

Councillors Present:

Arbury: Rhodri James, Alan Levy, Tim Ward
King's Hedges: Louise Downham, Mike Pitt
East Chesterton: Clare Blair
West Chesterton: Diane Armstrong, Max Boyce, Ian Nimmo-Smith

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08/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Councillor Holness and County Councillors Hughes and Wilkins.

08/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Nature of interest
Nimmo-Smith	Community Development and Leisure Grants	Wife is occasional lecturer at St Andrews Garden Club

08/12 MINUTES

An amendment to the minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2008 - Councillor Boyce to be included in the apologies – was noted. The minutes were then signed as a correct record.

08/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

07/60 (also 07/49,07/29) St Kilda dropped kerb options:
Councillor Downham agreed to update at next meeting

***Cllr
Downham***

07/60 – Chesterton Fen: Councillor Nimmo-Smith had received correspondence from Anglia Water but as they had no authority to deal with sewage the issue was ongoing and would continue to be looked into. A further meeting with South Cambridgeshire District Councillor Hazel Smith was suggested.

08/06 – Flytipping and abandoned vehicles: The Chair read out the following briefing paper from City Services:

As requested in the minutes of the North Area Committee on 10 January 2008, the following is additional information required concerning flytipping and abandoned vehicles in Kings Hedges and the consequent action taken by Cambridge City Council between September and November 2007.

The 16 incidents of flytipping at Northfield Avenue can be broken down as follows: 7 took place at the Neighbourhood Recycling Centre. Of these 7, 6 resulted in formal warning letters being sent to domestic offenders. In the 7th case there was insufficient evidence to take enforcement action. The same applies to the other 9 flytips cleared from Northfield Avenue during this period.

The 25 reports of abandoned vehicles during the same period can be broken down as follows: 3 were subsequently claimed by their owners, 7 were found not to have been abandoned on inspection (this could have been because they had a current tax disc or a statutory off-road notice, for example), 5 were removed and taken to a compound and 10 had already been removed when the Rangers went to inspect.

We have worked closely with the police to ensure that this information is normally contained within the profiles before circulation to Area Committees. In most cases we get the opportunity to comment on the first draft, but the deadlines are always very tight. Because of the pressures on time, it was particularly difficult over the Christmas period when the police analysts were only able to include our raw data, with no time available for the Council to add our normal explanations of action taken. It is anticipated that future profiles will, as normal, be able to include the actions taken by the Council.

08/14 OPEN FORUM

Resident 1: Firstly I would like to thank Councillor Blair for her continued work with local tenants and residents.

Raised concern with the lack of enforcement of parking on grass verges and issue of lack of dropped kerbs.

Councillor Blair: Agreed to take the ongoing issues to Cllr Huppert and report back at a future meeting

Cllr Blair

Councillor Downham: Milton Road also had problems in this area the topic had been raised at the Environment Scrutiny Committee in November. The Executive Councillor agreed to take this forward.

Councillor Nimmo-Smith: A change in the law was imminent but currently it was not an offence to actually be on the verge – the traffic offence would only be for the *movement* onto the verge.

Resident 2: Chesterton High Street is also being used as a car park due to this issue. It does constitute an offence when there are double yellow lines against the verge – why is this not being enforced?

Councillor Ward: It would be a ticketing offence but unfortunately it proved hard to enforce.

Planning Officer: Confirmed that planning permission would be required to drop kerbs on classified roads but for unclassified roads only permission from the Highways Authority was needed

You would not need planning permission to park a vehicle on your own land (i.e front lawn) – only the *access* to that land would be covered by planning regulation.

Resident 3: Congratulated the City Council on the refurbishment of the college car park but the design of the consultation document was flawed – by not allowing space for ideas to be fully expressed.

The architect did not forward all of the suggestions to councillors for consideration – instead he '*cherry picked*' those that suited his recommendation.

Councillor James: Agreed that receiving *all* of the consultation comments, as with the Planning process, would have been useful.

Councillor Ward: Noted that the architects were under pressure due to staffing issues - funding had however been allocated for another member of staff.

Councillor Downham: Noted that there are ongoing issues with the expense of the refurbishment and the work that still needs to be completed – highlighting the need for Environmental improvements to run smoothly. The Procurement Manager had agreed to investigate issues raised by Cllr Downham regarding Environment Improvement projects that have been improved.

Due to the recent resurfacing of the car park the advertised height of the barrier is also now incorrect and has caused issues for drivers.

Councillor Ward: Agreed to look into this issue and feedback at the next meeting.

Cllr Ward

Resident 4: What is happening with the Prince Chula Memorial at Mitchams Corner?

Councillor Nimmo-Smith: The stone had been taken for refurbishment by Ivett and Reed the stonemasons, and would be back shortly. It would be put back in situ, though turned round so that the inscription would be visible from the open side facing the bank. This would be part of an environmental improvement project which was suggested some time ago. The next step would be a small information board that explained the history of the trough and Prince Chula's connection with the area (he had digs in Victoria Road).

Resident 5: There has been a marked increase in dog fouling in Chesterton since Christmas – how is this being dealt with?

