

## **East Area Committee**

Cherry Trees Day Centre, St Matthews  
Street

2 October 2008  
7.00pm – 9.40pm

### **Minutes & Actions**

#### **Councillors Present:**

**Abbey:** Caroline Hart, Miriam Lynn, Margaret Wright

**Coleridge:** Lewis Herbert, Chris Howell

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

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

**County Councillors:** Paul Sales (Abbey), Nichola Harrison (Petersfield)

#### **08/54 Re-election of Chair**

Cllr Bradnack explained that he was stepping down as he was at present recovering from recent ill health.

Cllr Bradnack proposed the nomination of Cllr Blencowe as Chair. Cllr Ellis-Miller proposed herself.

**Resolved** (by 6 votes to 3) that Cllr Blencowe be Chair of East Area Committee for the remainder of the year.

Councillor Blencowe in the Chair.

#### **08/55 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 31 July 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **08/56 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Re Minute number 08/50: Budleigh Close. The residents reported that the City Ranger had visited but that he did not have the responsibility for all the issues that needed to be addressed. See below in the Open Forum.

Re: Minute number: Howard Mallett Site. Councillor Bradnack said that the public meeting to enable CityLife to discuss proposals for securing public open space at St Matthews Place had taken place on 15 September and anyone who would like an update could obtain one by contacting the Committee Manager on 01223 457015 or by emailing [liz.whitcher@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:liz.whitcher@cambridge.gov.uk)

## **08/57 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors Benstead, Smart and Shah (for lateness) and from County Councillors Ballard and Bourke.

## **08/58 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Howell in minute number 08/64 as a member of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign.

## **08/59 Change to the order of the agenda**

Under paragraph 4.2.1 of the Council Procedure Rules, the Chair used his discretion to alter the order of business to take the Open Forum next.

## **08/60 Open Forum**

Three residents of Budleigh Close and Taunton Close followed up the issues they had raised last time. The City Ranger, Gary Quilter had visited the area with them. In their view, a site visit was needed at which the City Ranger, a Housing Officer and someone from Street Scene needed to be present so that the responsibilities for actions were clear. They described the area as a forgotten area and again asked that something be done. They mentioned abandoned cars, fencing and pavements that needed attention.

Councillors Herbert and Howell undertook to join such a site visit. Agreed that 10am was a good time.

A fourth resident mentioned problems near 12-18 Marmora Road where there was considerable amount of overgrown plants and it was somewhere that required regular maintenance.

Councillor Sales mentioned problems of parked cars at the corner of Burnside and Brookfields such that cars had difficulty negotiating the corner. County Council officers to be alerted to the problem.

## **08/61 Safer Neighbourhoods**

Inspector Hutchinson introduced the new police sergeant for the area Shane Fasey. Inspector Hutchinson then spoke to the report. He highlighted the close working with Council Housing officers regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on Thorpe Way; that 7 arrests had been made and £11,000 of assets seized in relation to drug dealing in Barnwell; that the police had identified premises mainly in Norfolk Street selling to under age drinkers.

He asked the Committee to agree the following recommendations:

1. ASB, Littering and Drugs around Norfolk Street

2. Streetlife ASB
3. Underage drinking in public spaces across the Neighbourhood
4. ASB in Thorpe Way Estate including Ditton Fields.

The Chair invited questions/comments from the public present:

- Which authority is responsible for ensuring that strong alcohol is removed from the shelves;
- Reported incidents of car number plates being stolen;
- Reported incidents of drug dealing at Burnside usually at the week end.
- Criminal damage to cars

Inspector Hutchinson said that close working was required between the police and the Trading Standards officers to ensure the first issue was properly addressed.

Stolen number plates was a national problem and the stolen items never seemed to re-appear so the police have no idea what is happening to them. He thanked the public for their information about drug dealing and damage to cars and said those would be factored in to the actions to be taken.

In relation to references to lighting on the new Riverside Bridge, the Council's Principal Landscape Architect said that funding for lighting of an appropriate level for the area had been applied for. Cllr Bradnack suggested that lighting on Riverside itself might be included by using influence from the police.

The Committee made the following points to which the police responded (A):

- Would a buzzer installed by the Council at the entrance to the properties at Headford Close help deter burglars?

A: Could do. Would ask the Crime Reduction staff to help

- Any progress in dealing with under-age drinking in Romsey?

A: Following on warnings given, premises will be targeted by the police for review of the licence which would come to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

- Could training of staff especially temporary staff (eg students) be made compulsory?

A: Only by the Licensing authority making it a condition.

- Still a problem with speeding motorists in Coleridge ward.

A: Specific actions had been taken in Coleridge Road and Queen Edith's Way. Disappointing to find that all those caught speeding were local residents.

- Petersfield also has the same problem and needs immediate action.

In response to a question from a member, the police confirmed that the fourth recommendation included Jack Warren Green.

The Committee agreed the recommendations for policing priority as amended by 9 votes to 0.

Councillor Howell proposed an additional, fifth, recommendation to the four

recommendations.

The recommendation “plans to tackle speeding motorists in key roads in the area” was lost by 5 votes to 4.

