

Draft minutes – to be confirmed at meeting on 17 December 2009

East Area Committee

MINUTES

Date: Thursday 3 September 2009
Time: 7.00pm – 11.15pm
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Council Members Present

City Cllrs: Benstead, Blencowe, Bradnack, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Howell, Walker and Wright

County Cllrs: Bourke, Harrison, Sadiq and Sedgwick-Jell

Council Members that considered Applications for Planning Permission

City Cllrs: Benstead, Blencowe, Bradnack, Ellis-Miller, Hart, Herbert, Walker and Wright.

Minutes

09/47 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following:
City Cllrs: Lynn, Shah and Smart

09/48 MINUTES

Members raised the need for several textual corrections to the minutes of the 9th July 2009. They will be signed at the next meeting.

09/49 MATTERS and ACTIONS ARISING from MINUTES

Agenda item 09/34: Tiverton Way gardens and open spaces.

Councillor Herbert confirmed that he had met with the Head of City Services, the Head of Street Cleaning and the Head of Gardening and over 50 potential issues had been identified. This would be looked at in more detail and taken forward in due course.

09/50 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Interest
Benstead	09/49	Application 09/0595/FUL + 09/0487/FUL: Had spoken extensively on 09/0595/FUL in the past and would not be voting on the item. Since 09/0487/FUL has the same applicant as 09/0595/FUL he would not be voting on that either.
Herbert	09/49	Application 09/0595/FUL + 09/0487/FUL: Had spoken extensively on 09/0595/FUL in the past and would not be voting on the item. Since 09/0487/FUL has the same applicant as 09/0595/FUL he would not be voting on that either.

09/51 OPEN FORUM

ACTION BY

Q1 Seymour Court Sheltered Scheme

Do we have a date yet for the closure/demolition of Seymour Court sheltered scheme?

A. As Councillor Smart was currently on annual leave the Committee Manager agreed to forward this to the Head of City Homes for a formal response.

Glenn Burgess

Q2 Mill Road Accident Scheme

Will the proposals look at other users of the highway such as cyclists and pedestrians? More is needed than just the

20mph zone and the speed humps. We need to do more to enhance the landscape of the area

A. Councillor Harrison confirmed that county officers had reviewed the overall situation and looked carefully at all the issues and options. The public consultation would give the public an opportunity to bring further ideas forward.

A presentation by county officers would take place on 8 September and councillors and the public were encouraged to attend. She also confirmed that the main objective of the scheme was to reduce accidents.

Councillor Bradnack agreed with the questioner and stated that Labour councillors had been circulating questionnaires in the Petersfield area on this issue. He also suggested that the Environmental Improvement Programme could be used to aid this project.

Councillor Walker stated that she had been disappointed with the options given in the consultation, considering the good ideas generated through the recent workshop.

Councillor Bourke confirmed that the issue of enhancing the environment, as well as reducing speed, had been discussed with county officers at a recent meeting. He also confirmed that an approach had been made to the Director of Environment and Planning at the City Council to make Romsey a designated conservation area.

In response to a concern raised by councillor Sedgwick-Jell, councillor Bourke confirmed that the aim of the 'Mill Road Future' project was to transform the Romsey area and look at ideas for shared space between car users, cyclists and pedestrians. However it was noted that Mill Road was an important traffic flow area and would be difficult to close off totally.

Councillor Howell agreed and felt there may be no easy solution. He requested that more holistic reports are brought to this Area Committee on the traffic issues on Mill Road.

Q Cherry Hinton Road pedestrian crossings

The control boxes for the pedestrian crossing between Hills Road and Perne Road are very badly positioned. They restrict the already limited shared space and should

be placed in the forecourt of the chemists.

A. Councillor Bourke, as a spokesperson for highways, confirmed that he held regular meetings with senior highways officers. It was agreed that the member of public would forward these concerns in writing to councillor Bourke for further action and feedback.

Councillor Herbert expressed concern that the County Council had not consulted prior to these changes being made. Councillor Sadiq, as the Labour spokesperson for highways, echoed these concerns.

Councillor Walker suggested that these issues could be raised at the upcoming seminar on crossing design.

