

**Draft until 7 May 2009**

## **East Area Committee**

**Cherry Trees Day Centre, St Thursday 12 March**  
**Matthews Street 7.00pm – 10.40pm**

### **Minutes & Actions**

#### **Councillors Present:**

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

**Coleridge:** Lewis Herbert, Chris Howell

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

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

**County Councillors:** Martin Ballard (Coleridge), Kilian Bourke (Romsey), Nichola Harrison (Petersfield) and Paul Sales (Abbey)

#### **09/11 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **09/12 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

Minute number **09/06** Mortimer Road lighting:

Wendy Lansdown read the following statement for the County Council Head of Transport Asset Management:

*We appreciate the concern caused by the incident in Mortimer Road. Street lighting is provided by the County Council for road safety reasons. Unfortunately we have no funding for street lighting outside of road safety schemes so it is not currently possible to install new lighting in Mortimer Road from the Highways and Access Directorate's budgets.*

*However, there is a possibility that we can work on this as part of a proposed upgrading of street lighting across the County, with funding support from Government. Where there is presently substandard lighting, this will be replaced with modern and more efficient lighting. The project is going through the procurement phase, with a programmed start in March 2010 and with the full Countywide upgrade taking 5 years to complete.*

County Cllr Ballard expressed concern about the priorities for lighting which prioritise road safety over personal safety.

Cllr Bradnack has consulted with Hughes Hall and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team. Safer City funding for improvements may offer a solution.

Minute number **09/06** Status of land adjacent to St Matthew's Street:

County Cllr Harrison confirmed that there is no dispute over ownership of this land. The title has been transferred to the charity City Life.

### **09/13 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Benstead  
Apologies for lateness were also received from Cllrs Ellis-Miller, Shah and Wright

### **09/14 Declarations of Interest**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Howell	7.6	Prejudicial as an immediate neighbour of the site and had previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property. Cllr Howell will speak as a resident and then leave the building.

### **09/15 Open Forum**

The parking situation within the East Road estate was discussed. Residents reported that the situation is difficult and sometimes results in conflicts. Urgent action is needed. A clamping contract has been agreed and wheel clamping will start in the near future.

A section of Mill Road is due for resurfacing in the near future. Residents asked when this would happen and why this was not more extensive or inclusive of side streets. No start date has been agreed and it may not happen until late 2009 or early 2010. Areas of Petersfield and Coleridge have been damaged by the bad weather. It is recognised that other areas also need attention. However, the highways budget has been frozen. Faults should be reported to the Highways Department. In the past there had been a cyclical programme of repairs and Councillors were given yearly updates on planned work. This no longer appears to happen. The Neighbourhood Panel Liaison Officer will look into this.

**Action:** Wendy Landsdown

Residents queried why the Planning Department no longer post notices about planning applications. It was explained that it is no longer routine procedure to ask every applicant themselves to post notices on site. for smaller developments and that notices are only posted where there is a statutory requirements or there is judged to be a wider concern. The Statement of Community Involvement outlines the current process of consulting on applications.

Anti-social behaviour on William Smith Close, Rustat Road and Argyle Street was discussed. Following the last area committee a community meeting had taken place and was well attended. However, there had been an incident of victimisation and vandalism with a house being subjected to a graffiti attack today. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting when the police are present. In the meantime Cllr Smart will look into this and will to speak to ASB Team.

**Action:** Cllr Smart

A recent mugging in Corrie Road area was raised and residents were concerned about poor lighting in pathways and poor fence maintenance. A lack of clarity over land ownership is contributing to the problem. Residents would like community safety to be given priority and for swift action to be taken. A through-route from Corrie Road to Rustat Road has been problematic for some time and there have been on-going issues with a broken light. Infill home building filling odd pockets of land has contributed to footpath problems. It was suggested that someone for the County Council should be invited to the next meeting to discuss the issues. It was felt this should be a member rather than an officer as the issue is a policy decision.

