

East Area Committee

Cherry Trees Day Centre, St Matthew's Street

3 November 2005
7.30pm – 10.35pm

Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Abbey: John Durrant, Caroline Hart, Richard Smith

Coleridge: Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert

Petersfield: Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack

Romsey: Iain Coleman, Sarah Ellis-Miller, Catherine Smart

Co-opted non-voting members: County Councillors: Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Jo Toomey (Romsey)

05/36 Open Forum

Resident 1: Potholes in the roadway

The resident drew attention to the potholes in the roadway, and the poor pavements at the far end of Mill Road. Following the last meeting, the Highways Authority had been contacted and were proposing to visit the site with residents. There would be a report back to the next meeting.

Resident 2: Hope Street One Way System

The resident said that she and a number of residents were concerned at the way drivers ignored or were ignorant of the signs indicating that roads in the area, particularly Hope Street were one-way. The situation had been steadily getting worse and it would not be long before there was an accident arising from this.

Cllr Smart said she had raised this with the Area Joint Committee (AJC) of the County Council to no avail. The signs used were said to be the correct ones for the type of restriction.

Cllr Herbert said he would remind the AJC, of which he was a member, about the problem.

Cllr Blencowe said that enforcement of the restrictions would discourage drivers and the Police Representative, Mark Woolner, said that he would raise the issue with beat officers and the Community Service Officers.

Resident 3: Rubbish Left by Residents on the Streets

Rubbish was mounting up in various places with residents ignoring the new waste collection system or apparently unaware or uncaring of the problems caused by leaving rubbish about.

Cllr Coleman, Executive Councillor Environmental Services, said that he was aware of the problem which he acknowledged had increased with the new rounds. The council would target areas where this was occurring and households which repeatedly left rubbish out at the wrong time would be visited and, if necessary, enforcement action would be taken.

Resident 4: Storage of Rubbish

Residents and shopkeepers in the area were concerned at the effect of the new collection rounds which frequently meant that streets were left littered with rubbish. This was exacerbated on Monday collections when the rubbish was left out on Friday over the weekend. The sticker system of alerting residents that they were causing a problem was not

working. Occupants of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) or let short term had little concern about the results of leaving their rubbish in the streets for two weeks. He had noticed that additional collection vehicles had been used by the Council. Were the Council likely to change the system if events proved it to be unworkable?

Cllr Coleman said that he was aware of the problem with HMOs although not as much as use had been made of the stickers as anticipated, which he felt encouraged by, given that it was still early in the introduction of the bi-weekly collection. The lorry had had to be hired in as suppliers had failed to deliver vehicles scheduled to be used from the inception of the system. Residents had to have time to get used to the system and be educated to use it. There was no reason to revert to a weekly system. The Council would review progress on the new system and consider residents' concerns at that stage.

Cllr Blencowe said that it was evident there was a problem with HMOs and tenanted houses. It was difficult to trace responsibility for rubbish left in the streets and the general experience was that one bin was insufficient for two weeks rubbish even if sorted into recycling.

Cllr Benstead that the Labour Group would bring a motion to Council within 6 months if no formal was review was carried out.

County Cllr Ballard said that he knew that disabled residents were experiencing difficulties passing rubbish left on the pavements and that where it was impractical for residents to use a black bin insufficient collection bags.

Cllr Coleman said that anyone with concerns could contact about the system could contact the Council or him and he undertook to deal with issues raised. HMOs could get additional black bins by contacting the number for all queries on the collection system, 458282.

The Chair recalled 'Skip Weekends' for residents, which he agreed would be more expensive to provide given the increase in disposal charges. He wondered whether some form of this last scheme could be considered.

- *Cllr Coleman would continue to monitor the progress of the new system and deal with questions from residents and shopkeepers.*

Resident 5: Cyclists Endangered by Careless Car Drivers

The Chair read a letter from a resident, who was unable to be present, which set out her concerns for cyclists who were endangered by poor driving. Cyclists needed to be reminded to be careful of cyclists.

- ***Claire Rankin the Council's Cycling and Walking Officer would respond to the residents' letter.***

Resident 6: Pavements blocked by Bins, Badly Parked Cars

As a parent the resident experienced difficulty in using the pavement safely arising from a combination of bins of all colours left out, badly parked cars and confusing parking restrictions. Road safety was a growing problem and increased crowding and littering of pavements was of great concern to many residents. The yellow stickers and warning letters appeared to have little effect. The same households appeared to be repeat offenders.

