



**North Area Committee
(Comprising City Councillors representing Arbury, King's Hedges, East
Chesterton and West Chesterton Wards)**

Thursday 15 June 2006: 7.30pm – 10.25pm

Minutes & Actions

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Anthony Hymans, Rhodri James and Tim Ward (chair)
King's Hedges: Neale Upstone, Louise Downham, Elizabeth Hughes
East Chesterton: Marian Holness, Jenny Bailey, Jennifer Liddle
West Chesterton: Diane Armstrong, Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith

County Councillors: Moss-Eccardt (Arbury), Elizabeth Hughes (Kings Hedges) and Julian Huppert (East Chesterton)

**Action
by**

06/74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kevin Wilkins (County Councillor for West Chesterton).

06/76 MINUTES

The **minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2006** were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair after the following correction:

Page 4: "The interest payments cost of St Andrew's Hall are £1100 per month" instead of "The running cost of St Andrew's Hall is £100 per month".

06/77 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Unauthorised waste transfer sites

Regarding the illegal waste site at the bottom of Fen Road, County Councillor Huppert advised that three Authorities and the police were involved in the

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solution of the traffic and environment problem. He also anticipated that the Environment Agency will be taking action. Huppert

Update on St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton

Councillor Nimmo-Smith was pleased to confirm that St Andrew's Hall had received the payment from the Section 106.

Cllr
Nimmo-
Smith

Leaflet drop to residents in relation to Ramsden Square verges

The leaflet drop had been completed.

06/78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR 2006/07

Councillor Bailey proposed and Councillor James seconded the nomination of Councillor Tim Ward as Chair. Councillor Ward was agreed as Chair by the Committee.

Councillor Bailey proposed and Councillor Ward seconded the nomination of Councillor James as Vice-Chair. Councillor James was agreed as Vice-Chair by the Committee.

6/79 OPEN FORUM

Traffic calming measures in Victoria Avenue

A member of the public expressed concerns about the traffic calming measures proposed for Victoria Avenue and Maid's Causeway as these will increase the traffic in Elizabeth Way and Chesterton High Street. He also complained about the lack of consultation as the leaflets were not circulated in due time.

Cllr Ward

Councillor Ward undertook to find out about these leaflets.

County Councillor Huppert said he would investigate what had happened, and if the County had failed to deliver consultation leaflets as intended, he apologised on their behalf to residents. He explained that the proposed traffic calming measures in Victoria Avenue and Maid's Causeway were stage 5 of the Cambridge Core Scheme, a County-led scheme to remove through traffic from Cambridge City Centre. He explained that on the basis of consultation responses received to date, a closure was very unlikely to be implemented.

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Cllr Bailey underlined the importance of buses arriving on time and explained how this was difficult as the traffic made them unreliable. She also clarified that, although consultations could be taken, the County Council was the transport authority and therefore, had the authority to make decisions.

Street Sweeping and Gutter Cleaning in Elizabeth Way

A member of the public enquired about the frequency of sweeping and gutter cleaning in Elizabeth Way as heavy rain had created a large puddle near the pelican crossing.

County Councillor Huppert undertook to find out about this issue.

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Development near Cambridge City Football Club

A member of the public enquired about demand in Cambridge for different types of housing and specifically if the high proportion of flats compared to family houses in the proposed Cambridge City Football Club development met the needs of families for appropriate housing.

Councillor Ward clarified that planning applications are proposed by developers and the only control councillors had was deciding whether the applications were approved or refused.

The same member of the public also enquired about the existence of any explicit planning strategy on this point.

County Councillor Moss-Eccardt advised on the national figures of demand for smaller houses. He also accepted the need for more housing.

Councillor Downham urged developers to address the needs of families for bigger houses and encouraged mixed developments.

Councillor Bailey rejected the suggestion that there was a lack of mixed developments.

Councillor James agreed that there was a chronic shortage of housing in Cambridge and advised that the Cambridge City Council approved or refused planning applications whilst the Planning Department decided on what was acceptable in planning terms.

Removal of traffic calming measures in Kendal Way

A member of the public considered the calming measures a waste of resources and noted the existence of a petition signed by 300 people.

County Councillor Huppert recalled that 50% of residents responded to the consultation and, out of those who replied, 80% supported the scheme. He also advised that the removal of the scheme will be very costly.

The resident also complained about wearing of the yellow lines, the lack of give-way signs and cars parked on the give-way signs

County Councillor Huppert undertook to make sure that the yellow lines were repainted as agreed with County Officers.

