



**West/Central Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Castle, Market
and Newnham Wards)
23 September 2004 7:30pm – 9.45pm
Minutes & Actions**

Present: Councillors: John Hipkin (Castle Ward, Chair), Marie-Louise Holland (Castle Ward), Colin Rosenstiel and Joye Rosenstiel (Market Ward), Rod Cantrill, Sian Reid and Julie Smith (Newnham Ward)

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04/35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mike Dixon and Simon Kightley and County Councillor Brinton.

04/36 OPEN FORUM

Members of the public asked questions and raised issues – please see the attached Action Sheet for details of these and the responses given.

04/37 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Tom Jefford 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

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

1. Carl Poole came to speak on behalf of the Cambridge County Court. The Cambridge County Court identified the following crime priorities as a very big problem and ones that should be focused on in the new strategy: **Anti-social Behaviour; Dangerous Driving/Driving under the influence of Alcohol; Aggressive Begging; and Street Robbery.**
2. Specific areas of Cambridge highlighted as areas of aggressive begging are Bridge Street and Drummer Street (Bus Station).
3. Another Crime Priority mentioned during the meeting was **Anti-social behaviour (ASB) induced by Alcohol Abuse, especially by young people.** Of particular concern were ASB incidents triggered by alcohol abuse outside city centre pubs – Wetherspoons in Regent Street was mentioned specifically. Other places mentioned specifically were outside Mandela House on Regent Street and on King Street. Related issues brought up were: **alcohol and offending; culture of binge drinking** and related violence; **fear of going into the city centre in the evening** due to the above.
4. Specific questions asked by the councillors included:
 - a. Will this consultation process influence the police's policies?
 - Tom Jefford responded that it makes the police realise they can achieve more by working in partnership with other agencies.
 - b. Is it in the Partnership's remit to put pressure on the Police to put a Community Policeman (CSO) at Castle?
 - Tom Jefford responded that this would be mentioned to the Police
5. It was requested that **more police** be visible in the city centre on Saturday nights. This would help reduce the fear of crime that is preventing people coming into the city centre weekend nights.
6. Crime in Open Spaces was mentioned and it was asked how we could make people feel safer. However, it was

acknowledged that the signs warning robbers that the police were present in open areas (such as Parkers Piece) did help.

Summary of priorities:

- More Police in the City Centre (especially on a Saturday Night)
- Community Police Officer for Castle
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Dangerous Driving/Driving under the influence of Alcohol;
- Aggressive Begging
- Street Robbery
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB) induced by Alcohol Abuse, especially by youth
- Culture of Binge Drinking
- Alcohol and Offending
- Fear of Crime affecting the night time economy

04/38 MATTERS ARISING

Several issues that had come up at the 29 July meeting Open Forum came up again in this Open Forum – please see the attached Action Sheet for details.

04/39 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July were agreed as a correct record.

04/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Code of Conduct personal interests in Planning Applications were declared as follows:

Councillor	Application	Nature of interest
C Rosenstiel	C/04/0646/FP	To register that now that the property was no longer the family GP surgery, there were no interests to declare on this occasion.

Code of Conduct (personal and prejudicial) interests in Planning Applications were declared as follows. The Councillors indicated left the room, took no part in the discussion and did not vote on the item.

Councillor	Application	Nature of interest
Hipkin	C/04/0853/FP	The applicant is a close personal friend.

04/41 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- 1 **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0853/FP
SITE: 2 Grange Road (Newnham)
PROPOSAL: Change of use from house to flats.
APPLICANT: Prof. and Mrs Pepper

Councillor Julie Smith in the Chair

The Head of Development Services advised the Committee of an additional recommendation and two additional informatives as follows:

Add further Recommendation: "In the event that the planning obligation required in connection with this planning application is not completed by the target date of 6 October 2004 for determining this application, it is recommended that this planning application be reviewed, and following consultation with the Head of Development Services, be REFUSED planning permission for the following reason:

The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for formal and informal open space in accordance with policy RL3 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996; for community facilities in accordance with policy CS3 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996; for education facilities in accordance with policies CS6 and CS9 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996. In all of the above respects the development is contrary to the requirements of the Council's Planning Obligation Strategy 2004."