Cllr Coleman said that it was a long term problem that needed a combination of enforcement and education. The Stickers had been a pilot project which had had some success. Council officers were working to make sure the new collection rounds were a success.

City Rangers had a list of persistent offenders which would support any enforcement carried out.

City Life: Proposals for the development of the Howard Mallet Centre site.

Martin Clarke of City Life spoke to the proposals on the use of the Howard Mallet site and the consultations that City Life would carry out with residents and other stake holders. He intended to detail plans to PACT and other residents groups.

Glenys Malyon of PACT referred to the amenity value of the green space and its importance to local residents.

Additional Comments:

Cllr Bradnack spoke about the review of Area Committees being carried out by the Council the results of which would be reported to the next meeting.

Residents asked whether the East Area Committee meetings could be held elsewhere in the relevant wards as older people from the Coleridge ward found it difficult to attend at Cherry Trees.

The Chair said the location of meetings would be considered by the Committee.

Residents asked if a Matters Arising item could be included on agendas for the meetings.

Cllr Smart said that the City Homes Office Ramp had been carried out by the Council and the mistake was made by Council staff. Costs would have to be met by the Council.

Dropped kerb at Taunton Close, the dropped kerb had been redone at Council expense. Cllr Herbert said that he would pursue the problem

05/37 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2005 were confirmed as a correct record.

05/38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phillips, Stafford and County Councillors Harrison and Sales.

05/39 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

05/40 Minor Cycle Schemes

Claire Rankin, the City Council's Cycling and Walking Officer said that there was a small City Council budget for the funding of minor cycle schemes which had recently been increased from £10,000 to £15,000 per year. Much of the previous budget had funded the installation of cattle grids around the city's commons which greatly improved access for both cyclists and wheelchair users.

The Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport had agreed that local residents should be given the opportunity to contribute to the list of minor cycle schemes. Consequently a

presentation was being given to each Area Committee and information would also be circulated to Residents' Associations and other local groups.

Suitable schemes (in terms of cost and achievability) that met at least one of a set of agreed criteria would be considered by the Cambridge Cycle Liaison Group which consisted of City and County officers, the Cycling Campaign and members of disability and pedestrian groups, on a quarterly basis.

A resident suggested that road markings should be introduced in Mill Road to prevent overtaking.

Claire Rankin invited residents to submit suggestions to her.

05/41 Replacement of Bus Shelters in the Area

Eileen Oliver said that three bus shelters in Dudley Road, Keynes Road and Whitehill Road were to be replaced in the coming months. The replacements would include the trialing of a new material for shelter construction. There was a small capital budget for the purpose and the City was working with the County Council to provide alternative solutions.

Dave Coventry spoke about the scheme to provide a panel in the new design shelters which would allow graffiti artists to express themselves.

Cllr R Smith said that it was essential to provide litter bins at bus stops.

County Councillor Ballard commented on the lack of a bus shelter for residents wanting to get a bus to Addenbrookes from Abbey.

Cllr Blencowe asked that timetables be provided at bus shelters.

05/42 Applications for Planning Permission

At the beginning of this item Councillor Bradnack said that he would not be taking part in the determination of planning applications as it would inhibit his ability to represent residents in his ward.

He felt that he lacked expertise in planning matters and that the members of the Planning Committee had acquired such expertise and was the proper body to consider applications. Cllr Benstead withdrew from participation in the Committee, as did Cllr Herbert except as indicated where he acted as a ward councillor representing residents of his ward, and sat with the public.

The Committee noted that an amendment sheet had been circulated to members of the Committee prior to the meeting and made available to the public attending the meeting.

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Application No	05/0966/FUL
Site	1 St Thomas's Square
Proposal	Two storey side extension to form 2 flats
Applicant	Mr Lindon, 21 Rampton Road Willingham Cambridge
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
PSR	Mr T Pierce-Slade (resident), Mr M Bullivant (agent for applicant), Cllr Herbert as Ward Councillor (Cllr Herbert did not vote on this

application)

Decision **APPROVED**, by 6 votes to 0, subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report and the completion of a section 106 agreement by 8 November.
If the Obligation has not been completed by 8 November 2005, it is recommended that the application be **refused** for the reason set out in the officer's report.

