



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
South Area Committee
City Councillors representing Cherry Hinton, Queen
Edith's, Trumpington Wards



Fawcett School, Alpha Terrace
6 October 7.30pm – 9.50pm

Minutes & Actions

Present: Councillors
Eric Barrett-Payton, Russ McPherson (Cherry Hinton)
Alan Baker (Queen Edith's)
Edrich Adigun-Harris, Sheila Stuart, Philippa Slatter (Trumpington)

Also Present: County Councillors Anne Kent (Trumpington), Christine Carter (Cherry Hinton)

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05/37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Robert Dryden (Cherry Hinton), Councillors Richard Stebbings and Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's) and County Councillor Geoffrey Heathcock (Queen Edith's).

05/38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

05/39 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting on 11 August were approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

05/33 Councillor Adigun-Harris said that with reference to a resident's complaint on street litter from takeaway vans he had spoken to the respective department and informed the resident accordingly.

05/34 As Councillor Dryden was not present, he would have the opportunity to report on progress at the next meeting on Broken Bins at Rectory Terrace

- **For action by Cllr Dryden**

05/34 CCTV coverage in South Area Wards. The Chair said that she had received a response from the CCTV Manager. Applications for CCTV coverage should be made to him.

05/34 Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground The Chair read an update provided by the Active Communities Manager on consultation and the other issues raised by the residents at the last meeting

05/40 CHAIR'S REMARKS - VACANCIES ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

The Chair asked members of the Committee and the public present to note that there were a number of vacancies on School Governing Bodies in the South Area and that applications to fill these posts would be welcomed by both City and County Councils.

05/41 OPEN FORUM

1 Hobson's Brook

A resident asked for confirmation that the environment of Hobson's Brook/Conduit would continue to be protected and that any plans for a cycleway would be considered in the light of its value to the city and local residents as a green corridor for wildlife.

County Councillor Kent said that she was aware of proposals for a cycleway in the area but that her understanding was that these plans were not being progressed. Clare Rankin, Cycling and Walking Officer, confirmed that there was no proposal for a cycleway alongside the Brook.

2 Minor Cycle Schemes

Clare Rankin, The City Council's Cycling and Walking Officer reported on the availability of a small amount of funding (£15,000) for improvements to cycle routes in the city. Suggested improvements would be assessed against criteria. She circulated maps showing the current cycle routes and invited the public to make suggestions.

The following suggestions were made:

- Increased cycle parking in the city centre
- Improvement to the Long Road cycle route and the state of the pavement at points along the route
- Confirmation of the planning obligation on development at Robinson Way/Hills Road which included improvement of the cycle route.

Information was given on the progress of various schemes in the south area wards:

- The installation of cycle racks in Church End, Cherry Hinton.
- Drainage grating damaged in the Hills Road/Station Road cycle lane,
- The cost of providing dropped kerbs/lowered pavements.

3 PCT

Kevin Reynolds of the PCT was attending Area Committees with a view to using the forum to respond to questions from the public on development of the PCT and use the Forum as a consultative body.

Cllr Stuart had asked about proposals to close the Rupert Brooke Ward. Mr Reynolds, while acknowledging that he was not the officer responsible, gave the background to the situation and the efforts being made to remedy it, in particular the £18M overspend within the City and South Cambridgeshire PCTs.

He responded to questions from residents and said that he would attend future meetings of the South Area to report back on developments.

05/42 UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Helen Hepburn, Senior Landscape Architect reported on the funding still available to the committee invited suggestions and updated the Committee on the progress of schemes in hand.

On proposals for notice boards and litterbins at Colville Estate and Rectory Terrace in Cherry Hinton, the Chair invited residents to identify the type of notice board provision they wanted and to put in a bid through the Residents Association to the Community Development Budget. The provision of litter-bins was a responsibility of the Executive Councillor Environmental Services.

Members discussed the city wide problem of cars mounting and destroying grass verges either to enable through traffic or to park. County Councillor Kent suggested that it was a matter for the County Council's Area Joint Committee which could be asked to consider providing a budget for prevention measures. In the absence of such a budget, the Chair suggested that members pursue the problem with County Councillors.

Resolved

1 (by 4 votes to 2) not to pursue proposals for bollards and other preventative measures to prevent damage to grass verges at Hills Road/Glebe Road/Holbrook Road.

2 to obtain information from the County Council on the cost of providing parking bays in Church Lane and Maris Lane and reconsider the matter when the estimate is available. It was also noted that Waitrose used this route and they could be approached for a contribution towards meeting the cost.

3 to take the action set out above on the provision of notice boards and litterbins in Colville Estate and Rectory Terrace, Cherry Hinton.

05/43 HILLS ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Chair reported on discussions at the public Workshops on the Hills Road Bridge. There would be a full public consultation on the subject and progress reports would be made to the Committee.

05/44 SOUTHERN FRINGE DEVELOPMENT

The draft minutes of a meeting of the Southern Fringe Reference Group had been circulated to the committee to update members on progress with the Southern Fringe Area Development Framework. The minutes also showed a timetable for the preparation of the Area Development Framework (ADF) within the Local Plan.

Jonathan Brookes from the City Council's Urban Design Team expanded on the current status of the ADF, responded to a number of questions and spoke on various aspects including:

- The route for the Guided Bus
- The impact of the Clay Farm Development
- The route of the proposed new road and preventing its use as a through route or rat run via Addenbrookes Hospital.
- The submission of the related planning application in January
- The mistaken perception that the proposed density of housing density is excessive
- The need for a clearer explanation of the figures on housing density.

A detailed verbal response to the queries raised concerning the location of construction compounds for the Cambridgeshire Guided Bus/Developers on the Clay Farm and Showground sites. A further question raised related to the crossing point of the Cambridgeshire Guided Bus by the proposed spine road. The officer agreed to write to the resident with these answers.

For action by Jonathan Brookes