

Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Anthony Hymans, Rhodri James, Tim Ward
King's Hedges: Elizabeth Hughes*
East Chesterton: Jenny Bailey, Jennifer Liddle
West Chesterton: Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith

County Councillors: Rupert Moss-Eccardt (Arbury), Elizabeth Hughes* (King's Hedges), Julian Huppert (East Chesterton), Kevin Wilkins (West Chesterton)

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05/20 Stagecoach Presentation

Basil Jackson, Passenger Transport at Cambridgeshire County Council, gave a presentation on the proposed route for a new C8 bus route. This was due to come into service at the end of July and he was seeking public comment.

Arising from the discussion and questions, he said

- that the service would be expanded if it proved popular, and he invited those present to encourage use of the service to ensure its viability;
- that further consideration would be given to access by the elderly and passengers with disabilities;
- he was investigating the issue of ticketing across operators to improve the facility for users;
- he recognised that driver reliability was an issue that was being addressed by operators;
- that a review would be held after a year;
- that pavement heights would be changed at stops to provide easier access to disabled passengers and others with need for improved access;
- that bus stops would be improved and real-time information provided about the service.

The Chair thanked Mr Jackson for the presentation.

05/21 Waste Collection Service

Iain Coleman, Executive Councillor Environmental Services and Jen Robertson, Waste Strategy Officer, spoke on the proposed changes to the Waste Collection Service being implemented in October.

They responded to questions and comments from the public including:

- The service to be given to flats and larger properties with multiple occupants;
- Blocking of pavements by bins left out all day or permanently by residents, this was likely to worsen with the increased number of bins in use;

- The failure of the operators to return the bins to the right location after emptying.

The Chair thanked the Executive Councillor and Waste Strategy Officer for the presentation.

05/22 Changes in Community Policing

Inspector Martin Gregory from the Cambridge City Sector Police explained reorganisation which had taken place in the Community Police to reflect the structure of the City Council's Area. He hoped that changes would provide the public with improved direct access to the police.

Cllr Bailey welcomed the direct access to police given via the intranet.

The Chair thanked the Inspector Gregory for the presentation.

05/23 Apologies For Absence

Councillors Maria Bell, Louise Downham, Donald Adey, Jennifer Liddle, Diane Armstrong.

05/24 Minutes

The Minutes of 7 April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record.

05/25 Matters Arising From Previous Minutes

Members noted reports from Councillors indicated on the following:

Oak Tree Avenue - temporary accommodation: Cllr James
 Cutter Ferry Bridge progress: County Cllr Huppert
 Arbury Garages: Housing Cllr James

05/26 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ward declared a Code of Conduct personal and prejudicial interest as follows. He left the room and took no part in the discussion and did not vote on the item.

Councillor	Planning Application	Nature of Interest
Ward	05/0436/FUL 67 Milton Road	Is known to the applicant and his children attended the nursery.

Cllr James took the chair for the item.

05/27 OPEN FORUM

Resident 1 asked about the recently approved by-law on grass verges and whether the Council proposed to use it to prevent parking on grass verges.

Cllr Bailey said that the Environment Scrutiny Committee would be considering a report at the July meeting on proposals for a pilot scheme. The success of the scheme to be in place in November, would be monitored and she would report back to the Committee in due course.

Resident 2 recalled the subject of the rights of single parent men being given the same housing priority rights as single parent women and asked if the Council had made any progress on this issue.

Cllr Nimmo-Smith said that this would be covered in the Housing Allocations Review to be considered by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and the Housing and Health Executive Councillor during the next cycle of meetings.

Resident 3 referred to reports in the press on the increase of 27% in Councillors' allowances agreed at the last Council meeting and asked what services had been sacrificed to met the additional cost.

Cllr Nimmo Smith said that the increase in allowances had been reviewed by an Independent Panel and that it was within the budget already set. The increase had been achieved following the reorganisation of the committee structure which had released funding. City Councillors allowance were lower than comparator authorities. There was a vacancy on the Independent Panel if anyone attending the meeting was interested in becoming a members of it.