Add the following informatives:

"The applicant is advised to contact Housing Standards at Mandela House, 4 Regent Street, Cambridge and Building Control, at The Guildhall, Cambridge, concerning fire precautions, means of escape and adequate ventilation to bathrooms."

"The granting of planning permission does not constitute a permission or licence to a developer to carry out any works within, or disturbance of, or interference with, the Public Highway; a separate permission must be sought from the Highway Authority for such works".

APPROVED (by 6 votes to 0) subject to satisfactory completion of S106 obligation with delegated authority to officers (following consultation with Head of Development Services) to refuse if S106 not completed by 6 October 2004 and to the conditions and informatives as listed in the officer report and including the additional informatives listed above.

- 2 **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0552/FP
SITE: 60 & 62 Canterbury Street (Castle)

PROPOSAL: Change of use from two semi-detached houses to three two-bedroomed flats.

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs A Abulhoul

Councillor John Hipkin in the Chair

APPROVED (by 7 votes to 0) subject to satisfactory completion of S106 obligation with delegated authority to officers (following consultation with Head of Development Services) to refuse if S106 not completed by 25 October 2004 and to the conditions and informatives as listed in the officer report.

- 3** **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0712/FP
SITE: Land to Rear of 27 Windsor Road (Castle)
PROPOSAL: Erection of 1 no 3 bedroom house
APPLICANT: K Marsh Esq

APPROVED (by 7 votes to 0) subject to satisfactory completion of S106 obligation (now completed) and to the conditions and informatives as listed in the officer report.

- 4** **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0646/FP
SITE: Land to rear of 23 Newmarket Road (Market)
PROPOSAL: Erection of 2 storey building.
APPLICANT: Technique UK Ltd.
PSR: Oliver Smith (Architect)

The Head of Development Services advised the Committee of an additional recommendation and change to text as follows:
Add additional recommendation that if Planning Obligation is not completed by 25 October 2004, then the application be refused for the following reason:

The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for formal and informal open space in accordance with policy RL3 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996 and for community facilities in accordance with policy CS3 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996. In both these respects the development is contrary to the requirements of the Council's Planning Obligation Strategy 2004."

Delete Condition 5, which repeats Condition 4.

APPROVED (by 6 votes to 0) subject to satisfactory completion of S106 obligation with delegated authority to officers (following consultation with Head of Development Services) to refuse if S106 not completed by 25 October 2004 and to the conditions (as amended) and informatives as listed in the officer report.

- 5** **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0711/FP
SITE: 85 Grantchester Meadows (Newnham)
PROPOSAL: Erection of carport.
APPLICANT: Dr H Nguyen.

PSR: Dr Tuan Nguyen (for the applicant); Linda Gamlin (representing objectors)

The Head of Development Services informed the Committee about the following:

Additional letter of support dated 13 September 2004 submitted by applicant (copy attached to Amendment Sheet)

Amendments To Text : There is an incorrect statement in Para 8.7 of the report in that the trees in the back garden of 85 Grantchester Road are not referred to in the Newnham Croft Conservation Area Appraisal document. Para 5.43 of the document solely refers to “the wooden fences and tall ash trees in the back gardens of Eltisley Avenue and Grantchester Meadows” supplying “additional texture and colour” at the southern end of Marlowe Road. Par 8.7 of the Committee report should be reworded to read “The proposed carport involves.....degree of protection; however they are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order, nor are they identified as significant trees on the Appraisal key diagram, nor are they mentioned for their special quality in any other way in the Appraisal document. The view of the Arboricultural Officer.....policies NE16 and NE17”

REFUSED against officer recommendation (by 5 votes to 0) on grounds of highway safety and unacceptable impact on streetscape. Reasons to be drafted by the Head of Development Services for approval by the Chair.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

CHAIR