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06/80 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

John Fuller presented the report and noted that further information could be given by email: john.fuller@cambs.pnn.police.uk

The police gave a presentation on

Neighbourhood Profile in Cambridge City North

Key Features:

- Population – 32,601
- 29.9% of the city
- 14,445 households
- 8 primary schools
- 2 community colleges
- 5 community centres
- 0 – 17 years - higher than city average
- Retired residents – higher than city average

Public Perception – How Safe?

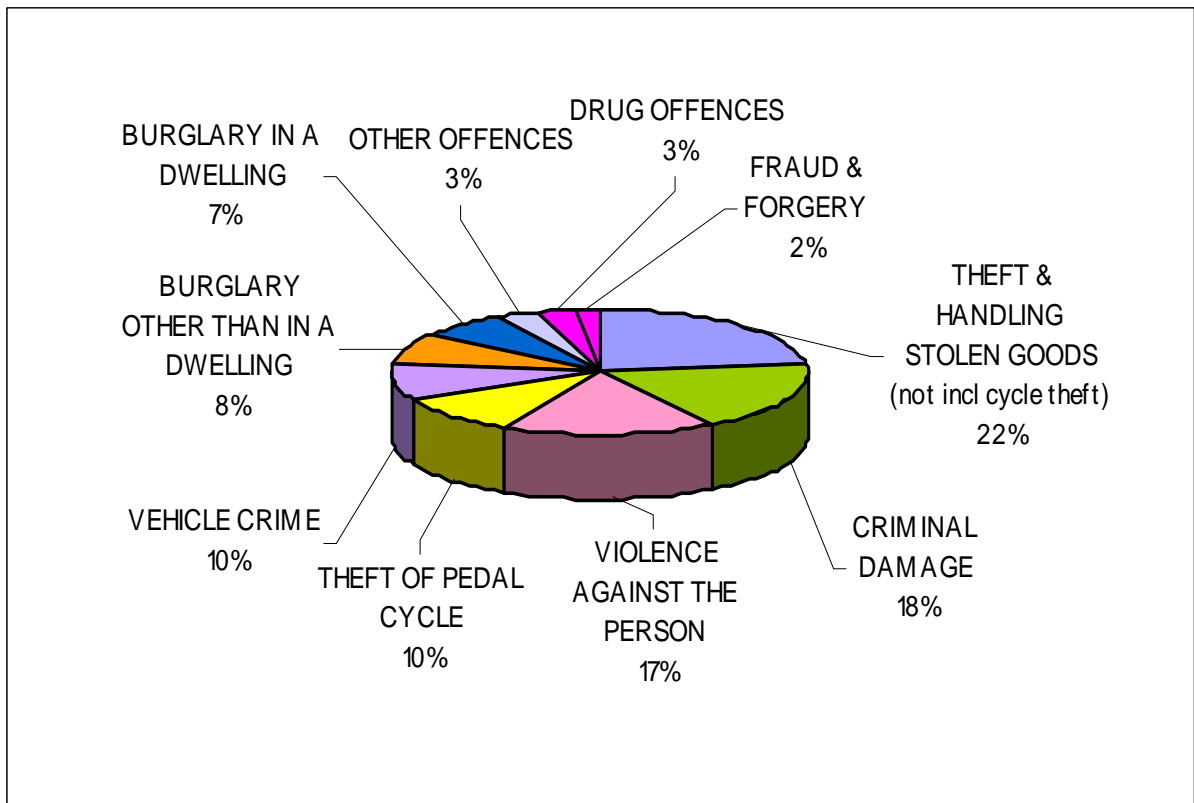
| Question | Area | Very safe | Fairly safe | Neither safe nor unsafe | Fairly unsafe | Very unsafe |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. How safe do you feel during the day? | Cambridge City North | 27% | 65% | 3% | 1% | 1% |
| | Cambridge City | 30% | 66% | 2% | 1% | 0% |
| 2. How safe do you feel at night? | Cambridge City North | 4% | 35% | 19% | 21% | 12% |
| | Cambridge City | 7% | 42% | 22% | 17% | 11% |

Historical Crime and Disorder Information Total Crime in Cambridge:

City North by beat, 2003/04 to 2005/06

| Beat | 03/04 | 04/05 | 05/06 | % reduction |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Arbury | 1130 | 982 | 963 | - 15% |
| East Chesterton | 1181 | 1005 | 855 | - 40% |
| Kings Hedges | 1160 | 999 | 820 | - 34% |
| West Chesterton | 1054 | 958 | 898 | - 15% |
| Cambridge City North | 4525 | 3944 | 3464 | - 23% |

