

## Minutes & Actions

### Councillors Present:

**Abbey:** John Durrant, Caroline Hart

**Coleridge:** Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Tariq Sadiq

**Petersfield:** Kevin Blencowe, Ben Bradnack, Lucy Walker

**Romsey:** Sarah Ellis-Miller, Raj Shah, Catherine Smart

**County Cllrs:** Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Alice Douglas (Romsey)

### 07/52 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.

### 07/53 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- **St Matthews Piece - Status**

Members noted an update on the status of the order quashing the planning permission previously granted. A further report was to be made to a future meeting of the Planning Committee. Members also noted that the sentence in the first paragraph of the agenda item should have read: 'At this stage he feels that any report would be premature and hinder a successful outcome.'

- **Concentration of Health and Social Care Facilities in the East Area: Follow Up**

Members noted that the County Council and the Cambridge PCT had taken on board the suggestion made by the East Area Committee on inclusion of a commitment to measurable dispersal of medical and pharmacy provision across the area for which the service is responsible. It had been pointed out that while the tender might include this provision there was no indication that the final contract would include it.

### 07/54 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lynn, Cllr Harrison and Cllr Sales

### 07/55 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest were made

### 07/66 Neighbourhood Policing Profile

Sergeant Simon Cross introduced the Neighbourhood Profile by the Policing Team for the East Area as part of the Constabulary's strategy for neighbourhood policing. 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 is to provide up-to-date information on neighbourhood issues to multi-agency neighbourhood panels and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified and effectively prioritised.

Crime had been low in the neighbourhood over the past 2 months, with no particular emerging crime trends. Cycle crime and violent offences had been the most frequently occurring which was typical for the neighbourhood. Anti social behaviour had been fairly high across the neighbourhood, with the Abbey ward in particular recording a large number of incidents.

Sergeant Simon Cross spoke in detail on the profile and referred to the recommendations for prioritising police activity.

He then invited questions from residents and members and responded to them on a wide range of topics. These included:

- Speeding vehicles
- Drug dealing in the York Street/Rope Walk area and the possibility of improving the area to deter this use following the planned installation of street lighting in January.
- Cyclists without lights and publicity for the prosecutions in the Cambridge Evening News
- Vehicles using cycle lanes
- Drug dealers arriving from London by train to operate in the city
- Ravensworth Gardens had been a priority for the Police could it remain as one of their priority for a further period
- Budleigh Close and its problems with Streetlife people intimidating the elderly residents
- Brook Road was suffering similarly, any use of the S30 process would just achieve the dispersal of the Streetlife people to another area of the City
- The increase of violent crime in Mill Road fuelled by drink. Restrictions should be made on local stores from selling high strength alcohol

In allocating the Police's priorities it was agreed that Ravensworth Gardens should be monitored and the following priorities were agreed:

- Street life related ASB in Mill Road to continue as a priority:
- Youth related ASB in Abbey and in Ditton Fields and Thorpe Way in particular to remain as a priority. Ravensworth gardens would also be monitored.
- Cycle crime to remain a priority particularly around target hardening hotspot locations including the areas surrounding Parkside swimming pool, Brooks Road and Cambridge Leisure Park.

## **07/67 Open Forum**

A number of questions had been submitted before the meeting and officers of the City and County Council had responded to the questions where they could do so. These questions are appended to the minutes. Where it had not been possible to provide a response the questions are shown below:

- Budleigh Close issues included
  - The difficulty of access by people in wheel chairs
  - Dog fouling on the increase
  - Tree roots disrupting the pavement
  - Replacement of white lines
- The change from a weekly refuse collection and the deterioration of public health and hygiene as a result. The need for more emphasis on recycling. The failure of the Council to win over the public.

The previously submitted questions were

- Monitoring traffic and road safety in Romsey
- Brookfields Hospital
- No Mill Road Tesco Campaign

## **07/68 Update on Environmental Improvement Grants**

The Landscape Architect reported on proposed schemes in the area that required decision:

### **Mamora Road Pinch Point**

At the previous Area Committee meeting, concerns were raised about cyclists travelling straight out into the road from a footpath between Coleridge Road and Mamora Road. This pinch point had therefore been re-designed to accommodate these issues. The cost for removal of existing bollards and pram arms and installation of new barriers at the Mamora Road / Malta Road exit totals £600.

### **Ditton Lane Shops**

The proposed design for the verge outside the shops was attached to the report. The improvement works included removal of existing concrete 'grass-crete', construction of double height kerbs, cultivation, topsoil and shrubs. The proposals also include a timber knee-rail to protect the shrub planting. The total cost for these works is £1200.

### **Riverside Improvements**

A scheme for the improvement of the Riverside had been initiated. The Landscape Architect reported on how the scheme was to be progressed. She confirmed that it was a scheme that would require support from affected Area Committees and there were a number of other larger schemes in prospect.

Members discussed the proposals and considered whether some form of Forward Plan for proposals across the City would be helpful in resolving the issues raised in discussion over recent meetings.

They felt that the Mamora Road proposals should be duplicated at the other end of the footpath between Mamora Road and Coleridge Road.

Similarly the proposals relating to the verge treatment at the Ditton Lane shops should be repeated at the other end of the verge.

