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

21 October 2004: 7.30pm – 9:55pm
Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

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

Also Present : County Councillor Julian Huppert (East Chesterton) and Maurice Leeke (West Chesterton).

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04/32	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	City Cllrs Adey, Armstrong, Bailey and Liddle. County Cllr Kidman.	
04/33	MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2004 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair. <u>Matters Arising from previous minutes</u> Cllr James advised that in relation to the issues raised by Residents 1 and 8 he had passed the public comments to Mr Richard Preston at the County Council.	

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	<p>The Committee Manager advised that Cllr Bailey would report back on the issues raised by Resident 2 (truck access and unloading on Campkin road (near Tesco's)) at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee Manager advised that in relation to the issues raised by Resident 3, Cllr Bailey and a departmental officer had met with resident 3 and inspected the footpaths along High Street, Chesterton. An action plan had been prepared to deal with the problems.</p> <p>Cllr Downham advised that in relation to the issues raised by Resident 6, she had met with him and a departmental officer at the garages to inspect the problems. Cllr Downham said that a costings report would be presented to the committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee Manager advised that in relation to the issues raised by Resident 7, he understood that Cllrs Liddle and Bailey had met with resident 7 (or her representative) and would report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee Manager advised that in relation to the issues raised by Resident 9, he will endeavour to make draft minutes available to the public in advance of future meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Leeke advised that in relations to the issue raised by Resident 10, the Cutter Ferry Bridge will re-open shortly after Christmas.</p>	
04/34	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None.	
04/35	OPEN FORUM	
	<p>Resident 1 referred to the Environmental Improvements Programme and asked whether the planting of trees could be included as part of the review of traffic management along Milton Road.</p> <p>The Committee advised that the review of traffic management and the planting of trees were two separate issues. The planting of trees could not be considered until an overall picture of the problems along Milton road were clearer.</p> <p>Resident 2 commented that the streets in East Chesterton were not particularly clean and wanted to know what the Council could do about it (issue 1). Resident 2 also asked why there were no disabled parking bays at the East Chesterton shops (issue 2).</p> <p>The Chair advised (issue 1) that there were different levels of cleaning across the city and resources were placed in areas of highest need e.g. Town Centre. The Chair suggested that there may need to be a review of street cleaning priorities and would follow the matter up and report back at the next meeting.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Chair (issue1)</p> <p>Cllr Huppert (Issue2)</p>

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	<p>Cllr Downham commented that cleanliness was becoming a problem on public housing land and recommended that the committee make further inquiries and report back at the next meeting. Cllr James commented that a tenant consultancy group was reviewing the cleanliness of public housing land and no inquiries were required by the committee. Cllr Nimmo-Smith commented that this was not an issue for the North Area Committee to investigate.</p> <p>The Chair advised that in relation to disabled parking it was his understanding that there were not enough bays available in which a disabled bay could be allocated. Cllr Huppert advised that he will raise the issue with the Transport and Environment Area Joint Committee and report back at the next meeting.</p>	
04/36	COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	
	<p>Chief Superintendent Rob Needle and Alison Patient from the Cambridgeshire Police Service addressed the meeting and discussed the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). Supt Needle said that the CSP was set up in the late 1990s due to the realisation that the prevention and solving of crime was not just a police matter but also an issue for agencies such as the Probation Service, Education, Health, Fire and Rescue, County and City Councils. He said that the CSP was created to achieve three main objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A powerful alliance 2. A pooling of resources 3. A partnership that could achieve more than the sum of its individual parts e.g. burglary prevention. <p>During the meeting the following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of police officers walking the beat, particularly in the Arbury area. It was commented that even if police were in the area they were always in cars and missed unlawful behaviour. • Concern relating to the high fear of crime in the north area of the city and that some people felt it was unsafe to go out at night. A lack of any form of capable guardian. • Mobile CCTV was not being placed in the most effective areas and often blocked by trees. • The youth project implemented in East Chesterton had been effective and that further work would be welcomed. • The E-cops project had been successful and should be made a city wide project. • Under age drinking was a problem and linked to anti-social behaviour. • Drug dealing problems. 	None

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04/37	UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2004/05	
	<p>The Environmental Improvements Officer (EIO) introduced the report and provided some general comments on sections 3 & 4. In regard to Oak Tree Avenue, it was commented that not all parking areas had double yellow lines and it was agreed that this would be followed up by the EIO.</p> <p>The Committee was asked to consider and comment on the following recommendations as outlined in the EIO's report:</p> <p>2.1 To recommend to Environment Scrutiny Committee and Executive Councillor (Planning and Transport) restricted delegated powers to officers to allow minor environmental improvements to proceed (para 6.1 – 6.11).</p> <p>The committee resolved (by 5 votes to1) not to support restricted delegated powers to officers.</p> <p>2.2 To recommend to Environment Scrutiny Committee and Executive Councillor (Planning and Transport) whether they prefer officers to consult with all Ward Councillors and the Chair, or All Area Councillors before making decisions on minor projects.</p> <p>The committee resolved (by 5 votes 0) that if officers were given restricted delegated powers then they should consult all area councillors.</p> <p>2.3 To approve Elizabeth Way/Mariners Way planting (estimate tabled at committee meeting).</p> <p>The committee resolved that as no East Chesterton Cllrs were present they would not make a formal decision at this stage. The Committee asked the EIO to consult East Chesterton Cllrs next week and if they supported the scheme then preparation work could commence. The committee would then reconsider the recommendation at the next meeting.</p> <p>2.4 To approve Wilson Close improvements (estimate tabled at committee meeting).</p> <p>This recommendation was withdrawn.</p> <p>2.5 To identify any further schemes for investigation, taking into account the progress of schemes and the resources available (para 9b).</p> <p>No further schemes were recommended by the Committee.</p>	Helen Hepburn

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04/38 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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SITE	Land adjacent to 30 Markham Close, CB4 2PX
PROPOSAL	Erection of No.1 house and garage and 1.8m high fence.
APPLICATION NO	C/04/0896/FP
APPLICANT	Abercorn Property Investments, c/o Januarys, York House & Dukes Court, 54-62 Newmarket Road
PUBLIC SPEAKER(S)	Fay Smith, Jason Soer and Cllr Downham* (objectors)
APPROVED	<p>By 4 votes to 2 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report and comments A & B below.</p> <p>A. Condition 4 of the officers report to be deleted and replaced by:</p> <p>The 1m access strip shown on drawing 07.04 Amendment A shall be provided for access to bike and bin storage for 30 Markham Close within one month of the development hereby approved being commenced and shall thereafter be retained, unless agreement to any variation is first given, in writing, by the local planning authority. Details of the bike and bin storage building shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to the commencement of development.</p> <p>Reason – To protect the amenities of nearby residents/occupiers and in the interests of visual amenity. (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 policy P1/3 and Cambridge Local Plan 1996 policies BE2 and BE4)</p> <p>B. The roofing material to be copper to match the existing dwellings in this terrace: 30 – 35 Markham Close.</p>

* As Cllr Downham spoke as an objector and therefore did not take part in the vote proceedings of this application .

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.

CHAIR