09/52 POLICING AND SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORT

The Community Safety Strategy Officer introduced the item.

Police Sergeant Mark Cathro presented the report and outlined progress on the priorities set by the committee on 7 May 2009. The current emerging issues for each ward were also highlighted (see report for full details).

Q) There is a major problem with speeding on Cherry Hinton Road between the hours of 9pm and midnight. This area should be monitored especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

A) Whilst we appreciate public perception, the data collected indicates that there is not a problem. Friday and Saturday evenings do also tend to be a peak period for the police in dealing with 999 emergencies.

Q) If police data shows that speeding on Mill Road is also not an issue why are speed humps being proposed? This information should be shared with the County Council.

A) Consultation between the police and the County Council has not yet taken place but a meeting is planned for next week. Speed surveys will aid these discussions.

Q) Speeding on either side of the bridge and at the Brookfields end of Mill Road seems to be an issue. Can the results of the speed surveys be made easily available?

A) It was agreed that the information would be circulated to all members.

Q) How do the speed surveys work?

A) A small black box is placed on a lamppost and monitors at 15-minute intervals over a 7-day period.

Q) Enforcement is the key issue. If the limit drops to 20mph would the police be able to enforce this?

A) The police would not have the resources to monitor this 24 hours a day.

Q) The data produced from the surveys is very good and monitors every vehicle. A Mill Road survey was conducted in 2007 and results indicated very few people exceeding the 30mph limit. Coleridge Road survey was conducted in November 2008 and results indicated 15-20% of vehicles exceeding 35mph (with some in excess of 60-70mph)

It is estimated that a 1mph reduction in speed would reduce injuries and accidents by 6%. Small changes have a big impact.

A) Noted.

Q) This is data from 2007 and 2008. What have the police done in the last few months to monitor the situation?

A) Surveys are only done every 3 years unless they are specifically requested for particular areas. This issue has not been ignored and officers have now been trained in enforcement.

ACTION: It was agreed that a meeting be set up between the police and all interested parties to take this issue forward. The Police Community Engagement Officer would work with the Community Safety Strategy Officer and the Area Committee Chair to arrange this.

Q) I welcome the 1st recommendation around ASB in the Abbey Ward and suggested that more 'informal' youth provision be looked into.

A) This would be looked into and the Children and Young Peoples Services could be brought in to assist with this priority.

Q) Can you give any information on enforcement of underage drinking in the Abbey ward?

A) Since June 9 Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) patrols have been in place and drink has been confiscated. Discussions are also ongoing with the licensed premises. It was agreed that further information could be provided by Sergeant Jane Maggs or through the Community Safety Strategy officer.

After further discussion members agreed the following priorities

- Tackling Anti-social behaviour in the following areas of Abbey Ward:
 - Thorpe Way Estate
 - Ekin Road Flats
 - Fison Road
 - Ditton Fields
 - Barnwell north (river side of Barnwell Road)
 - Norfolk Street and its immediate area in Petersfield Ward

- Speeding on roads in the East Area.

09/53 REVIEW OF GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy explained the background to the revised draft Statement of Principles as a part of the public consultation process and invited members and residents feedback on its content, prior to the drawing up of a final statement. He invited councillors and members of the public to submit any written comments by 28 September 2009. The Statement of Principles was available on the Council's website.

09/54 UPDATE ON BLUE BINS

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy introduced the item.

The following points were made:

- last year the Council recycled or composted just under 42% of household waste (some other councils did over 50%)
- a full consultation had taken place with a report being brought to the Environment Scrutiny Committee in January 2009.
- the public stated that they wanted to recycle more and that it would be helpful to have bins with lids.
- the current black and blue boxes would be replaced by a single blue bin.
- the new bins would be delivered in October and include information for residents regarding collection and type of material that can be recycled.
- tetra Paks and cardboard could now be recycled in the blue bin.
- the bins would be emptied fortnightly.
- there would be a selection of sizes for people to choose from.