### **Agreed**

- 1) Mamora Road Pinch Point: the design set out in Appendix 1 of the report relating to the road at each end of the footpath and the costs totalling £1,200.
- 2) Verge at Ditton Lane Shops: the design set out in Appendix 2 of the report relating to both ends of the verge and costs totalling £2,400.
- 3) To support the working up of proposals for the improvement of the Riverside Area to be considered at a future meeting.

### **07/69 Highways/Transport issues**

The Chair welcomed the County Council Network, Maintenance and Highways Managers, Richard Preston, John Clark and Graham Lowe, to the meeting. They were attending to explain the current situation in relation to funding minor highways works and to respond to questions and comments from the public.

The officers gave an update on the County's Highways Service budget recalling that it had been a difficult year with a new contract in place and a hold placed on spending. However the implication for a change of culture was that performance would be improved. A number of elements were to be reviewed County wide, including the A and B road networks and the parking policy. The County's resources had had to be reallocated, reducing the availability of funding for minor road improvements. The possibility of funding of road improvements by third parties would have to be considered. The budget for the coming year was yet to be allocated.

The officers then responded to questions from the committee and the residents present on a number of issues:

- The issue of traffic congestion in the east of the city, particularly in the Newmarket Road and Coldhams Lane area. The promise of funding from the Transport Innovation Fund was awaited.
- The difficulty of getting the concerns of residents across to County Councillors. The public and retailers along Newmarket Road were suffering from the effects of congestion particularly at the weekends.
- The request for Area Committees to be able to consider and comment on proposals in their areas that were to be determined by the County/City Area Joint Committee.
- Concerns over the parking review, the backlog of programmed work and the allocation of disabled parking bays.
- The availability of the list of road repairs and improvements programmes by ward.
- If the city were to fund repairs as had been suggested, better communication needed to be established between the authorities and funding implications would have to be considered.
- The effect of congestion in Newmarket Road on the reliability of the bus service and the inadequate enforcement of bus lanes.
- Poor layout of the cycle lanes.
- Concerns over the lack of progress with the Hills Road Bridge Improvement Scheme, and the cycle and pedestrian access implications.
- The traffic proposals included in the Ashwell Scheme for the Station area, and the need to ensure that the City Council planners were aware of the highways concerns.
- The imposition of 20mph zones and their effectiveness without physical measures to support them.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and their responses to comments and questions.

### **07/70 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 that 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.

At the beginning of this item some members said that they would not be taking part in the determination of planning applications, as it would inhibit their ability to represent residents. They felt that they lacked expertise in planning matters and that the Planning Committee had acquired such expertise and experience and was best placed to consider applications.

Present: Cllrs Durrant (Chair), Blencowe, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Smart and Walker.

### **Planning Applications by Tesco on a site at Mill Road**

Before determining the applications on the agenda, members discussed how best to deal with the applications by Tesco on a site in Mill Road and the options for the committee on their consideration.

It was agreed that the Principal Planning Officer would explore the possibility of scheduling these applications to the Committee's meeting on 10 January 2008, or, if appropriate to an additional meeting.

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<b>Application No</b>	07/0746/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	9.1
<b>Date Received</b>	25th July 2007	<b>Case Officer</b>	Mr Tony Collins
<b>Target Date</b>	19th September 2007		
<b>Ward</b>	Romsey		
<b>Site</b>	172 - 174 Mill Road Cambridge CB1 3LP		

**Proposal** Enclose ground floor car parking to form flat. Add rear stairwell and create flats from existing bedsits.

**Applicant** PGB Builders Ltd. 3 Tylers, Swards End, Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2LN

**Recommendation** Approve subject to conditions

**Public Speakers** Mr A Creasey

**Decision** **APPROVED** by 7 votes to 0 subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report.

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**Application No** 07/0930/FUL **Agenda Item** 9.2

**Date Received** 13th August 2007 **Officer** Mr Andrew Thompson

**Target Date** 8th October 2007

**Ward** Coleridge

**Site** Land To The Rear Of 90, 92 & 94 Perne Road Cambridge

**Proposal** Erection of a bungalow.

**Applicant** Mr & Mrs F Smith, 18 Darren's Farm Chesterton Fen Road Milton CB4 1UN

**Recommendation:** Approve subject to conditions

**Public Speakers** -

**Decision** **APPROVED** subject to completion of a S106 agreement and conditions and informatives set out in the officers report and an additional informative: The applicant is advised that in order to discharge condition 9 of the permission it will be necessary to demonstrate, specifically, how materials brought to Perne Road for the purposes of the development are to be moved from the highway to the site, with a minimum time for that to be achieved, so that goods and materials are not left standing on the public highway for more than the minimum practicable period, but are instead stored off the highway, on site.

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**Application No** 07/1164/FUL **Agenda Item** 9.3

**Date Received** 5th October 2007 **Officer** Mr Andrew Thompson

**Target Date** 30th November 2007

**Ward** Romsey

**Site** Land To Rear Of 222 Coldhams Lane Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 3HH

**Proposal** Erection of 2x2-bed one and a half storey bungalow.

**Applicant** Ben Senior, 96 King Street Cambridge CB1 1LN

**Recommendation** Refuse for the reasons shown in the report

**Reasons for Approval** The members felt that there was insufficient reason to refuse the application. Formal reasons would be drawn up by the Chair and Spokesperson.

**Public Speakers** -

**Decision** **APPROVED**, by 4 votes to 1, subject to conditions to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services.

**(Against Officer Recommendation)**