



South Area Committee
(City Councillors representing Cherry Hinton, Queen Edith's, Trumpington Wards)

7 June 2007
7.30pm – 11.05 pm



Minutes & Actions

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

Also Present: County Councillor Geoffrey Heathcock

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07/19 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair

Cllr Stuart nominated and Cllr Slatter seconded the nomination of Cllr Blackhurst as Chair.

Resolved, by 6 votes to 0, that Cllr Blackhurst be appointed Chair of South Area Committee for the ensuing year.

Vice Chair

Cllr Stuart nominated and Cllr Slatter seconded the nomination of Cllr Baker as Vice Chair.

Cllr Dryden nominated and Cllr Newbold seconded the nomination of Cllr McPherson as Vice Chair.

On a show of hands, 5 votes were cast for Cllr Baker and 2 for Cllr McPherson, it was therefore:

Resolved that Cllr Baker be appointed Vice Chair of South Area Committee for the ensuing year.

07/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Cllr Baker and County Cllrs Carter and

Kent

07/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following personal interest was declared: Cllr Heathcock as Queen Edith's Ward member, who was to support a resident who wished to speak about the planning application relating to 53 Queen Edith's Way.

07/22 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising:

07/11 Matter Arising 07/04 Dropped Kerb in Alpha Terrace: Cllr Slatter confirmed that the kerb had now been installed but was not very good.

- *Action:* The Environmental Improvements Officer said she would look into it.

07/11 Matter Arising 07/04 Dropped Kerb in Brooklands Avenue: A resident asked whether this had now been installed.

The Environmental Improvements Officer said this work had now been completed.

07/12 Open Forum Question on Dec Bus: Councillor Stuart as Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health said the new vehicle had been procured.

07/12 Open Forum Question on Coach Parking in Lay-by close to Waitrose: Cllr Heathcock said that having followed up the resident's comments with the County Council there were no restrictions applied to parking on the lay-by and the option was to take the issue to Area Joint Committee and seek the imposition of a time limit or other appropriate measures. The Police could deal with any problems arising with obstruction of the highway.

07/15 South Area Neighbourhood Policing: Vandalism to Bus Shelters in Queen Edith's And Trumpington: Cllr Heathcock said that he had only recently received a response to the question of responsibility for bus shelters and there appeared to be no system in place for the public to be able to report damage to the local authority. He said that the length of time taken to repair the shelters should be addressed by the relevant Executive Councillor.

Cllr Slatter said the City Council's contact officer on this issue was Eileen Oliver and suggested that Cllr Heathcock attend the County Transport Steering Group at which he could raise his concern.

The City Ranger present said that the clearing up following damage to the shelters, though not the repairs, was carried out by his service and invited anyone seeing uncleared damage to report it to them, on Telephone number 458282. The information on damage to shelters was passed on to Eileen

Oliver as a matter of course.

07/11 Matter Arising 07/04 Dropped Kerb Design: residents concurred with Cllr Slatter's comments on the issue of their poor design. Cllr Dryden commented that the situation was further complicated by the shared responsibility for installing and maintenance of dropped kerbs between the Highway Authority, as Environmental Improvements and the Housing Department. A resident suggested that improved design could be achieved by raising the road to the level of the pavement rather than dropping the kerbs. There were however concerns over flooding which might be caused as result of this.

- *Action:* The Environmental Improvements Officer said she would take the issue up with the Highway Authority which set standards for dropped kerbs.

07/23 OPEN FORUM

Q1 What was the likely cost of the computer equipment provided in the Dec Bus?

A Cllr Stuart said she would obtain the information and report to the next meeting of this committee

Q2 Why was there no direct park and ride bus route from Addnbrooke's to the Grafton Centre?

A Cllr Heathcock said that he had looked into this and it appeared that this route had not been requested in the original contract with Stagecoach. He would ask officers what the options were for amending the contract to achieve this.

Cllr Taylor said that she had been pursuing this issue with the County's officers and would continue to do so.

Q3 The public exhibition on the Trumpington Meadows development had not resolved the issue of which local authority responsibility would be responsible on its completion, which continued to be of concern to residents.

A Cllr Slatter said that the issue was being taken forward with the Boundary Commission and with the leadership of each authority, although no resolution was yet forthcoming.

Q4 Cllr Newbold asked about the works in Cherry Hinton Hall on the paths around the paddling pool and duck pond.

A Ian Ross (Active Communities) confirmed that work was being carried out to improve this area.

Delivery of S106 Improvements Programme

Justin Marsh and Ian Ross, from the City Council's Active Communities, introduced the City Council's Open Space and Recreation Strategy, which had been adopted in 2006 and was currently being implemented. The strategy sought to deliver neighbourhood projects on Open Spaces, Recreation, Public Arts, Community Facilities and Biodiversity and invited

the public to contribute suggestions during the summer. A summary of projects would be considered at Area Committees in October and those who had suggested them would continue to be involved with the progress of the project. Leaflets explaining the strategy and inviting suggestion for projects were available at the meeting and would be widely available in the city.

