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**West/Central Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Castle, Market
and Newnham Wards)
18 November 2004 7:30pm – 10.10pm
Minutes & Actions**

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

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04/42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Mike Dixon.

04/43 OPEN FORUM

This was an Open Forum with a special theme – Residents' Parking and Local Authority Parking Enforcement (LAPE). Members of the public and councillors asked questions and raised issues – please see the attached Summary Sheet for details of

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these and the responses given.

04/44 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 23 September 2004 were amended at minute number 04/37 (deletions struck through and amended text underlined) as follows:

~~Of particular concern were ASB incidents triggered by alcohol abuse outside downtown city centre pubs. Specific places mentioned were Wetherspoons and Mandela House on Regent Street and King Street – Wetherspoons in Regent Street was mentioned specifically. Other places mentioned specifically were outside Mandela House on Regent Street and on King Street.~~

The amended minute reads: 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.

The Chair then signed the minutes as a correct record.

04/45 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

04/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	Application	Nature of interest
S Reid	C/04/0700FP	Friend of objector to the first application.

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared in other items as follows:

Councillor	Item	Nature of interest
C Rosenstiel	Environmental Improvements – Round Church Street	Lifelong member of the Union Society
J Smith	Environmental Improvements – Round Church Street	As a member of the University.

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04/41 UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2004/05

The Landscape Architect tabled an update sheet and then spoke to it and the report. Recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 requested delegated powers to allow minor environmental improvements to proceed and the procedure for any prior consultation with members. Recommendations 2.3-2.9 referred to decisions required on specific schemes.

The Committee noted that recommendations 2.6 and 2.8 were withdrawn as they were not considered appropriate and that recommendation 2.5 included an additional request from Streetscene for 7 additional litter bins at a total cost of £3,850. Recommendation 2.10 asked the committee to identify further schemes for investigation taking into account the progress of schemes and the resources (including personnel) available.

The Committee then considered each of the schemes and noted that the Histon Road one had been successfully completed and was now the responsibility of North Area Committee following the changes to the ward boundaries.

Following discussion about the Round Church Street proposal, which had been instigated by Councillor J Rosenstiel as the area was a public eyesore, the Committee agreed that the University should be asked to clean up the area.

When the Committee considered the recommendation for Willow Walk, a member of the public objected to the "public subvention to a private asset" and that it was a private road and not a public right of way.

The Landscape Architect explained that the scheme allowed for contribution to private land substantially used by the public eg shop forecourts. In relation to Willow Walk, the public used it a great deal and some of the damage to the road could be attributed to the Council's refuse lorries.

Councillor J Smith mentioned the hostel for homeless people at the end of the walk and that the City Council had a significant role in relation to it.

The Committee then voted on each recommendation in turn:

2.1 Agreed (by 6 votes to 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.

2.2 Agreed (by 6 votes to 0) to recommend to Environment Scrutiny Committee and Executive Councillor (Planning and Transport) that they preferred officers to consult with all Ward Councillors and the Chair before making decisions on minor projects.

2.3 Agreed (unanimously) that the Council take unilateral action to improve the footpath link between Marlowe Road and Millington Road.

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2.4 Agreed (unanimously) to the revised proposals for Salmon Lane.

2.5 Agreed (unanimously) to approve the works to Burleigh Street for up to £16,000.

2.7 Agreed (unanimously) to approve the contribution of £2,000 to Willow Walk improvements.

2.8 Withdrawn (see above)

2.9 Agreed (by 6 votes to 0) to defer the decision on this item to allow the officer to ask the University to clean up the litter.

2.10 Agreed that, as the officers were short-staffed, to defer this item for consideration to the next meeting of the Committee in January when an up-to-date statement of the funds for disposal would be available.

04/42 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

- 1 **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0700/FP
SITE: Land R/O St Botolphs Rectory, (Newnham)
PROPOSAL: Erection of 1no. 4 bed detached house and garage.
APPLICANT: The Ely Diocesan Board of Finance
PSR: Michael Nedo (resident); Robert Wickham (for the applicant)

The Planning Officer informed the Committee of additional information which was too late to be included in the officer report:

The Conservation & Design Panel felt that the change in design approach had not resolved the fundamental problem that this very sensitive site was too small for the proposed development. Refusal recommended.

Other points for clarification;

Previous footprint 217 square metres amended scheme 223.11 square metres.

Distance from the boundary was previously 8 metres at the closest point for two hipped projecting elements otherwise the remaining 15 metres of the length was 10 metres from the boundary. Details of the amended scheme were given in paragraph 2.2 of the officer report.

REFUSED against officer recommendation (by 8 votes to 0).
Reason to be agreed by Chair.

The following reason has been agreed:

The proposed house, by virtue of its scale, mass and relationship with buildings on adjacent sites fails to respect the character or have regard for the constraints of the site and the surrounding area, which falls within the City of Cambridge Conservation Area

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No.1 (Central). The development also intrudes upon the setting of a listed building and is not of sufficient architectural merit to justify the introduction of an additional building into a highly sensitive environment. The development is therefore contrary to policies P1/2, P1/3 and P7/6 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and policies BE2, BE4 and BE32 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996, supplementary planning guidance in the form of the Cambridge City Council Housing Development and Design Guide 2001 and guidance provided by PPG 15 Planning and the Historic Environment 1994.

- 2** **APPLICATION NO:** C/04/0809/OP
 SITE: 100 Barton Road (Newnham)
 PROPOSAL: Erection of one dwelling house.
 APPLICANT: Prof T J Cole

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

The meeting ended at 10.10pm.

CHAIR