



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

South Area Committee (City Councillors representing Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's, Trumpington Wards) 8 February 2007 7.30pm – 10.02pm Minutes & Actions

Present: Councillors
Robert Dryden, Russ McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)
Alan Baker, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)
Andrew Blackhurst, Philippa Slatter, Sheila Stuart (Trumpington)

Also Present: County Councillors Christine Carter and Geoffrey Heathcock

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**Action by
(see
action
sheet
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also)**

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07/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Councillor Stebbings and County Councillor Kent.

07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

07/03 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Matter arising: 06/54 Bell School Development – the Chair stated

that the planning application for this site was now more likely to be considered by the Joint Development Control Committee (Cambridge Fringe). The joint committee with membership taken from the City Council, County and South Cambridgeshire DC was yet to be formally appointed.

07/04 OPEN FORUM

1. Dropped kerb in Alpha Terrace – a member of the public queried when the Council would undertake the work as it had been marked out for some time. Councillor Stuart undertook to investigate and report back. Cllr Stuart

2. Poor state of the Anstey Way Green fencing and hedging. Cllr Slatter undertook to make a site visit with the resident. Cllr Slatter

3. A member of the public made a request for a litter bin where the footpath from Bishop’s Road meets Hauxton Road – Cllr Blackhurst undertook to get a response from the Council’s Head of Streetscene to see if it were possible and if so, how soon it could happen. Councillor Stuart wondered whether Waitrose may be persuaded to provide a further bin. Cllr Blackhurst

4. A member of the public raised the problems for wheelchair users associated with car parking on paths in Cherry Hinton; the problems caused by cyclists on the pavement and delivery lorries in the bus stop in Church End. Cllr Mc Pherson who was Chair of Cherry Hinton Neighbourhood Watch stated that parking on paths was an issue regularly raised. Cllr Newbold stated that the Head of Parking Services had advised that unless a car was parked on a path and in contravention of the Council’s enforcement remit, the only recourse was through the police for obstructive parking.

Cllr Dryden had cause to stop cyclists on pavements and raise it with the police. He also mentioned the support group Friends with Disability which met at the Cherry Hinton Village Centre at 2pm, the first Tuesday in the month.

Re delivery lorries parking in the bus stop, Cllrs McPherson and Newbold had contacted Spar Head Office to try to resolve the situation but noted that it still occurred.

County Councillor Carter suggested that the pavement outside the Spar (Church End) and opposite be added to the mobility crossing list. [This would be added to the list of projects to be considered by the Committee in the next round of Environmental Improvements] A Jones Landscape Architect

5. A member of the public complained that some dropped kerbs were of poor design and that the officers and councillors were 'being fobbed off' by engineers etc. who made excuses why better design could not be achieved due to technical problems. Cllr Slatter undertook to investigate the concern further. Cllr Slatter

6. A member of the public suggested a dropped kerb be installed Cllr Stuart.

at Brooklands Avenue/Hills Road (set back 30m). Cllr Stuart undertook to make a site visit with the resident.

07/05 SOUTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE AND POLICING

John Fuller, Police Community Engagement Manager explained the background to Neighbourhood Policing Priorities as this was the first time it had been reported to the South Area Committee (North Area began in June 2006, East and West/Central are to follow later in 2007). He stated that the objective was for the local community and the Area Committee to consider the recommended neighbourhood policing priorities for the next 8 weeks in Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's and Trumpington wards. Monitoring of the Priorities would be reported back to the Area Committee in April and June, with new recommendations to consider where appropriate.

Inspector Martin Gregory introduced the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the South Area and presented the highlights from the report included in the agenda (copied below).

Questions raised by the public/Councillors (with answers from the police):

1) Re. the recommendation to look at crime in Wulfstan Way area, did it include Hulatt Road? Answer – not at this stage, although the report did refer to both Hulatt Road and Mowbray Road experiencing relatively high levels of crime (page 10)

2) Why are the police slow to respond to calls concerning acts of anti-social behaviour (ASB)? Answer – telephone calls are graded with Community Liaison Officers dealing with most ASB and a 'reactive' team dealing with emergencies.