Q1 Was there any possibility of using this funding for improvements to Gunhild Close play area which seemed not have been considered under any of the Council's schemes.

A Ian Ross said that funding for the play area should have been secured through the Council's maintenance budget; the improvements scheme was to fund enhancement of existing facilities. He said that some funding was available for maintenance of schemes in new developments. Cllr Sanders said that she was pursuing this issue for residents and would continue to press for improvements.

- Action: Ian Ross said he would follow this up with the resident.

07/24 SOUTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE UPDATE

Inspector Jonathan Hutchinson introduced the Neighbourhood Profile Update. He reminded the meeting that the aim of the neighbourhood profile update was to identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues in the neighbourhood in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The purpose of the neighbourhood profile update was to provide up-to-date information on neighbourhood issues to multi-agency neighbourhood panels and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues could be identified and effectively prioritised.

Crime had on the whole remained at a similar level to the previous update, with theft of pedal cycles from the Trumpington ward the only emerging issue. ASB (Anti Social Behaviour) had however increased when compared to the previous period and was the main issue within the neighbourhood.

He commented on the progress with the objectives set at the previous meeting and the recommendations made in the current update.

He invited comments and question from residents.

Q1 The Picnic in the Park event resulted in the area around Nightingale Avenue being used for parking to the detriment of local residents. Could the Police do anything to address the situation?

A Parking was now the responsibility of the Local Authority Parking Enforcement (LAPE) service. The Police could act if an obstruction was caused but this issue could be taken up by LAPE.

Q2 Gunhild Close play area was experiencing anti-social behaviour and it would be helpful to know what number residents could contact to report it to.

A The general number to contact was 0845 4564564, the same number could be used to contact the Neighbourhood Community Contact Officers and the City Council's ASB team was 457836

Q3 As bicycle theft is on the increase would providing more hoops to secure bikes to help.

A Secure parking for circles can provide a means of prevention to theft. Police would provide advice on secure parking.

Q4 Is there further work being done to deal with the results of thefts to identify the perpetrators.

A A great deal of prevention work was being done with, among others, cycle dealers and repairers. It was receiving significant attention to bring down the incidence of cycle theft.

Other Issues

A number of other issues were raised which the police were giving attention to. These included:

Use of small motorbikes by underage riders

Dangerous parking outside schools

Reporting to CCTV via the CCTV text number – 01223662288.

The update report set out the following recommendations which the police had identified as being viable areas to address during the next reporting period:

- Cycle theft within the Trumpington ward should be considered as a priority, with the emphasis on prevention.
- Consideration should be given to anti social behaviour in the area of Cherry Hinton High Street and its surrounding roads remaining as a priority.
- As the installation of CCTV appears to have caused a sharp downturn in ASB in the Wulfstan Way area it is recommended that this priority is removed, however the level of offending should be closely monitored with the potential for it becoming a priority again if problems re-emerge.
- ASB in the Newtown area is being addressed by the Council and the Streetscene Team are carrying out a survey of the area to assess work to be done. Graffiti will be removed by the Council in line within agreed timescales as soon as it is reported.
- ASB in the area of Paget Road should be considered as a priority. Exploring ABC's with a few identified ring leaders of ASB in this area.
- Work should be carried out to prosecute youths driving cars anti socially in the Coldhams Business Park.

Resolved that the above recommendations for consideration by the Neighbourhood Action Group.

07/25 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 2007/08 PROGRAMME

The report by the Environmental Improvements Officers set out progress on existing schemes, sought confirmation on a scheme in Hills Road/Glebe Road and priorities on schemes in 200/08.

Councillor noted that costs had not been given for a number of schemes and as a result, it was difficult to assess the priorities. They noted that the

schemes fell into various categories and that, in some cases, a scheme was not within the remit of the Committee. Accordingly, officers were asked to allocate likely costs to schemes.

An oral presentation was given of the estimated costs; Councillor Stuart having added up all the cost ranges, suggested that, without the Bus Shelter for Cherry Hinton or the play area for Godwin Close, the proposed schemes would potentially fit the budget for this coming year.

It was therefore suggested that all the schemes except for the bus stop in Cherry Hinton and the play area on Gunhild Close should proceed. The play area at Godwin Close was to be assessed in greater detail with Active Communities as to the requirements and potential costs involved and presented at the next South Area Committee meeting on 2nd August.

