



## CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

# South Area Committee (City Councillors representing Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's, Trumpington Wards) 2 November 7.30pm – 10.09pm Minutes & Actions

**Present:** Councillors  
Russ McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)  
Alan Baker, Richard Stebbings, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)  
Philippa Slatter, Sheila Stuart (Trumpington)

**Also Present:** County Councillor Anne Kent (Trumpington)

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### **06/42 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Councillors McPherson and Stuart had been nominated. On a show of hands, Cllr Stuart was appointed Vice-Chair by 4 votes to 2.

### **06/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Christine Carter (Cherry Hinton)

### **06/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **06/45 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING**

**06/29 Parking at Wulfstan Way bungalows**

A site meeting by officers had taken place and residents were to be consulted on two possible options.

Cllr  
Stebbing

**06/36 Roadworks in Wulfstan Way** – As County Cllr Heathcock was not present, a report back will have to be made at the next meeting.

County Cllr  
Heathcock

**06/36 Fair Street minibus** – this had been raised by Cllr Reid with the County Council and was told that this would not be progressed by the County Council.

**06/36 Brooklands Avenue/Hills Road cycleway** – County Cllr Kent informed the Committee that the improvements to the left turn (into Hills Road) had been put on hold because of the County's financial position on highways budgets. Cllr Baker advised the pedestrian crossing which had yet to materialise was due to be installed w/c 6 November with completion on 24 November depending on the weather.

## **06/46 OPEN FORUM**

**Brooklands Avenue – footpath/cycle route along the south side** a member of the public requested the Committee's support for a petition being organised to the County Council to compulsorily purchase and move back the wall fronting English Heritage. The current width of the path makes it difficult (and dangerous) to pass pedestrians if on a bicycle. The petition had so far achieved over 180 signatures and would be submitted to the Cabinet meeting in December.

The Chair advised the Committee that if the County Council approved the proposal, it would be the subject of a planning application and therefore City Councillors might wish to refrain from endorsing it because by doing so they might be fettering their discretion. County Cllr Kent requested the Committee to endorse the improvement of this strategic cycling and pedestrian route – the Chair was of the view that this was too supportive. Following further discussion, the Committee endorsed improvements to cycle routes in the southern area.

Councillor Taylor declared an interest as a user of the path and stated that she supported the petition and its proposal.

**Nightingale Avenue Recreation Ground** - A member of the public asked why the football teams from Cherry Hinton Lions had not been consulted about the proposed multi-Use Games Area. Were Councillors aware that up to 100 people use the Ground on Saturdays? What would be the rainwater run-off impact to the rec/pitches if the MUGA was installed?

The Chair said that he was not aware of the groups who had been consulted. The report on further consultation was to be reported to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Regarding the detail of the proposal, the location was yet to be decided and it would be subject to a planning application.

A member of the public explained that the consultation workshop organised on the MUGA did not discuss whether a MUGA should be included on the Rec. but how its impact should be mitigated. This was not what the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation had agreed on 6 July 2006. She was concerned that both residents and young people had been misled ie. what the young people were asked at the workshop was on the basis that the MUGA was to go ahead, therefore they were not asked about anything else. The Chair said that these comments would be passed on to the Executive Councillor.

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Manager

A member of the public was concerned about the impact on birdlife and had it been taken into account that the Rec was the nearest respite area for patients and visitors of Addenbrookes? The Chair stated that these issues would be addressed during the planning process if a planning application was submitted.

**New postcodes** - A member of the public asked if the new postcodes could be included in the Thompson Local Directory. Cllr Taylor undertook to raise this with the Royal Mail.

Cllr Taylor

## 06/47 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS

The Grants Manager circulated a revised copy of the report.

In response to a request from Cllr Slatter about feedback from successful applicants, the Grants Manager advised the Committee that at its meeting on 8 February, it was intended to invite local groups to present feedback on their projects.

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Freeman,  
Grants  
Manager  
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Members were reminded the next deadline for receipt of grant applications was 11 January 2007.

### **Resolved –**

To approve the following grants:

- 1) Denis Wilson Court Social Club (£328) - broadband and computer printing materials
- 2) Hanover and Princess Courts RA (£900) – Christmas tree and event
- 3) Queen Edith's Townswomen's Guild (up to £300 subject to insurance clarification) – projector and screens.
- 4) Cherry Hinton Local History Society (£138) – speaker fees, hall hire, newsletter, stationery.

## **06/48 REVIEW OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION SECTION 106 PROGRAMME**

In introducing the report, the Head of Active Communities stated that there were some drafting errors which would be corrected in the report for the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation on 16 November.

Page 40 (of the agenda):

Tennis Court - Trumpington - now completed  
Under 12s play area Nightingale Avenue Rec – now completed  
Informal sports court Lammas Land, Refurbish paddling pool  
Lammas Land and Toilets Lammas Land – not South Area but West/Central

County Councillor Kent queried why the St Paul's MUGA was not on the list. Councillor Stuart stated that she too had queried this and had been advised that officers were still considering this project, and therefore it could not be recommended yet.

