

**East Area Committee**  
Cherry Trees Day Centre, St Matthews  
Street

20 November 2008  
7.00pm – 11.30pm

## **Minutes & Actions**

### **Councillors Present:**

**Abbey:** Caroline Hart, Margaret Wright

**Coleridge:** Jeremy Benstead, Lewis Herbert, Chris Howell

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

**Romsey:** Raj Shah, Catherine Smart

**County Councillors:** Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Paul Sales (Abbey),

### **08/67 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting on 2 October 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **08/68 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Re Minute number 08/60: Budleigh Close. The planned site visit has not yet happened due to the poor health of the resident contact. Cllr. Herbert undertook to arrange this in the near future.

### **08/69 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors Sarah Ellis-Miller and Miriam Lynn and from County Councillors Nichola Harrison and Kilian Bourke.

### **08/70 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **08/71 Open Forum**

Concerns were raised that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the future of the Mill Road area and only selected traders had been invited. Most members for the East Area Committee were unaware of this meeting. Cllr Smart responded that the meeting had been an informal exploratory exercise. It had been arranged following discussions with the County Council about Independent Business Zones. Members asked why The Director of Environment and Planning had been present at an informal meeting. It was agreed that the following questions should be put to the Director:

The East Area Committee were concerned that a small number of Mill Road Traders and Councillors were invited to a consultation event, in the Guildhall, to discuss the future of Mill Road.

Could the Director clarify the status and scope of the meeting?

What, if any, were the outcomes and how will this be taken forward?

Can members be given as assurance that they will be included in any future consultations?

**Action** – Question to Director of Environment and Planning

## **08/72 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 S106 Projects in the Wards item next.

## **08/73 New S106 Projects in the Wards**

Members of the public asked for clarification of the term 'S106'. Also, how is this money allocated and on what criteria? The Chair explained that the environment and planning department negotiate S106 agreements with developers as part of the planning process. Such agreements can cover relevant issues and can include sums of money as planning gain from the developments. Cambridge City Council get funds through his process for formal and informal open space projects, as well as children's play spaces.

Residents who have been involved in the consultation on Romsey Recreation Ground asked how they could be involved in the future development of this project. The officer explained that this was a live project and the consultation feedback would inform the tendering process for the play equipment. There will then be full consultation using the website, the area committees and those involved in the initial consultations.

Residents expressed concern at the focus on children's needs and asked if the needs of others who enjoy the open spaces would also be considered. Other groups have been consulted and landscaping will form part of the finished project.

Members of the committee discussed value for money and the difficulty in comparing various proposals without a more detailed breakdown on the cost involved and the added value they would bring to the community. Members also wanted to know if the S106 money could be used to purchase land to increase the public space available for community use.

Delays in spending money on community projects were discussed and the

inability to spent money on the CB1 area over many years was seen as disappointing.

Some members were concerned about the suggestion of a Mini Moto track although better play provision for older children was felt to be an urgent need. Jack Warren Green and Ditton Fields have been identified, as anti social behaviour priorities and diversionary measures are a priority. These areas have also attracted Lottery Playfinder funding which needs to be spent by March 2009. It was agreed that Jack Warren Green needs additional play provision and installing a goal post was not enough. It was suggested that Thorpe Way offered a good example of what can be done.

Members asked for clarification on outstanding S106 money for Jack Warren Green. It was thought that Granta Housing Association still held some funding for the area.

**Action** – Ian Ross to look into this.

Members debated the merits of the various project in the proposed priority list and changed the priorities to read as follows:

**East Area Project Recommendations in Priority Order.**

1	TW017/E/C New play area & facilities at Ditton Fields
2	TW020/E/C Abbey Play Area - updating of play & pool area
3	TW006/E/C St Bedes Play Area Development of Site
4	TW003/E/A Install small metal goal posts @ Jack Warren Green
5	TW011/E/C Updating of Play Equipment @ Petersfield Adjacent to Petersfield Mansions
6	TW004/E/C Net structure along boundary wall of green area on Lichfield Road
7	TW021/E/C Update & renew Peverel Road Play Area
8	TW015/CW/A Mini Moto Track - away from residential area, possibly off Coldhams Common

**Citywide Project Recommendations in Priority Order**

1	TW018/CW/C 'Maximising Play Areas' Assess all play areas & Infill where space allows for new equipment
2	TW012/CW/E Provision of WC's at allotment sites where there is not foul sewerage connection
3	TW013/CW/D Formal picnic & BBQ facilities in larger City Wide Parks
4	TW005/CW/D Cambridge Trim trail - Exercise stations around open spaces

5	TW010/CW/D Information & Signage - all parks, history, flora, fauna etc.
The following was not seen as a priority or a need and the committee felt it should be dropped from the list.	
	TW001/CW/D Signage on green spaces showing distance around the green space

## 08/74 Traffic Issues

Graham Lowe, Area Traffic Manager (City and South Cambridgeshire) at the County Council updated those present on on-going projects.

- Newmarket Road: The Cambridge Projects Team is drawing up a low cost, lining scheme to improve cycle access.
- Stanley Road: A Meeting is planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> December to discuss improvements.
- River Lane accident remedial work: Delayed due to funding issues.
- Mill Road: Remedial work is being considered. However, there appear to be multiple causes for the difficulties and no obvious solutions.

He then took questions.

Q. How will the CB1 money be spent?

A. It is not possible to give a detailed answer at this stage but residents will be consulted on any decisions.

Q. Cars exiting the Queen Anne Car park are a hazard to pedestrians. Can a crossing be installed?

A. This has previously been rejected as it is considered a non viable solution to the problem.

Q. Can anything be done about the Coldham's Lane / Newmarket Road Junction?

A. This is being looked at and it is hoped that the new building development will free up space and improve the junction.