Following discussion of the schemes listed it was

Resolved that:

1. The budget and bollard provision schemes for Hills Road/Glebe Rd be approved.
2. The schemes be approved in principle for implementation, with the exception of the bus stop in Cherry Hinton, Gunhild Close play area and those which did not fall within the City Council or South Area Committee's responsibility.
3. The schemes within the Highways Authority responsibility be approved and the County's officers be asked to progress them
4. Proposals for Gunhild Close Play Area and Recreation Ground be brought forward to the next Committee
5. The proposal for the verge/buffer area at Hulatt Road be reconsidered as it was thought too small for landscaping works.
6. Further consultation be carried out with the city and county ward councillors on the proposals for re-seeding and protection of grass verges on Queen Edith's Way.

07/26 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 Proposal** Land adjacent to 14-16 Baycliffe Close, Cherry Hinton
Erection of detached dwelling, garage and provision of additional parking following the demolition of a garage block.
- Recommendation** Approve subject to conditions
- Application No** 07/0383/FUL
- Applicant** Mr. R. Linsey, Mulberry House, Blench Lane, Hildersham
- PSR** Mrs C Woodhouse, Mr Rolfe (residents); Mr R. Linsey (Applicant)
- Decision** **Application Approved** (by 5 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report.
- 2**
- Site Proposal** 11 Fendon Road, Queen Edith's
Erection of 2 no. 3 bed semi-detached houses (following demolition of existing dwelling).
- Recommendation** Approve subject to conditions
- Application No** 07/0186/FUL
- Applicant** Mr A Kyprianou, 13a Sturton Street
- PSR** Mr P Baron (resident); Mr A Kyprianou (Applicant)
- Decision** **Application approved** (by 7 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report
- 3**
- Site Proposal** 36 Hartington Grove, Queen Edith's
Erection of a single storey rear/side extension to existing dwelling house.
- Recommendation** Approve subject to conditions
- Application No** 07/0396/FUL
- Applicant** Mr. And Mrs. Tytherleigh, 36 Hartington Grove
- PSR** -
- Decision** **Application approved** (by 7 votes to 0) subject to the conditions set out in the officers' report.
- 4**
- Site Proposal** 45 Beaumont Road, Queen Edith's
Enlargement of an adjacent pitched roof to cover an existing side extension
- Recommendation** Refuse
- Application No** 07/0378/FUL
- Applicant** Dr. J. Tylor, 45 Beaumont Road
- PSR** Mrs J Christmas (resident); Dr. J. Tylor (applicant)

Discussion **During discussion of the application these reasons were identified by members of the committee for approval against officer recommendation**

It was considered the application generally conformed to the Development Plan, particularly the following policies:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: P1/3

Cambridge Local Plan 2006: 3/4, 3/14

The Committee took the view that the proposed extension would respect the site context, that it would not be unneighbourly, that it would not create a terracing effect and would reflect the building and the character of the neighbourhood. The development was therefore in compliance with policy P1/3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and policies 3/4 and 3/14 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.)

Decision **Application Approved against officer recommendation** (by 4 votes to 2) based on the reasons reached during discussion and shown above and subject to conditions to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services in consultation with the Chair.

5
Site 19, St. Eligius Street, Trumpington

Proposal Change of use from studio to residential accommodation with repositioned bin store and fire escape to the first floor flat at 68 Panton Street.

Recommendation Approve subject to conditions

Application No 07/0253/FUL

Applicant Mrs H Roberts, 95 Long Road

PSR -

Decision **Application Approved** (by 7 votes to 0) subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the officers' report and with an additional Informative relating to the requirement for Parking Permits.

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Site 53 Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge, CB1 4PJ

Proposal To consider whether a planning enforcement notice should be issued in respect of development carried out without the benefit of planning permission.

Recommendation The Head of Legal Services be authorised to issue an enforcement notice under the provisions of S172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) for, without planning permission, the carrying out of operational development, namely the erection of an extractor flue within

the roof slope of a single storey rear extension to the dwelling house.

Application No
Occupier
PSR

Planning Enforcement
Mr J Graham
Cllr Heathcock (Ward Cllr representing applicant's neighbour),
Mr J Graham (Occupier)

Discussion

During discussion these reasons were identified by members of the committee not to proceed with the issue of an enforcement notice against officer recommendation:

The Committee did not concur with the officer's view that the extractor flue by reason of its size, location and method of construction, represented an unduly dominant feature within the roof space and was not in harmony with, nor subsidiary to, the dwelling contrary to Policy 3/14 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

While noting that the extractor flue, serving a wood burner, might cause harm to the residential amenity of neighbouring properties by reason of smoke pollution and smell contrary to Policy 4/13 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006, there was insufficient evidence provided that it would do so.

If it were to do so, there were other enforcement procedures available to residents to alleviate the situation.

Decision

Not to authorise the officers to proceed with the issue of an Enforcement Notice (by 5 votes to 1), against Officer recommendation,

The meeting finished at 11.05pm

CHAIR