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**West/Central Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Castle, Market
and Newnham Wards)
12 May 2005 7:30pm – 9.50pm
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)

Also Present: County Councillors Gaynor Griffiths (Market Ward) and Alexander Reid (Newnham Ward).

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05/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Dixon and County Councillor White.

05/18 OPEN FORUM

This was an Open Forum with a special theme – anti-social behaviour in the city centre. Police officers were present and members of the public and councillors asked questions and raised issues – please see the attached Summary Sheet for details of these and the responses given.

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05/19 MINUTES AND ACTION SHEETS

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2005 were amended (words deleted and replaced highlighted in bold) on the final page of the Open Forum summary (the final box) to read "Councillor Kightley spoke on behalf of ~~the~~ a Priory Street residents who ~~were~~ **was** strongly opposed and thought the regulations were not needed. ~~They were~~ **The resident was** also concerned about the practicality of enforcement of any regulations introduced." The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

05/20 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

05/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor	Application	Nature of interest
S Reid	05/0143/REM	Her husband does consulting work for the Department of Estate Management at the University of Cambridge. She is a member of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign.

05/22 UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

The Landscape Architect introduced the report. She told the Committee they had £48,000 in the budget for the coming year. In relation to investigating budget sources for the Market Square she said that there were plans to take a more holistic approach to the Square and that there was a possibility of funding from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). She advised the Committee to wait on the outcome of that initiative. The possible joint work with East Area Committee on the Elizabeth Way underpass involved expenditure of £7,500 on cutting back shrubs and some replanting. She suggested that the funds allocated to a seat in Grange Road be put back into the available budget until such time as an agreement can be reached to install a seat off, but immediately adjacent to, the Highway.

Councillor S Reid tabled 4 additional proposals:

1. A new smart bin by the newly painted bus stop on Newnham Road to replace the blue plastic one.
2. Replacement of the dilapidated concrete and wire fence on the path between Grantchester Meadows car park and the

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meadows. Ownership and management issues are a bit complicated here but it is a sorry sight at the moment.

3. Some budget for weeding out unnecessary signs. We cannot expect the County and City to do much more than weed out signs on main highways.
4. Tidying up the hut in the middle of Lammas Land.

Councillor C Rosenstiel commented on the previously agreed scheme for Burleigh Street by asking what had happened to the other half of Fitzroy Street. He also thought that the Highway Authority should take responsibility for the Elizabeth Way underpass. He also was of the view that very few West/Central residents would benefit.

Councillor S Reid commented that East Area Committee had spent the least of all the area committees from their Environmental Improvement budget.

Councillors Kightley and J Smith were of the view that such an important matter of public safety which could affect any citizen of Cambridge should be addressed as soon as possible especially in view of the discussions in the Open Forum about anti-social behaviour.

The Chair suggested that recommendation 2.1 be put on hold pending the outcome of the possible funding from the ODPM and that Councillor S Reid's proposals become recommendation 2.5. Councillor Cantrill proposed that recommendation 2.5 be "the officers be asked to explore the costs of the proposals and report back to the committee" and this was agreed.

The Committee then voted on each recommendation in turn:

2.1 Agreed (by 6 votes to 0) that officers postpone investigating sources of funding pending the outcome of possible funding from the ODPM.

2.2.1 Refused (by 5 votes to 1) that West Central Area Committee makes a bid to City Centre Management and to the Environmental Safety Fund to cover the cost of lighting for the Elizabeth Way underpass.

2.2.2 Refused (by 5 votes to 0) that West Central Area Committee makes a bid to Safer City to cover the cost of CCTV and the ongoing maintenance costs.

2.2.3 Agreed (by 5 votes to 0) that officers investigate this project more fully and bring it back to this committee for consideration of approving funds from the Environmental Improvement budget for replanting and to make up any shortfall from grant funding.

2.3 Agreed (unanimously) to approve the Honey Hill scented garden.

2.4 Agreed to put the recommendation aside.

2.5 Agreed unanimously that the officers be asked to explore the costs of the following proposals and report back to the committee:

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Road to replace the blue plastic one.

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05/23 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

1 APPLICATION NO: 05/0191/FUL

SITE: Land to the rear of 19 & 23 Priory Street (Castle)

PROPOSAL: Erection of 2 three-bedroom houses (semi-detached)

APPLICANT: Dean & Dean, Unit 10, Station Yard, Wilbraham Road, Fulbourn, Cambs CB1 5ET

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mr Reeve (for the applicant)

The Planning Officer said that a late representation had been received about the lack of proposed car parking provision with reference to the flat conversion opposite the site which has one space per unit.

DECISION: Refused (by 5 votes to 0) for the reasons set out in the officer report.

2 APPLICATION NO: 05/0143/REM

SITE: West Cambridge Site, Madingley Road (Newnham)

PROPOSAL: Construction of new cycle and pedestrian access to Clerk Maxwell Road.

APPLICANT: The Chancellor and Masters of the University of Cambridge

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Mary Griffin (resident on behalf of several residents); Mr McQuitty for the applicant.

The Planning Officer reminded the Committee that this application was dealing with reserved matters only.

APPROVED (unanimously) subject to the conditions and informatives in the officer report.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chair