The police undertook to report back on a feasibility study about how to tackle this issue given scarcity of resources which included the necessary equipment for a Neighbourhood Speedwatch scheme involving residents. Currently there was only one camera for the whole city and each of these cost £3000.

### **08/62 Addaction**

Vickie Crompton from the County Council and Anna Whitton from Addaction took questions from the public present and from members and explained the arrangements that had been in place since February 2008 for dealing with drug problems in the city. A key element of the scheme was that instead of all addicts attending Mill House in Mill Road to collect their medication, there were several pharmacies across the city which dealt with these prescriptions. One of these was in Newmarket Road. Addaction was also working closely with GPs and with another charity that provided help with education, training and employment of those undertaking treatment for their drug addiction.

Vickie Crompton explained that the first priority had been to deal with drug problems. The next priority was to develop the alcohol service in the city. Plans were in place to employ a nurse who would work with those with alcohol problems by working with an outreach team. She urged anyone who thought there was a problem relating to the drug service to contact either herself or Addaction.

### **08/63 Cambridge Community Safety Priorities**

Paul Griffin, the City Council’s Community Safety Strategy Officer gave an update on the Community Safety priorities and asked members of the public present to complete a feedback form on the impact of the Safer Neighbourhoods agenda item.

### **08/64 Update on Environmental Improvements Programme**

In response to comments made by members, it was agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting that listed the total number of projects identified and how to add new projects to the list.

The Committee approved costs of £6,400 for the Gwydir Street Cycle Parking project to cover the resurfacing of the area and the installation of four cycle racks.

## 08/65 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Committee agreed to appoint Cllr Hart (7 votes to 2 for Cllr Shah) to the Airport Consultative Committee and Cllr Lynn to the East Barnwell Community Centre.

Before the start of the planning applications, Councillors Bradnack, Howell and Lynn explained that they would not be taking part as they did not agree with considering planning applications at area committees. Councillor Herbert explained that he did not take part in Coleridge ward applications so that he could act as advocate for his constituents.

The Councillors present for the Planning applications were Blencowe, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Shah, Walker and Wright.

## 08/66 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.

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<b>Application No</b>	08/1408/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	13.1
<b>Date Received</b>	10 December 2007	<b>Case Officer</b>	Andrew Thompson
<b>Target Date</b>	4 February 2008		
<b>Ward</b>	Coleridge		
<b>Site</b>	2 Derwent Close, Cambridge CB1 8DZ		
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of use of extension to separate, self-contained, two-bed dwelling		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr and Mrs P Bianco, 2 Derwent Close Cambridge CB1 8DZ		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve with conditions		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	Mike Bullivant (for the applicant)		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED</b> (unanimously) with the removal of the words 'subject to the completion of the s106 agreement by 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2008 and', and the removal of part 2 of the resolution (In the event that ...)		

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<b>Application No</b>	<b>08/1145/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	13.2
<b>Date Received</b>	26 August 2008	<b>Officer</b>	Tony Collins
<b>Target Date</b>	21 October 2008		
<b>Ward</b>	Petersfield		
<b>Site</b>	179 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QH		
<b>Proposal</b>	Retention of existing dwelling; additional units to provide a total of 8 residential units		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Julian Harper, 3 Abbeygate Street, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1UL		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Refuse		
<b>Public Speakers</b>			
<b>Decision</b>	Since no request from any member to bring this application to Committee had been received, this item was removed from the agenda, and would be determined under delegated powers.		

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<b>Application No</b>	<b>08/1034/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	13.3
<b>Date Received</b>	7 August 2008	<b>Officer</b>	Andrew Thompson
<b>Target Date</b>	2 October 2008		
<b>Ward</b>	Romsey		
<b>Site</b>	R/O 222 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HH		
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a new two storey dwelling		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Ben Senior, 96 King Street, Cambridge CB1 1LN		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Refuse		
<b>Public Speakers</b>			
<b>Decision</b>	<b>REFUSED</b> (by 5 votes to 0)		

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<b>Application No</b>	<b>08/1076/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	13.4
<b>Date Received</b>	4 August 2008	<b>Officer</b>	John Evans
<b>Target Date</b>	29 September 2008		
<b>Ward</b>	Petersfield		
<b>Site</b>	93/95 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QG		
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of use of outbuilding to self contained one bed dwelling including extensions		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mrs J Eitrem, Flat 3 Little Walden Hall, Little Walden, Saffron Walden CB10 1XA		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve subject to satisfactory completion of the S106 agreement by 15 October 2008 and to conditions		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	Mike Bullivant (for the applicant)		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED</b> (unanimously), as agenda but with the deadline for the completion of the s106 agreement extended to 15 <sup>th</sup> November.		

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<b>Application No</b>	<b>08/0910/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>Date Received</b>	30 June 2008	<b>Officer</b>	Marcus Shingler
<b>Target Date</b>	25 August 2008		
<b>Ward</b>	Petersfield		
<b>Site</b>	11 Cross Street, Cambridge CB1 2HW		
<b>Proposal</b>	Two storey rear extension		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Kevin Benwick, 11 Cross Street, Cambridge CB1 2HW		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve subject to conditions		
<b>Public Speakers</b>			
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED</b> (unanimously) as agenda.		

**CHAIR**