Councillor Downham: Dog wardens were in place and it would be their job to enforce this – however, they do need to witness the fouling in order to ticket owners. Further dog bins would also help to improve the situation.

Councillor Nimmo-Smith: Residents need to report all of the incidents to the City Services Helpdesk (01223 4578282) as this would help monitor the situation.

Resident 6: What actions are being taken to deal with the cars and delivery vehicles parking outside Tesco in Chesterton High Street? Could smaller vehicles be used instead of the 44 tonners currently used?

Councillor Blair: This had been addressed with the shop owners and the situation was being monitored. If the shops were leasehold this could be enforceable by planning.

Councillor Nimmo-Smith: A Citywide weight limit for lorries had been explored but needs to be discussed further with the County Council as a possible part of their TIF proposals. Agreed to take this forward and report at a future meeting.

Cllr Nimmo-Smith

Councillor James: There had been a long history of double marking on Milton Road and, as this was a police issue, it should be raised when the neighbourhood police next attend.

Resident 7: The Co-op in Milton/Green End Road could also be a problem as the loading bay at the front has been allocated as parking for the flats above.

Councillors: Noted

Resident 8: I think the police mislead the Committee last time – the policing priorities for the area are not set at the North Area Committee but at the non-public Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at Parkside Police Station.

After discussion around the agreed procedures it was decided that Councillor Nimmo-Smith would approach the Director of Community Services for clarity on the process and feed back at the next meeting.

Cllr Nimmo-Smith

08/15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 2007-08 AND 2008-09

The Community Development Officer introduced the report and asked members to consider the grant applications in section 4-7 and agree the recommendations.

After discussion Councillor Downing proposed and Councillor James seconded that the Arbury Carnival receive the full funding applied for.

Members then voted unanimously to agree the funding as below:

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Community development current applications £24,840 available				
	Group	Project	Bid	Grant £
CD1	Arbury Carnival	Hire of community centre and mobile toilets, parade (bands, majorettes, stagecoach), arena and children's entertainment, admin + print, materials	2750	2750
CD2	Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination	34% of costs of Forest School	3036	2000
CD3	Chesterton Gardening Club	50 th anniversary celebration lunch	300	300
CD4	Histon Action Plus Rangers	Summer holiday	3000	2500
CD5	Kings Hedges Guides	Census fee	414	414
CD6	Meadows Children and Family Wing	Parenting courses x 3	4386	2924
CD7	Romsey Mill Trust	50 % of Manor school urban music North Cambridge girls group Manor Year 9 boys post transitions group North Cambridge football project	2937 4288 2395 <u>3464</u> 13,084	2937 2144 599 <u>0</u> 5680
CD8	Royal British Legion	Day trip	840	840
CD9	St Andrews Gardening Club	Summer trip	400	400
CD10	Under 5's Roundabout	Summer trip	165	165
total			28,375	17,973

Leisure, sport and arts spend 2008-09 £5640 available				
	Group	Project	Bid	Grant £
L1	Hansen Court Community Project	Art project	2110	defer
L2	Romsey Mill Trust –	Manor Girls Urban Music	2937	2937
total				2937

08/16 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	Garages belonging to 1-7 Aylestone Road, Cambridge Erection of one detached house following demolition of existing garages
Recommendation	APPROVE subject to conditions
Application No	07/1386/FUL
Applicant	Executors Of Mrs F Stacey (Deceased), C/O Taylors Vinters, Merlin Place, Milton Road, Cambridge
Public Speakers	Cathy Parker (for residents) Amy Richardson (for applicant)
Decision	APPROVE (by 8 votes to 0) as agenda subject to completion of the Section 106 Agreement by 6 April 2008 and the following amended conditions: Condition 9 - No development shall take place until there has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority a plan showing the retention of the existing boundary wall to 17 Belvoir Road and

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indicating the positions, design, materials and type of new boundary treatment to be erected.

The existing boundary wall shall be retained and new boundary treatment shall be completed before the building(s) is/are occupied and retained thereafter unless any variation is agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Conditions 10 - Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification), the proposed window in the South facing roof slope, serving the proposed bathroom of the dwelling hereby approved, as illustrated on drawing number 07:072-1 of the approved plans, shall be fixed shut and fitted with obscure glazing and retained in this way in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

2	
Site	285 Chesterton Road, Cambridge
Proposal	Erection of a car port
Recommendation	REFUSE
Application No	07/1365/FUL
Applicant	Mr C Jackson, 285 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB4 1BH
Public Speakers	
Decision	REFUSE (by 8 votes to 0) as agenda
3	
Site	287 Chesterton Road
Proposal	Erection of a car port
Recommendation	REFUSE
Application No	07/1366/FUL
Applicant	Mr M J Cuthbert, 287 Chesterton Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB4 1BH
Public Speakers	
Decision	REFUSE (by 8 votes to 0) as agenda

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The Chair asked members for their approval to start the April meeting with planning applications at 6.30pm followed by the regular meeting from 7.30pm.

Members voted unanimously to agree this recommendation.

The meeting finished at 9.02pm

Chair