**Action:** Cllr Herbert, assisted by others, to arrange site visit

**Action:** County Cllr Harrison / Wendy Landsdown to invite representative

Volunteer members of Speedwatch gave an update. Three volunteers have been trained. They carried out a Speedwatch exercise in Coleridge Road yesterday. Over a 45 minute period, 120 cars were speed checked. 13 were going faster than 33 miles per hour with 7 of those going sufficiently over the limit that they will get a friendly letter from the Police. The Chair thanked the volunteers for their hard work. New volunteers would be welcomed.

Trees in the Railway Station car park have been cut down; residents asked why this had been done and if it was connected with the guided bus service. This was not thought to be the case. The Arboricultural Officer was not consulted prior to the removal and this was not required for the CB1 development.

**Action:** County Cllr Harrison to investigate

Parking problems of medical personnel visiting areas with restricted parking zones were discussed. The problems occur on both Highways and City Homes land. Work on finding a solution is on-going.

**Action:** Cllr Walker

Both the City and the County Council have been praised for money management recently and residents expressed concerns about the amount of issues, such as pot holes in the road, that had not been addressed. The criteria for measuring performance was discussed. This criteria has recently

been amended and it is hoped that in future it will give a better picture of overall performance.

## **09/16 Environmental Improvement Programme 2008/09**

The Principal Landscape Architect introduced the item and gave an update on completed schemes and progress on other schemes as per report.

Members unanimously agreed the following recommendations:

- 4.1 Abbey Pool Cattle Grid/cycle access implementation
- 4.2 Cherry Hinton Road shop forecourt member and public consultation
- 4.3 Funding for Hanging baskets on Mill Road

A decision on future priorities was delayed until May to allow the priorities discussed at the recent workshop to be incorporated in the timetable.

Alan Bringham raised the issues of tree planning in Cromwell Road and asked if this could be given priority so that any work agreed could be completed in tandem with proposed County Highways traffic calming proposals. This could offer financial economies.

It was suggested that the county could be asked to delay the traffic calming work to allow further consultation on this issue and to allow the proposal to be properly assessed alongside other proposals. Cllr Howell suggested that the budget for this scheme could be approved immediately. This suggestion was rejected as this is one of around thirty proposals that all deserve full consideration.

**Action:** Cllr Walker to raise the issue with the City Cycle Group  
**Action:** County Cllr Bourke to look into timing of Cycle Path work

## **09/17 Applications for Planning Permission**

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 Cllrs Blencowe, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Smart, Walker and Wright. Cllr Shah was present for the consideration of applications 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7.

*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.

<b>1</b>			
<b>Application No</b>	09/0063/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.1
<b>Date Received</b>	23/01/2009	<b>Case Officer</b>	Tony Collins
<b>Target Date</b>	20/03/2009		
<b>Ward</b>	Abbey		
<b>Site</b>	71 New Street		
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of use of existing vehicle workshop and storage site to residential to create six flats with five car parking spaces, refuse and cycle storage.		
<b>Applicant</b>	Messrs E P & J Clarke		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>APPROVE</b>		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	None		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED (by a vote of 7 to 0) as agenda – Section 106 to be finalised</b>		

<b>2</b>			
<b>Application No</b>	09/0056/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.2
<b>Date Received</b>	27/01/2009	<b>Case Officer</b>	Catherine Linford
<b>Target Date</b>	24/03/2009		
<b>Ward</b>	Abbey		
<b>Site</b>	Cambridge City Cemetery, Newmarket Road		
<b>Proposal</b>	Strip of land within the city cemetery to be used as a green burial ground.		
<b>Applicant</b>	Cambridge City Council Technical Services Mill Road		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>APPROVE</b>		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	Steve Parry		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED (Unanimous) as agenda</b>		

<b>3</b>			
<b>Application No</b>	08/1581/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.3
<b>Date Received</b>	9/12/2009	<b>Officer</b>	James D'Arcy
<b>Target Date</b>	3/02/2009		
<b>Ward</b>	Coleridge		
<b>Site</b>	Nusha, Cambridge Leisure Park		
<b>Proposal</b>	Variation of Condition 31 to extend opening hours		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Jorawar Bangoo		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>APPROVE</b>		

