

South Area Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 22 November 2007

At the Recital Hall, Hills Road Sixth Form College, Hills Road

7.30pm – 11.05 pm

Present: City Councillors

Russ McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)

Alan Baker, Viki Sanders, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)

Andrew Blackhurst (Chair), Philippa Slatter (Trumpington)

County Councillors: Geoffrey Heathcock (Queen Edith's), Anne Kent (Trumpington)

07/47 MINUTES OF 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2007 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the correction of the date in the heading from 2 August to 27 September 2007

07/48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Cllrs Dryden, Stuart and County Cllr Carter

07/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor declared a personal and prejudicial interest as she was known to one of the objectors as a colleague who was to speak in relation to planning application 07/0900/FUL. She took no part in the discussion, was not present and did not vote on the application.

Cllr Kent declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the CRC in relation to the Improve your Neighbourhood Programme.

07/50 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

07/51 OPEN FORUM

Q1 Seeding of verges at Queen Edith's Way

Were the verges of Queen Edith's to be reseeded and the pavement made good? It was possible that there was a broken drain arising from tree root damage.

A Cllr Heathcock was pursuing the drainage issue with the Highways Authority. The report on the Environmental Improvements included a project to reseed the verges.

Q2 Exiting from Luard Road

The road network around Hills Road makes exiting from Luard road in either direction onto Hills Road unsafe.

- A** Members were aware of the residents' concerns and the petition that had been presented to the Area Joint Traffic Committee, the body responsible for the traffic issues. They undertook to raise the issue with the Committee in support of the residents.

07/52 Cambridge Sport Network Skills 4 Sport

The Council's Sports Development Manager presented details of the Skills for Sport programme. This sought to provide links to local sports associations, would promote opportunities on a local level, encourage new players, fixtures, coaching opportunities, volunteer adverts, partnership work, and project ideas guided by quarterly meetings.

07/53 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Landscaping Officer presented a report updating members on current schemes, setting out existing schemes which required decision, and described new proposals.

Agreed

To note the updates on schemes included in the report;

To approve the progress on schemes set out in the report and to approve the further action:

- To approve the budget of £1,400 (by 6 votes to 0) Queen Edith's Way verge seeding.
- To approve the budget of £750 (by 7 votes to 0) for the Ventress Farm Court Mobility Crossing
- To progress further investigations with the Highways Authority for the Holbrook Rd to Glebe Rd Passageway (by 7 votes to 0)

To agree the following priority for proposed schemes:

1st: Chalfont Close – Extra Parking bays (£20,000 - £30,000)

2nd: Sedley Taylor Road and Luard Road – Traffic calming (£30,000 - £35,000)

3rd: Gunhild Way – Drop Crossing and potential path widening (£1,000 - £6,000)

4th: Cherry Hinton High Street – Grass verges (£3,000 - £5,000)

To defer the following schemes as they would exceed the budget available to the Committee:

- Wulfstan Way – Shopping precinct (£150,000 - £180,000)
- Cherry Hinton High Street – Shopping Precinct (£70,000 - £75,000)

07/54 IMPROVE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, PROJECT IDEAS RETURNS AND SCORING REPORT

As part of the Active Communities Department approach to managing growth, a method to process ideas and suggestion for new growth projects throughout the City had been developed. This approach was the 'Improve your Neighbourhood' scheme and the associated leaflets had been presented at all area committees earlier in 2007.

The leaflet was widely distributed to key community centre points, local community groups and organisations. Information was also available on-line, through the City Council website and cards promoting this form of return had been distributed through the CHYPPS team.

At the end of September 2007, all the submitted ideas had been collated, and presented to the S106 working group. Ideas that were outside the remit of the scheme had been forwarded to the relevant Council departments for their attention and review. The remaining ideas had been subjected to a scoring process used and approved for the original S106 project list by Scrutiny Committee November 2006. The scores were submitted by representatives from the following sections-

- Green Spaces
- Recreation Services
- Sports Development Service
- Landscape Architects
- Children & Young People Participation Service
- Technical Team

These ideas and suggestions and their average scores were presented in the officers' report.

Recommendations for inclusion on the S106 project list had been made for ideas or suggestions that exceeded the viability threshold limit. The threshold limit has been calculated for ideas that scored 10 out of possible 32 and over being a score that represents fulfilment of a minimum of 30% of all the criterion. Recommendations that had passed the threshold had then been prioritised according to ward based strategic objectives. Projects that scored under 10 were not seen as viable for inclusion on the approved list at this current time

The scheme (RC010) for Extra Tennis Court on Coleridge Recreation Ground had been located in this area committee's incorrectly and would be referred to East Area Committee for consideration.

The Committee was invited to agree the short-listing of new schemes in section 5.0 of the report to be included in the Open Space and Recreation S106 programme for

the South Area and comment or make further recommendations on the prioritisation of all the South Area projects to update the South Area entries into the Open Space and Recreation S106 programme. This would be submitted for approval by the Executive Councillor at Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 17 January 2008.

Agreed the proposals for short-listing of new schemes set out in Section 5 of the report subject to the deletion of the entry for the additional Tennis Court on Coleridge Recreation Ground.

07/55 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 has 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

Application No	07/1000/FUL
Site	2 Cavendish Avenue Cambridge CB1 4US
Proposal	Erection of 5 dwellings (including demolition of existing).
Recommendation	Approve subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 31 December 2007 and to the conditions set out in the officers' report
Applicant	Camstead Homes, C/o Don Proctor Cromwell House 3 The Meadow St Ives Cambs PE27 4LG
PSR	Mr Dawson, Mr Jolly, Mr Proctor
Decision	Refused against officer recommendation (by 3 votes to 1) for reasons to be drafted by the Planning Officer and agreed by the Chair and Cllr Newbold.

2

Application No	07/0935/FUL
Site	Land at rear of 259 Hills Road Cambridge
Proposal	Erection of a new dwelling
Recommendation	Approve subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 31 December 2007 and to the conditions set out in the officers' report.
Applicant	Poulson Development, Mill Farm Fowlmere Road, Melbourn Royston SG8 6EZ
PSR	Mrs Donnelly, Mr Poulson
Decision	Approved (by 4 votes to 1) subject to the satisfactory South Area Committee 22 November 2007

completion of the s106 agreement by 31December 2007 and to the conditions set out in the officers' report.

3

Application No	07/0900/FUL
Site	40 Queen Ediths Way Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 8PW
Proposal	Residential development (9 apartments), reconfiguration access, car parking, bin and cycle stores and hard and soft landscaping (following demolition of existing house).
Recommendation	Approve subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 1 March 2008, and subject to the conditions set out in the officers' report
Applicant	Queen Ediths Way Ltd, C/o York House Dukes Court 54-62 Newmarket Road Cambridge CB5 8DZ
PSR	-
Decision	Approved (by 5 votes to 0) subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 1 March 2008, and subject to the conditions set out in the officers' report

The meeting finished at 10.40pm

CHAIR