occupiers of 39 Bentley Road, Cambridge objecting to the proposed development for the following reasons:

- Proposed dwelling is two-storeys, which is contrary to the outline consent. Also no 5 Diamond Close was restricted to single-storey.
- Concerned about the sightlines for entry and exit of the site.

A letter has been received from the occupier of 2 Diamond Close objecting to the development on the following grounds:

- Scheme is not consistent with the planning history for west side of Diamond Close, or the outline consent of 2002, and doesn't account for an upper floor being added at a later date.
- Garage is dominant in street scene and restricts visibility for traffic.

At the Committee the dates of all the above letters were reported and another letter from 8 Diamond Close was reported in the following terms; the original letter was sent on the 24 August – and sent again, when it was understood not to have been reported, on 1 September.

Does not fit with the surroundings –no building with stucco can be seen from the site.

2 storey but single floor is misleading – this will rob neighbours of their privacy and upper windows are unnecessary

This is a blatant attempt to get a two-storey house – with the upper floor being installed later (as it does not need permission), robbing neighbours of privacy.

The entrance to Diamond Close is quite dangerous, the addition of a garage will be an additional hazard

All local residents would be happy with a bungalow. It would be inexplicable to allow more.

### **Resolved (by 4 votes to 3)**

To refuse the application [against the recommendation of the officer].

Reason for refusal based on policy BE2, wording to be agreed by Chair, see below.

*(The following reason was approved by 7 September:*

*The proposed dwelling, because of its siting hard on the corner of Diamond Close and Bentley Road, its two-storey equivalent height adjacent to that corner, the use of render which is not a typical*

*material at this end of Bentley Road or in Diamond Close, and the modern design approach adopted, would, in that position, be an incongruous form that would not respect the character or constraints of the specific site, not relate well to its surroundings, and would not, therefore, constitute sensitive design. For these reasons the proposal is contrary to policy BE2 of the Cambridge Local Plan (1996).*

- 2**     **Application no.** C/04/0757/FP  
          **Site** Rear of 1 Friars Close (Cherry Hinton)  
          **Proposal** Amendment to planning permission C/02/0933/FP for the erection of a two-storey detached house.  
          **Applicant** Mr Durning, 34 Nutting Road  
          **Public speaker** - Mr Sharkey (resident)

The planning officer reported that the applicants have provided written confirmation that they are willing to enter into a legal agreement, a Unilateral Undertaking version B, and that they are willing to pay the legal costs of the council associated with the drawing up of such an agreement.

**Resolved (by 5 votes to 1)**

To approve as detailed in the report and subject to the unilateral undertaking being finalised; in the event that it is not, by the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the application to be refused.

- 3**     **Application no.** C/04/0720/FP  
          **Site** Land West of Kathleen Elliot Way (Cherry Hinton)  
          **Proposal** Construction of new play area  
          **Applicant** Land Securities, c/o FPD Savills, Bridge Place, 132 Hills Road.

The Planning Officer withdrew the application from consideration by Committee.

The meeting ended at 10.05pm

**CHAIR**

**South Area Committee Annexe to Item 04/38**

**Hobson's Conduit - National Cycle Network Route 11 (Shelford to Cambridge).**

### **The route north of Long Rd**

The route would run from Long Rd along the western edge of Emmanuel College land, up through Clare College land along the existing path (the surface is currently eroded well below the level of the surrounding ground so a stabilised gravel path may be the best solution for this section), then crossing to the east side of the Conduit through CUP land and then linking to the new development and up to Brooklands Avenue.

### **Progress**

SUSTRANS are currently negotiating with landowners regarding this route. Emmanuel College have indicated that they are supportive in principle as are Clare College but CUP is unwilling to discuss this issue whilst their dispute over the guided busway route is unresolved.

Once these land issues have been resolved and options agreed with design details there will be public consultation on these options. Local residents and the Hobson's Conduit Trust will be consulted as part of this.

### **The route south of Long Rd**

It is envisaged that this will run to the east of the Clay Farm development linking to Addenbrooke's and then to the east of the railway down to Great Shelford. The details of the route will be agreed as part of the Southern Fringe master planning process.