- the council were currently going through a procurement process to determine which MURF (Materials Recycling Facility) to use.
- further information was available on the council's website or through the Customer Service Centre.
- a full article would appear in the Cambridge Matters magazine which would be delivered to all residents on 1 September.
- members of the public were encouraged to come up with ways in which people could reuse their old bins i.e flowerpots
- the new scheme will start from 16 November

In response to questions from councillors and members of the public the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy made the following points:

- blue bins would not be compulsory but all residents would be encouraged to use them
- perishables could be placed in the black or green bins and would therefore be taken away weekly.
- material in the green bags would be composted and that in the black would be turned into inert material via the mechanical biological treatment plant at Waterbeach.
- blue bins were 220 litres.
- more than 1 bin could be requested.
- separation of paper material was done separately and no issues had been raised regarding the quality of the end product.
- no additional lorries would be needed but replacements for the current fleet (which were at the end of their working life) had been ordered.

09/55 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2008/09

The Landscape Architect Charlotte Jackson (in the place of the Principal Landscape Architect) introduced the item and gave an update on current projects as per the report.

As requested by Councillor Walker it was agreed that the Principal Landscape Architect would give a full update on progress of the Devonshire Road/Carter Bridge replanting scheme at the next meeting.

The committee made the following decisions:

Barnwell Road Shops

Decision: Agreed to implement scheme at a cost of £13,500

Mill Road/Cavendish Road junction landscape refurbishment

Decision: Agreed to implement the proposals at a cost of £14,000

Cromwell Road tree planting

Decision: Agreed to public consultation and planting of two trees at a cost of £585 unless further planting could be accommodated

09/56 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

These minutes and the appendix 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.

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.

Before the start of the planning applications, Councillor Howell explained that he would not be taking part as he did not agree with considering planning applications at area committees. Cllr Bradnack took no part in planning decisions.

1
Site Address: 84 Beche Road, Cambridge
Application Number: 09/0616/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mr S Read, 84 Beche Road Cambridge CB5 8HU
Officer Recommendation: Approve
Public Speakers: Applicant and objector – Mr Carr 86 Beche Road
Decision: DEFERRED to be brought back to 29 October for consideration by East Area Committee

2
Site Address: 710 Newmarket Road, Cambridge
Application Number: 09/0310/FUL
Proposal: Change of use (part) of dwelling to guest house (3 bedrooms) (retrospective) and erection of single storey annexe at rear of site (ancillary to main dwelling).
Applicant: Mr And Mrs DeLuca, 710 Newmarket Road Cambridge CB5 8RS
Officer Recommendation: Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers: Speakers on behalf of both the objector and the applicant
Decision: PART APPROVED – Change of Use : PART REFUSED - Annexe

Reasons to be agreed with Chair and Spokes

3
Site Address: Tiverton House, Tiverton Way_
Application Number: 09/0595/FUL
Proposal: Division of existing Warden's maisonette into two flats and erection of ancillary bike store
Applicant: Mr Dennis Whitfield, The Grange Market Street Swavesey CB24 2QG
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 10 September 2009 and subject to conditions:
Public Speakers:
Decision: DEFERRED: absence of complete plans
4
Site Address: 214 - 216 Mill Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 3NF
Application Number: 09/0513/FUL
Proposal: Change of use of ground floor shop unit (A1) to A3 use.
Applicant: Mr Siddique, Yasrab Newsagents 214 - 216 Mill Road Cambridge CB1 3NF
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speakers: Applicant
Decision: APPROVED: as agenda
5
Site Address: Land To Rear Of 7-9 Mill Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire
Application Number: 09/0487/FUL
Proposal: Erection of a two and a half storey 3 bedroom detached house with ancillary parking and storage
Applicant: Whitfield Associates, The Grange 20 Market Street, Swavesey
Officer Recommendation: APPROVE subject to conditions
Public Speakers: A speaker against the application
Decision: APPROVED: As agenda
6
Site Address: 42 St Barnabas Road, Cambridge_
Application Number: 09/0467/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Steel, 42 St Barnabas Road, Cambridge CB1 2DE

Officer Recommendation: REFUSE
Public Speakers:
Decision: ITEM WITHDRAWN

Meeting finished at 11.15pm.

Chair

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