Offences in City North 2004/05 – 2005/06

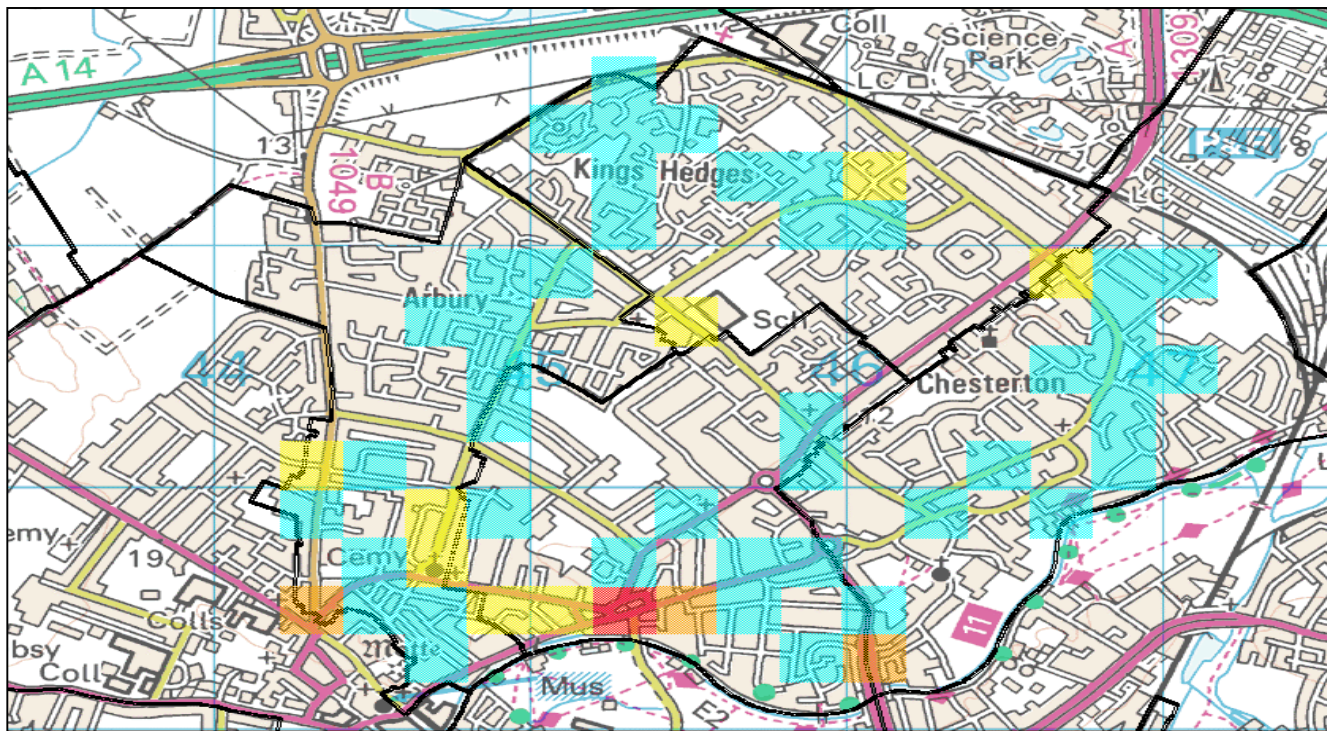


Anti-social Behaviour

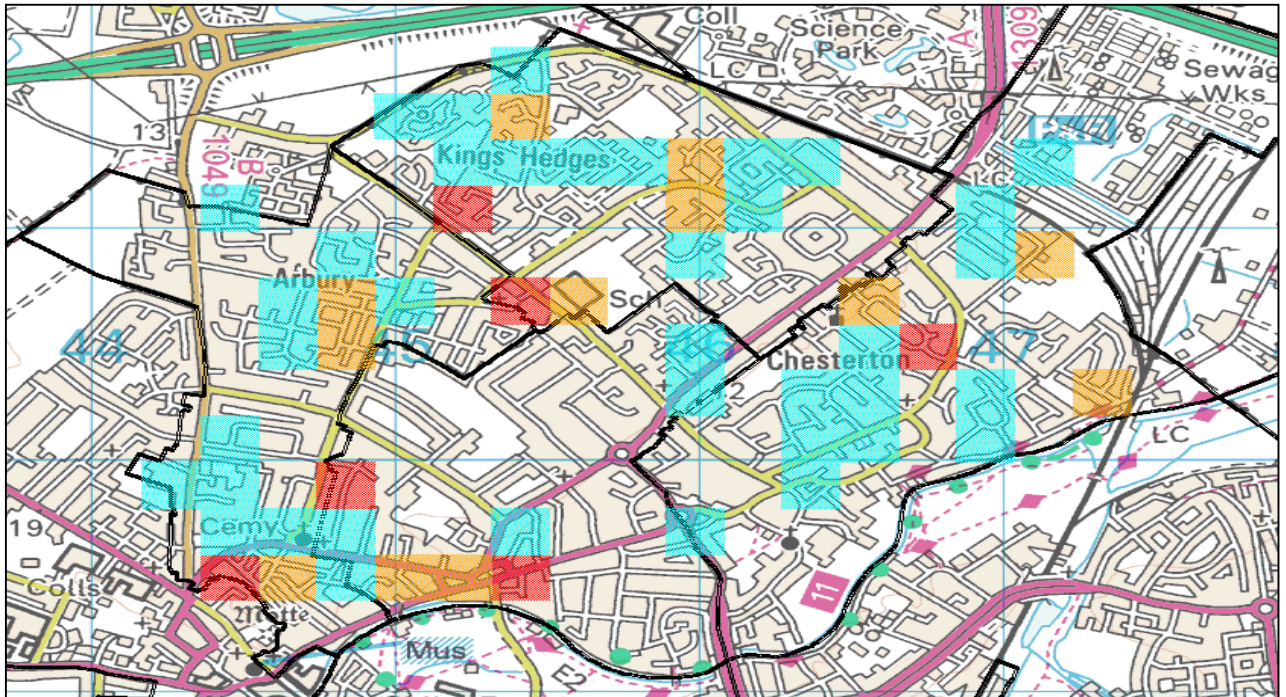
Anti-social behaviour incidents and ranking by beat 2004/05 and 2005/06

| Beat | 04/05 | 05/06 | 05/06 Beat/N'hd Ranking Cam City | 04/05 to 05/06 % change |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Arbury | 575 | 586 | 4/14 | + 2% |
| East Chesterton | 556 | 569 | 5/14 | + 2% |
| Kings Hedges | 555 | 637 | 3/14 | + 15% |
| West Chesterton | 368 | 474 | 7/14 | + 2% |

Crime Spots



Antisocial Behaviour Hotspots



Crime Spots over the last 4 months

| Beat | Crime hotspot | Offence Types |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Arbury | Histon Road/Victoria Road | Violent crime, criminal damage, drugs offences, shop theft. |
| | Hazelwood Close | Vehicle crime, criminal damage |
| | Frenchs Road | Criminal damage to St Luke's primary school and surrounding areas. |
| East Chesterton | Green End Road/Kendal Wav | Violent crime, criminal damage, burglary |
| | High Street | Burglary, violent crime, theft |
| | St. Andrew's road | Vehicle crime, shed/garage burglary. |
| Kings Hedges | Campkin Road | Criminal damage, dwelling burglary, shop theft. |
| | Arbury Court | Violent crime, theft of pedal cycle |
| | Buchan Street/Minerva Way | Burglary, violent crime |
| West Chesterton | Mitchams Corner | Shop theft, cycle theft, theft from vehicle |
| | Victoria Road/Garden Walk | Dwelling burglary, cycle theft |

ASB Hotspots over last 4 months

| Beat | ASB hotspot | ASB issues |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Arbury | Histon Road/Victoria Road | Drunken/rowdy behaviour and drug use. |
