

## **Minutes & Actions**

### **Councillors Present:**

**Abbey:** John Durrant, Caroline Hart

**Coleridge:** Lewis Herbert, Tariq Sadiq

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

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

**County Councillors:** Alice Douglas (Romsey) and Nicola Harrison (Petersfield)

### **08/01 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 1 November had not been published and were not available for signature.

### **08/02 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors Benstead and Lynn, and County Councillors Ballard and Sales.

### **08/03 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **08/04 Open Forum**

#### **Q1 Traffic Accident Record in Mill Road**

Looking at the County Council's map of accidents in Cambridge, it is clear that the section of Mill Road from the bridge to Coleridge Road is extremely dangerous, with cyclists particularly vulnerable. The Cambridge Cycling campaign website, for instance, contains many pictures of the hazards caused by lorries in particular. Do Councillors agree that every effort must be made to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and that it is essential to stop any increase in the presence of delivery lorries in the narrow side streets off Mill Road.

Given the current lack of adequate car and cycle parking provision on the streets of Romsey, do Councillors agree that to lose any existing parking spaces, either on the streets or in existing small private car parks, would exacerbate the problem?

Members in responding to the question made the following points:

- There was a general awareness of the dangers drawn attention to in the question and the concerns too that parking was at a premium at evenings and weekends.
- The County Council was piloting a CCTV based scheme for traffic control, and there was the proposal of a 20mph speed restriction, although it was unlikely to be needed during most of the day, due to the weight of the traffic.
- County Council Highways Engineers were due to come to all Area Committees and it would provide an opportunity for residents and members to put these points to them.
- The Local Plan had added to the problem by reducing parking spaces per household.
- There were other issues as well as the peak flow of traffic that the Highways Authority representatives could be asked to address on 28 February meeting of this Committee, residents should make sure they were able to attend, although the officers might not be in a position to provide a response.
- Cycle parking provision was an issue which had been raised, particularly secure cycle parking, in view of the increase in theft of cycles.
- Poor street lighting was a contributory factor to some accidents; improved lighting would do more to improve the accident record than CCTV control.
- A proper analysis of the accident record including the difference between daylight and night-time accidents would be useful.

## **Q2 Riverside Road Re-Opening**

Would members comment on the reasons for the re-opening of Riverside and whether any safety assessment had been made taking into account the large number of cycle movements and the traffic layout, mixing cars and cycles, particularly outside the Engineers House.

Members' comments were as follows:

- Concerns of residents in Stanley Road about the junction with Newmarket Road had been received and should also be taken into account.
- The significant difference in traffic made by the temporary closure had been noted and welcomed by residents, particularly the stopping of the 'rat-run' element by commuters.
- The issue was one which would be addressed by the Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee (AJC) on 28 January. Residents were reminded that this was a public meeting and that comments could be made to the County and City Council representatives attending the meeting. There was an item elsewhere on the agenda referring to the Riverside discussion at the meeting of the AJC.

### **Q3 Cambridge East**

Was there to be further consultation on the proposals on the Marshall's Airport development proposals which the Director of Environment and Planning had described as irreversible?

- Members said that the proposals were out for consultation under the East Area Action Plan. The Council had made its position clear on the need to address the serious highways and transport network issues as part of any development in this area.
- Despite the comment by the Director of Environment and Planning, the position was far from irreversible; Marshall's had yet to commit to development of the site.
- The resolution of a number of related issues was essential for progress to be made; these included the identification of a suitable alternative for Marshall's operations, the importance of the Green Belt, the significance of the site to the future of the growth of the City and the outcomes of consultation on the Area Action Plan. Government support had been given to the proposals outlined and it was difficult to see how they could be overturned.

### **08/05S106 Growth Projects - Scoring Report**

The City Council's Recreation Services Manager said that as part of Active Communities' approach to managing growth, the department had developed a method to process ideas made by members of the public for new growth projects throughout the City. Called 'Improve your Neighbourhood', associated leaflets had been presented at all area committees earlier in 2007 and widely distributed to key community centre points, local community groups and organisations. Information was also available on-line, through the City Council website.

In September 2007, all ideas submitted had been collated and presented to the S106 working group. (Any ideas outside the remit of the scheme had been forwarded to the relevant Council departments for their attention and review). The remaining ones were subjected to an approved scoring process.

Recommendations for inclusion on the S106 project list were then made for ideas that exceeded the threshold limit. Projects that scored under this threshold were not seen as viable for inclusion on the approved list at the current time. The recommendations had been prioritised according to ward based strategic objectives.

**Agreed**

- 1) To approve items a) to j) in section 5.0 of the report, subject to the two Abbey Pool Projects (f & g) being included in a citywide category for contributions.
- 2) To include (against officer recommendation) in the East area S106 project list:
  - a) BD002 - Improvements & Increase Coldhams Common Local Nature Reserve (LNR).
  - b) DB003 - Create a community Woodland at Barnwell West.
- 3) To delete the Historic Simoco projects from the existing projects for the East Area list and note that these would be included in the North Area List. And to note that the following were the existing projects:
  - Tennis Court (E026/A PLS)
  - Skate park facilities (E026/C PLS)
  - Informal Games Area (E026/C PLS)
  - Extend Logans Meadow LNR (E026/D PLS)
- 4) To agree that the £300,000 identified in the East Area budget for formal open space (outdoor facilities) for the Abbey Pool project be included as a Citywide project, and to seek funding contributions from the other 3 areas.

### **08/06 Community Sports Update**

The Community Sports Development Manager was to have presented an update on the Sport Network: Skills for Sport. She had been unable to attend and the Committee noted the text of the presentation attached to the agenda.

### **08/07 Community Safety Partnership Priorities**

The Safer Communities Manager spoke to a presentation on the draft priorities under consideration by the Cambridge Safety Partnership. Inspector Skeels and Paul Griffin from the Safer Communities Team also responded to members comments and questions.

Members and residents commented on:

The need to take account of the increase in cycle theft.

Family issues of domestic violence, forced marriage, runaway children and the impact of drug use and dealing.

Local problems caused by Streetlife people gathering on open and public spaces and intimidating residents.

The success of working in a cross-agency partnership.

The role of PCSOs.

On the issue of substance abuse, the need to target suppliers and seeking a solution by encouraging users to change their habits.

The need for reporting of anti-social behaviour, abuse and vandalism to enable

gathering of reliable statistics on which to base future action and resources.

## **08/08 Riverside Road Closure**

As referred to under the Open Forum Minute Q2 above, the issue of the possible continued closure would be addressed by the Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee (AJC) on 28 January. At present no further information was available about the likely recommendation by Highways officers to the AJC as the analysis of the response to consultation was still being undertaken. Concurrently City Council officers were considering environmental improvements to Riverside which would be reported to the same meeting of the AJC.

## **08/09 Dates and Locations for Meetings of the Committee in 2008/2009**

The following dates for the Committee's meetings were agreed, all to be held at the Cherry Trees Centre:

2008: 5 June, 31 July, 2 October\*, 20 November  
2009: 15 January, 12 March

\* The suggested date in this cycle had been 25 September but this had subsequently been allocated to a meeting of the Council.

## **08/10 Applications for Planning Permission**

Members noted that applications for planning permission would be determined at an additional meeting of the Committee on 17 January. An additional application, initially included in error on the agenda for South Area Committee would be added to the published agenda for East Area Committee on 17 January, this related to development at 187 Cherry Hinton Road.

**CHAIR**