**Public Speakers  
Decision**

Mr Crabtree and Mr Bangoo  
**REFUSED (recommendation overturned by a vote of 2 to 4)**

1. The proposed extension of opening hours of this bar has the potential to lead to a change in the character of the wider Leisure Park site from one that is family-orientated to one where a late night culture would predominate. The proposal has for this reason not demonstrated that due consideration has been given to safeguarding appropriate future developments on the remainder of the site and is therefore contrary to policy 3/6 of the Cambridge Local Plan (2006).
2. The proposed extension of hours of opening beyond 12 midnight, to 01.30 hours, on three nights a week, is unacceptable in that it would have an adverse affect upon the amenity of nearby residents, both those in the surrounding area and the occupiers of both the residential accommodation on the wider site and the hotel, by reason of noise and the disturbance associated with the use of the premises in the early hours of the morning. The consequence would be a serious adverse effect upon the environment and amenity and the proposal is therefore contrary to Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policy 4/13.

<b>4</b>			
<b>Application No</b>	08/1710/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.4
<b>Date Received</b>	09/01/2009	<b>Officer</b>	Angela Briggs
<b>Target Date</b>	06/03/2009		
<b>Ward</b>	Romsey		
<b>Site</b>	Rear of 222 Coldhams Lane		
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of 1-bed dwelling		
<b>Applicant</b>	Ben Senior		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>REFUSE</b>		
<b>Public Speakers Decision</b>	Mr Geoghegan and Mr Flack's agent <b>REFUSED</b> (unanimous) as agenda		

<b>5</b>			
<b>Application No</b>	09/0060/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.5
<b>Date Received</b>	3/02/2009	<b>Officer</b>	James D'Arcy

**Target Date** 31/03/2009  
**Ward** Romsey  
**Site** 222 Coldhams Lane  
**Proposal** Erection of 3 bed house and alterations to windows  
**Applicant** S Geoghegan  
**Recommendation** **REFUSE**  
**Public Speakers** Mr Reeve applicants agent  
**Decision** **REFUSED** (by a vote of 6 to 1) as agenda

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<b>Application No</b>	09/0069/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.6
<b>Date Received</b>	26/01/2009	<b>Officer</b>	Sophie Pain

**Target Date** 23/03/2009  
**Ward** Romsey  
**Site** The Duke of Argyle, 90 Argyle Street  
**Proposal** Change of use of former Public House (Use Class A4) to form a 3 x 2-bed dwelling (Use Class C3) together with the erection of 1 x 2-bed dwelling.  
**Applicant** BF Contracts  
**Recommendation** **APPROVE**  
**Public Speakers** Cllr Howell, Prof Murrell, Kay Hollister, Ruth Deyermond, Victoria Clarke and David Poole  
**Decision** **APPROVED (by a vote of 6 to 0) as agenda, subject to the imposition of a further condition to read**

Prior to the commencement of development, a plan shall be submitted to the local planning authority, for approval which is to be given in writing, showing details of the final appearance of the garage block following demolition of part of the building and of a boundary wall to be erected/retained for the length of the existing garage, along the common boundary with 84/86 Argyle Street. The wall retained/reconstructed shall use reclaimed bricks from the existing building, shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed plans prior to the occupation of any of the four houses hereby approved, and shall be retained in the agreed form thereafter, unless agreement to any variation is first given, in writing, by the local planning authority.

Reason

To safeguard the amenity of neighbouring residents (Cambridge Local Plan policy 3/4)

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<b>Application No</b>	08/1611/FUL	<b>Agenda Item</b>	7.7
<b>Date Received</b>	08/12/2008	<b>Officer</b>	James D'Arcy
<b>Target Date</b>	02/02.2009		
<b>Ward</b>	Romsey		
<b>Site</b>	28 - 30 Natal Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 3NS		
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of two townhouses on land at 28-30 Natal Road. Conversion of the building to the rear of the site to form studio/home office accommodation		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mrs Pyle, Quartermaine & McCoster		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>APPROVE</b>		
<b>Public Speakers</b>	None		
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED (Unanimous) as agenda</b>		

Meeting closed at 10.50pm

**CHAIR**