| | Frenchs Road/Bermuda Road | Youth ASB. |
| East Chesterton | Green End Road/Kendal Way | Youths fighting and causing disturbance. |
| | Discovery Way | Youths throwing stones and entering gardens. |
| | Dundee Close | Youths climbing on property and causing disturbance. |
| Kings Hedges | Campkin Road | Motorcycle/scooter ASB. |
| | Arbury Court | Youth threatening and abusive behaviour. |
| | St. Kilda Avenue | Youths damaging flats, cannabis smoking |
| | Nuns Way | Criminal damage to pavilion Nuns Way recreation ground, motorcycle/scooter ASB |
| West Chesterton | Mitchams Corner | Rowdy/nuisance behaviour. |
| | Garden Walk | Street life ASB, motorcycle scooter ASB |

Suggested Areas of Prioritisation

| Beat | Area | Crime and Disorder Issues |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Arbury | Histon Road/Victoria Road | Violent crime, criminal damage, drugs offences, shop theft. Drunken/rowdy behaviour and drug use. |
| | French's Road/Bermuda Road | Criminal damage to St Luke's primary school and surrounding areas. Youth ASB. |
| East Chesterton | Green End Road/Kendal Way | Violent crime, criminal damage, burglary. Youths fighting and causing disturbance. |
| Kings Hedges | Campkin Road | Criminal damage, dwelling burglary, shop theft. Motorcycle/scooter ASB. |
| | St. Kilda Avenue | Youths damaging flats, cannabis smoking |
| | Arbury Court | Violent crime, theft of pedal cycle. Youth threatening and abusive behaviour. |
| West Chesterton | Mitchams Corner | Shop theft, cycle theft, theft from vehicle. Rowdy/nuisance behaviour. |
| | Garden Walk | Dwelling burglary, cycle theft. Street life ASB, motorcycle scooter ASB |