Cllr Slatter queried why the skatepark on the roof of Queen Anne Terrace Car Park was not included and hoped that it had not been forgotten.

### **Re. Nightingale Avenue Rec – MUGA**

Members of the public commented:

Was the scoring of the projects fixed?

MUGAs were a focus for anti-social behaviour (and should officers compare good practice in Leicester to what works in Cambridge).

What about the health and well-being of those affected by anti-social behaviour that is caused by the MUGA?

Why not provide new open space?

Page 9 of the report refers to consultation with the public in May 2004 – residents of Queen Edith's were not.

The proposal for a MUGA came from Cllrs and the Romsey Mill Project.

The Council is determined to override the wishes of local residents.

The officers responded:

The scoring was a guide for Cllrs.

The City Council's Community Safety Strategy supports such proposals for children/young people.

The consultation in May 2004 was for the Parks Strategy so it was not about the Rec. The analysis was on 600 people telephoned using postcode clusters.

The Chair stated that the nature of the criteria used by the consultants was subjective and more evidenced based research would have been preferable. The officers re-iterated that it was a guide for councillors and that there was a need for the officers to make a professional judgement.

In summing up, it was noted that the Committee had reservations about the scoring attached to the projects. It agreed that the officers should consider the package for Nightingale Avenue Rec as:

Peripheral path

Tennis court

Possible Pavilion refurbishment (under Southern Fringe Development)

Lighting for car park (possible)

Toilet (possible)

The Committee's comments would be passed on to the Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation for decision on 16 November. The officer report, due to be published on 6 November, would be copied to the committee for information.

## **06/49 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME**

The officer circulated costings for the projects listed in the report. Church End had been omitted from the list and the officer apologised for this. The Chair advised the committee that some prioritisation was needed because of limited resources and so that the officers could get on with projects.

A member of the public (and Governor of Morley School) requested that the Committee consider a scheme to stop cars parking on both sides of Baldock Way.

On officer advice, the Committee agreed that the traffic calming for Granchester Road should be referred to the County Council as a safety issue.

Regarding two schemes on the list, the Committee noted that the officers would refer Hulatt Road to Streetscene and Cherry Hinton Hall park to Active Communities.

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### **Resolved**

That the following schemes be progressed as set out in the officer's report:

Foster Road community orchard (complete phase 1)

Hills Road/Glebe Road bollard

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Jones  
Landscape  
Architect

Hills Road/Brooklands Avenue dropped kerb  
Coronation Street traffic calming

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Possibles for 'phase 2' (and in no particular order of priority):  
Cherry Hinton High Street  
Wulfstan Way Shop forecourts  
Rock Road alleyway  
Cavendish Avenue  
Church End

Also

To be submitted for consideration in 2007/08 – Baldock Way (as raised by the member of the public above)

## **06/50 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

- 1. Application no.** 06/0980/FUL  
**Site** 4 Russell Street, Trumpington  
**Proposal** Erection of 20 study bedrooms and two Fellows flats and ancillary facilities  
**Applicant** – St Catherines College  
**Public speaker** - None

The Planning Officer referred to the following text from the amendment sheet:

### To Note :

A letter has been received from the applicant's agent in response to the third party concerns. A copy of this letter is attached.

### Amendments To Text :

### Pre-Committee Amendments to Recommendation:

The reason for refusal relating to the alternative recommendation, if the S106 is not completed by the 9 November should read as follows;

The proposed development does not make appropriate provision for informal open space or transport mitigation measures in accordance with policies 3/8, 8/3 and 10/1 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006; and policies P6/1 and P9/8 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003; and as detailed in the Planning Obligation Strategy 2004 and Southern Corridor Area Transport Plan 2002.

### **Resolved - (by 6 votes to 0)**

To approve the application and conditions as set out in the report.

2. **Application no.** 06/0827/OUT  
**Site** 14 Babraham Road Queen Edith's  
**Proposal** Outline application for the erection of eight flats following the demolition of the existing building  
**Applicant** – Kingsland Estates Ltd.,3 Drummond Drive Stanmore  
**Public speaker** - Mr Wilkin (objector)

Members of the Committee minded to refuse the application spoke of mass, siting and form, appropriateness and lack of integration with local environment. The Chair mentioned Local Plan policies 3/4, 3/7 and 3/10.

**Resolved - (by 5 votes to 1 against the officer recommendation)**

To refuse the application.

**Reason for refusal :**

1. In the absence of detailed information demonstrating how the mass, siting and form of 8 flats and their associated servicing and parking could be accommodated and relate to adjacent buildings and their gardens and the character of the area, the proposal does not demonstrate that it is an appropriate form of development that relates well to its surroundings, responds to the local context and could be integrated into the locality without material adverse implications for others. For these reasons it is contrary to policy 3/4, 3/7 and 3/10 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006).

The meeting ended at 10.09pm

**Chair**

Next meeting: 14 December at Addenbrookes Hospital, 7.30pm