Q. Cromwell Road is currently untidy and previous traffic calming work ineffective.

A. A Scheme has been proposed and consultation is underway.

Q. What can be done to improve Newmarket Road?

A. Remodelling work is very difficult as the road has so many access points.

**Action-**Members requested a briefing note on these traffic issues in the New Year

Members discussed other issues raised.

It was felt that on Newmarket Road approaching Elizabeth Way, the

pedestrian crossing central area is very small and inadequate. The signage is also conflicting and more work needs to be done on this area. It was felt that Mill Road also needs urgent safety work.

### **08/75 Community and Leisure Grants**

The Grants Officer introduced the item. The committee agreed the current applications as per the agenda.

It was agreed that the Chair and relevant Ward Councillors would be consulted and asked to approve any late bids for this years funding.

### **08/76 Update on Environmental Improvements Programme**

The Principal Landscape Architect introduced the item. Existing Schemes needing decisions:

4.1 Ravensworth Gardens: Change of proposal from fencing to prickly planting at a revised estimated cost of £750.

*Agreed*

4.2. Staffordshire Street: Approval of trial holes and consultation estimated costs of £2,700.

*Agreed*

4.3 Rope Walk: To approve implementation of work in three phases at an estimated cost of 47,000 and to approve investigation into resurfacing works.

*Agreed*

Members were concerned about the delays in completing projects and that new projects were not being brought forward. The Officer explained that the team had experienced long term staffing and recruitment problems. A temporary engineer has been employed along with a Project Manager. The officer added that many of the projects were complex and time consuming and the team were reluctant to bring forward new projects which could not be progressed immediately. The preference would be to concentrate on and progress the projects being dealt with at present and then to bring forward new projects.

It was agreed that a workshop in the New Year to agree future priorities would be a good idea.

An update was given on work to the shop forecourts on Cherry Hinton Road. Legal issues have delayed this project and the new Project Manager is taking this forward with landowners. The design and procurement issues are not problematic.

**Action** – Workshop to be arranged

### **08/77 Applications for Planning Permission**

Before the start of the planning applications, Councillors Bradnack and Howell and Lynn explained that they would not be taking part as they did not agree with considering planning applications at area committees. Councillor Benstead explained that he would not be voting, as he has not has sufficient training in planning matters. 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, Hart, Herbert, Shah, Smart, Walker and Wright.

*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>	<b>08/1277/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	10.1
<b>Date Received</b>	16.09.08	<b>Case Officer</b>	Tony Collins
<b>Target Date</b>	11.11.08		
<b>Ward</b>	Petersfield		
<b>Site</b>	Land to the rear of 93-95 Tenison Road		
<b>Proposal</b>	Redevelopment of site to provide a block of 7 apartments with ancillary access, parking, cycle and bin storage and landscaping		
<b>Applicant</b>	T R Murfet And Sons Ltd 40A High Street Sawston Cambridge CB22 3BG		
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve subject to satisfactory completion of S106 agreement by 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 and conditions		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	Charles Crawford (for The Glisson Road / Tenison Road Area Residents Association)		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>REFUSED</b> (by 1 votes to 6) Officer to draft reasons for refusal for agreement by Councillors Blencowe, Smart and Wright.		

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<b>Application No</b>	<b>08/1370/FUL</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	10.2
<b>Date Received</b>	02.10.08	<b>Officer</b>	Amit Patel
<b>Target Date</b>	27.11.08		

**Ward** Romsey  
**Site** 13-14 Broadway, Mill Road  
**Proposal** Change of Use of vacant shop unit (A1) use to hot fish takeaway with sales area for fresh fish and seating area (A5).  
**Applicant** David Farrell  
**Recommendation** Approve  
**Public Speakers** David Farrell (The applicant)

**Decision** **Approved** (by 4 votes to 1) as agenda.

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**Application No** 08/1233/FUL                      **Agenda Item** 10.3  
**Date Received** 16.09.08                      **Officer** John Evans  
**Target Date** 10.12.08  
**Ward** Coleridge  
**Site** 369 Cherry Hinton Road  
**Proposal** Extension of care home for the Elderly and demolition of 2 houses.  
**Applicant** Mr John O'Kane  
 Finance House Railway Approach Harrow Middlesex HA3 5AA  
**Recommendation** **Approve**  
**Public Speakers** Andrew Glass (Resident – Objector)  
 Doris Bater (The applicant)  
**Decision** **REFUSED** (by 1 votes to 5) Officer to draft reasons for refusal for agreement by Councillors Blencowe, Smart and Wright.

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**Application No** 08/1382/S73                      **Agenda Item** 10.4  
**Date Received** 06.10.08                      **Officer** James D'Arcy  
**Target Date** 10.12.08  
**Ward**  
**Site** Nusha, Cambridge Leisure Park  
**Proposal** Variation of condition 31 to extend operating hours to 02:00 hours Monday – Sunday from midnight (C/98/0355/FP and 07/0947/FUL)  
**Applicant** Mr Jorawar Bhangoo  
 79 A St Neots Road Sandy Bedfordshire SG19 1LQ  
**Recommendation** Approve  
**Public Speakers** Roger Crabtree (for Rustat Road Neighbourhood Association)  
 Jorawar Bhangoo (The applicant)  
**Decision** **REFUSED** (by 1 votes to 5) Officer to draft reasons for refusal for agreement by Councillors Blencowe, Smart and Wright.

## **08/77 Start time of Future Meetings**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**CHAIR**