Questions after the presentation

Members of the public complained about the lack of respect to the elderly by cyclists on pavements and asked for enforcement of the current regulations. Inspector Gregory agreed that cycling in Cambridge is unique and that a lot of cyclists did not know the law. He advised that the Community Teams were responsible for the various areas of the city and that officers and resources were assigned daily to the places where they were most needed.

To a resident's complaint about drivers talking on the phone while driving and without belts fastened in Elizabeth Way, Councillor Holness proposed to do a poster campaign advising on good driving practice. The Committee noted the proposal.

The Cambridge Older People's Enterprise (COPE) secretary brought to the attention of the Committee the number of elderly residents living in St Albans Road, complained about motorbikes returning to the recreation ground and congregating in the children's play area. Mrs Coolidge from Neighbourhood Watch reported this now regular occurrence to the police and that the elderly were afraid to come out in the light evenings to attend functions at The Meadows Community Centre.

A member of the public encouraged police officers to be more community friendly. Councillor Huppert and Bailey agreed that interaction with the community was needed to generate trust and resolve problems.

Lynda
Kilkelly

To a complaint about speeding on Kings Hedges Road and cycling and parking in the pavement, which is not wide enough, Councillor Moss-Eccardt suggested the use of recording cameras. Lynda Kilkelly undertook to look at the prices and possibility of acquiring some speed cameras.

After careful consideration the Committee agreed to give priority to the following areas:

- Frenchs Road
- Campkin Road
- Mitchams Corner
- Speeding by drivers
- Antisocial behaviour by cyclists

UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the report by the Land Escape Architecture.

Chesterton High Street

Cambridge City Council has been obliged to settle a legal action for damages resulting from the installation of cycle racks on private shop forecourts in High Street Chesterton. The racks had been installed several years previously with the consent of the property owner and with an agreement whereby the cycle racks became the property of the landowner. Nevertheless, the Council has been advised to settle the action as it could be contended that it should have foreseen that vandalism and lack of maintenance could result and become a

hazard.

To date, little interest in these proposals has been shown by shopkeepers.

The Committee decided that further study should be undertaken and a report brought back to committee for consideration.

Emily
Bingley

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 2006/07

The Grants Manager presented the report to the committee.

Councillors considered applications for community development and leisure grants and approved the following awards:

1. Ambabys: £5,664 as requested.
2. Brownsfield People's Group: £15,484 as requested.
3. Brownsfield Young People Group: £735 as requested.
4. Cambridge Youth Parliament Cabinet: £250 as requested.
5. City Life Church: Councillor Downham amended the proposal from £820 as recommended to £1050 as requested by City Life Church. This amendment included the Summer Blast launch event and football tournament (£100 for materials and equipment), Resident car wash event (£30 for equipment) and Parents' Craft Café (£100 for materials). Councillor Downham's amendment was approved by 5 votes to 2.
6. Kings Hedges Guides: £1252. Councillor Liddle amended the proposal from £684 to £1252, which includes 4 day August camping holiday for 15 guides and leader at Little Abington (£324) and the fire grates and pans for outdoor cooking (£928). Councillor Liddle's amendment was approved by 9 votes to 1.
7. Kings Hedges Mohilla Shomity: £1150. Councillor Downham amended the proposal from £1400 to £1150 as the garden open day (£250) was denied. Councillor Downham's amendment was approved by 5 votes to 4.
8. Meadows Family Wing: £5860 as requested.
9. Romsey Mill: £4936 as requested.
10. St Georges Lunch Club: £250 as requested.
11. SIN Cru: Beginner's Circus Tricks Course: £883 as requested.

06/81 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application number: 06/0290/FUL

Site: 66 Oak Tree Avenue

Proposal: Change of use from 7-bedroomed house to four 1-bed flats

Applicant: Mr Russell

Public speaker: Mr Francis

Decision: (by 9 votes to 0, unanimously),
That the application be approved as in the report.

The meeting ended at 10.25pm.

CHAIR

06/83 NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 17th August at the Manor Community College, Arbury Road, Cambridge, CB4 2JF, commencing at 7:30p.m.