3) Cllr McPherson placed on record appreciation for the Cherry Hinton PCSO. He expressed concern at the loss of the Community Beat Officer (CBMs) to special operations for a period of weeks. Answer – CBMs are taken off the beat for special operations/an attachment regularly. Efforts are made to ensure that the use of CBMs is spread equitably across the city.

4) If the public took photos of vehicles parked in mandatory cycle lanes (mentioning outside Tim Brinton Garage on Cherry Hinton Road; on Hills Road bridge; Betjeman House, Station Road) would the police prosecute? A – in principle yes, but dependent on the Crown Prosecution Service. [Members of the Area Committee agreed this would be a good issue to include]

5) As a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, how do you give out information on crime statistics without scaring people? A – contact

the Community Contact Officer, Rebecca Haston for advice.

The Committee agreed the recommendations to the Neighbourhood Action Group (in no particular order):

- Youth ASB in Cherry Hinton (particularly the High Street)
- Crime and disorder in Wulfstan Way area
- Trumpington High Street theft from vehicles
- Obstructive parking across the ward (including mandatory cycle lanes)

[Lynda K to give me outcome of NAG meeting held on 9/2]

07/06 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS – UPDATE

Resolved –

- (i) Hills Road/Brooklands Avenue: dropped kerbs– approve costs Abby
- (ii) Hills Road/Glebe Road: bollards – proceed and obtain costs Jones
- (iii) Mobility Crossings (Alpha Terrace/Scotsdowne Road; Pamplin Court/Fernlea Close) and to include a dropped kerb at Nightingale Avenue (as minuted in 06/30 13 July 2006) Landscape Architect
- (iv) Pinch points (Rotherwick Way/Field Way; Orchard Estate)– approve costs and obtain costs for timber bollards as required

07/07 DATES OF MEETINGS 2007/08

Resolved –

That meetings shall be on
7 June, 2 August, 27 September, 22 November, 17 January 2008,
13 March and 8 May.

07/08 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those which the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the reports on applications to the committee, where the conditions to the approved applications or reasons for refusal are set out in full and with the Amendment Sheet issued at the meeting. Any amendments to the recommendations are shown.

1	
Site	2 Cavendish Avenue, Queen Edith's
Proposal	Erection of 5no. dwellings inc. demolition of existing flats
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Application No	06/1287/FUL
Applicant	Camstead Homes, c/o Carter Jonas, Hills Road
PSR	Mr Jolley, Prof Ratunga, Mr Cray in objection; Ms Page for the applicant
Reasons for refusal raised in debate	Those members minded to refuse the application referred to Local Plan Policies 3/4, 3/7, 3/10 and 3/12. The Chair who was minded to refuse referred to reasons 1 and 3 of the committee decision on the previous application. Concern was expressed regarding the location of the parking and impact on neighbours, design and building's orientation.
Decision	Refused , (by 5 votes to 2) against the officer recommendation. Detailed reasons based on the Committee's comments above to be agreed by the Chair and Cllr Newbold prior to issue.
2	
Site	17 Beaumont Road, Queen Edith's
Proposal	Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension and roof extension incorporating front and rear dormers
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Application No	06/1104/FUL
Applicant	E Hussein 20 Spalding Way
PSR	-
Decision	Approved (by 6 votes to 0) as detailed in the officer report
3	
Site	7 Beaumont Road, Queen Edith's
Proposal	Two storey side extension, single storey front extension, single storey rear extension and roof extension incorporating front and rear dormers
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Application No	06/1105/FUL
Applicant	M Hussein, 51 Spalding Way
PSR	-

Decision **Approved** (by 6 votes to 0) as detailed in the officer report.

4

Site

57 Alpha Terrace Trumpington

Proposal

Change of use from 1no 1bed and 1no 3bed flats and part single and part first floor rear extensions

The Planning Officer referred to the amendment sheet which changed the description of the application to - minor extensions and subdivision of the extended property to create 4, one-bedroom flats.

Recommendation

Approve subject to conditions

Application No

06/1276/FUL

Applicant

Mr Lindsay, 448 Milton Road

PSR

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Decision

Approved (by 7 votes to 0) as detailed in the officer report

The meeting ended at 10.02pm

Chair