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Application No **05/1022/FUL**
Site 1 Adkins Corner, Perne Road
Proposal Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class A2 (financial services) from use as a licensed betting office
Applicant Joe Jennings, C/o Mr Richard Peett 59-60 The Stow Harlow Essex
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions
PSR Mr N Moss (lead petitioner), Mr R Peett (applicant), Cllr Herbert as Ward Councillor (Cllr Herbert did not vote on this application).
Decision **APPROVED**, by 4 votes to 2, subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report

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Application No **05/1066/S73**
Site 103 Mill Road
Proposal Variation of condition 4 in planning approval C/01/0862/FP - opening hours.
Applicant Dawecroft Ltd, 39b Burleigh Street Cambridge
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions
PSR Mr P Ward (for applicant)
Decision **APPROVED**, by 5 votes to 0, subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report.

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Application No **05/0859/FUL**
Site Cambridge Retail Park Newmarket Road
Proposal Erection of a 511sqm restaurant and associated external works
Applicant The Cambridge Retail Park Ltd, C/O Henderson Global Investors Ltd 4 Broadgate London
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions
PSR Ms S Callaghan (for applicant)
Decision **APPROVED**, by 4 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and the following additional informatives:

- The applicant is advised, in bringing forward this scheme, that heed must be paid to how a Green Travel Plan could be prepared for staff working on the site to encourage access to the site other than by private motor car.
- The applicant is advised to consider how some additional cycle parking provision could be introduced in the immediate vicinity of the restaurant, where cycle usage is likely to be heavy.

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Application No 05/0833/FUL
Site 264 Newmarket Road
Proposal Erection of a 495sq m restaurant and associated external works
Applicant 264 LTD, Westely Cottage Westley Waterless Newmarket
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions
PSR Mr C Whitely (for applicant)
Decision **APPROVED**, by 5 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 1 December 2005 and subject to the following additional informative:

- This planning permission should be read in conjunction with the associated deed of planning obligation prepared under s.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

In the event that the planning obligation required in connection with this planning application is not completed by 1 December 2005 it is recommended that this planning application be reviewed and, following consultation with the Head of Development Services and Chair and Spokes of the East Area Committee, be **refused** planning permission for the following reason:

The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for transport mitigation measures, in accordance with the following policies, standards and proposals TR2 and TR3 of the Cambridge Local Plan 1996; and policies P6/1 P8/2, P9/8 and P9/9 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003; and as detailed in the Eastern Corridor Area Transport Plan 2003, adopted as supplementary planning guidance by Cambridge City Council.

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Application No 05/0906/COU
Site 9 Silverwood Close
Proposal Change of use from outbuilding (ancillary to main dwelling) to 3 bedroom bungalow
Applicant Mrs S Spaxman
Recommendation Approve subject to conditions
PSR Mr M Bullivant(for applicant)
Decision **APPROVED**, by 5 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 1 April 2006 and subject to the following additional informative:

- The applicant is advised that if the property hereby approved is to be used other than by a family as a single dwellinghouse, it is likely to constitute a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) under the Environmental Health legislation. Although there is no objection to such use from the Housing Standards Officers, the applicant is advised to contact the Housing Standards

Team at Mandela House for advice and information as to what is needed to comply with the Housing Acts.

In the event that the planning obligation required in connection with this planning application is not completed by 1 December 2005 it is recommended that this planning application be reviewed and, following consultation with the Head of Development Services and Chair and Spokes of the East Area Committee, be **refused** planning permission for the reason set out in the report.

8 Environmental Improvements Programme

The fund remaining to this committee was almost £23,000. However the Council's Landscape Architect asked that it be noted that the cost of the Barnwell Road lay-by scheme, approved in principle, has not been estimated for nor deducted from the remaining fund.

She had made a number of recommendations which the members considered in detail.

Resolved

1. Not to progress the Cut Throat Lane scheme bearing in mind the likely difficulties and legal issues to be overcome, the protracted time and expense of compulsory purchase, and the anticipated officer time drawing up the necessary legal agreements..
2. To approve the removal of tall overgrown shrubs and replacement with low growing varieties in Elizabeth Way Bridge and share the costs with West/Central Area.
3. To approve the proposal to repair the footway behind Sainsbury in principle and direct officers to seek alternative sources of funding.
4. To delete the proposal relating to the Ditton Lane bus stop as insufficient information was available.
5. To note progress on other schemes as set out in the report.

CHAIR