05/28 Progress On Current Enforcement Case: 57 Hertford Street

The Committee noted the action taken in relation to an alleged breach of planning control relating to the making of a material change of use, without planning permission, of a domestic dwelling to a house in multiple occupation. Following the refusal of a retrospective planning application for this change of use under delegated powers under planning reference 04/1274 on 21 January 2004, urgency action had been approved under the Council's emergency procedures by the Chair and Spokesperson of the North Area Committee for authority to take enforcement action to secure the cessation of the unauthorised use. An enforcement notice had been served requiring the permanent discontinuance of the use of the property as a house in multiple occupation and reversion of the property back into use as a single dwelling house.

Notification had been received that an appeal was to be lodged against the decision to refuse planning permission.

05/29 Applications For Planning Permission

- 1 05/0223/FUL 32 Scotland Road, Cambridge**
Demolition of existing factory and erection of 9no. self-contained flats with associated parking area, bin and cycle stores.
Recommendation: Approve
PSR: Mrs Ventress (objector)
APPROVED by 7 votes to 0, subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and completion of a Section 106 Agreement by 23 June 2005.
It was also agreed that unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Head of Development Services, Chair and Spokes to extend the period of completion of the planning obligation required, the application be refused if the section 106 agreement is not completed by 23 June 2005 for the reason set out in the officer's report
- 2 05/0351/FUL Leys Lodge, Union Lane, Cambridge**
Erection of 2 and 3 storey flats (6 No. units in total) with car parking and ancillary building (bin and bicycle store) following demolition of 1 No. dwelling.
Recommendation: Approve
PSR:M Bond, O Low (objectors)

REFUSED by 6 votes to 0, against officer recommendation, the reasons for refusal relating to inappropriate design (Cambridge Local Plan policies BE1, BE2 and BE4), adverse impact on residential amenity of adjacent flats (Cambridge Local Plan Policy BE2) and failure to meet requirements of Planning Obligation Strategy to be agreed with Chair and Spokes.

- 3 05/0144/FUL Land at George Nuttal Close, Cambridge**
Retention of temporary 2.4m high fence
Recommendation: Approve
PSR: H Mansfield (objector), G Jennings (applicant)
APPROVED by 4 votes to 2 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and the date for removal of fence specified in Condition 1 amended to '22 September 2005' and the following additional informative:
'The City Council is unlikely to support any subsequent renewal of the development hereby permitted. Before this permission expires the applicant is advised to secure planning permission for the site, which will remove the need for the temporary fencing.
- 4 05/0436/FUL 67 Milton Road, Cambridge**
Removal of condition 2 of planning condition C/0265/93 to allow the occupier of the residential premises to not be limited to people or persons employed solely or mainly by the nursery.
Recommendation: Approve
PSR: L Coppersmith (applicants)
APPROVED by 6 votes to 0 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report
- 5 05/0203/FUL 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge**
Change of use from an undertakers premises to use as a single dwelling unit together with a roof extension to the rear.
Recommendation: Approve
PSR: -
APPROVED by 7 votes to 0 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report and completion of a Section 106 Agreement by 9 June 2005.
It was also agreed that unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Head of Development Services, Chair and Spokes to extend the period of completion of the planning obligation required, the application be refused if the section 106 agreement is not completed by 9 June 2005 for the reason set out in the officer's report
- 6 05/0128/FUL 2-4 De Freville Avenue, Cambridge**
Erection of 2no. 2 bed houses.
Recommendation: Approve
PSR: -
APPROVED (by 6 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officer's report. (The Unilateral Undertaking having been completed, the alternative recommendation of a refusal on grounds of failure to enter into a S106 planning obligation to secure infrastructure payments towards community facilities and open space by 2 June 2005 was therefore withdrawn.)
- 7 C/04/0296/FP Rear of 2-4 De Freville Avenue, Cambridge**
WITHDRAWN as the S106 Unilateral Obligation in relation to this application had been completed. Accordingly, the Decision Notice for approval could be issued and the application was therefore withdrawn from consideration by this Committee.

8 C/05/0168/FUL 16 Belvoir Road, Cambridge

Erection of single storey rear extension and installation of a side and rear dormer to existing dwelling house.

Recommendation: Refuse

PSR: S Rose (applicant)

APPROVED against Officer recommendation by 6 votes to nil, subject to standard conditions relating to time period for commencement of development and material samples.

05/19 NEXT MEETING

28 July 2005 at Manor Community College, Arbury Road, Cambridge CB4 2JF

The meeting closed at 10:00pm

CHAIR