

South Area Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 28 August 2008

At the Royal British Legion Hall, Fishers Lane Cherry Hinton

7.30pm – 9.55 pm

Present: City Councillors
Rob Dryden, Russell McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)
Alan Baker, Viki Sanders, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)
Andy Blackhurst (Chair) (Trumpington)

County Councillor:
Geoffrey Heathcock (Queen Edith's)

08/33 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

08/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Cllrs Al Bander, Stuart, and County Cllrs Carter and Kent.

08/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

08/36 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

08/30 Environmental Audit

Cllr Baker had undertaken to obtain a response to the comment on this issue (the advantages arising from the maintenance of traditional suburban garden spaces) from the Sustainability Officer within the Environment and Planning Department. The Sustainability Officer had prepared a paper which was circulated to the meeting and made available to the public present.

08/37 CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PRIORITIES: ORAL REPORT

Paul Griffin, Strategy Officer (Community Safety), reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Policing Scheme and invited members of the public present to complete feedback forms to provide the Police and the Council with their views on the success of the scheme.

08/38 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Sergeant Morganthaller spoke to the report circulated with the Agenda and referred to issues including:

underage drinking,
the revived engagement with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme,
dealing with groups of congregating youths on Cherry Hinton High Street,
the introduction of a new community beat manager,
the increase in vehicle offences,
the renewed commitment to consultation with the community,
the increase in bike theft, some 3,500 were stolen in Cambridge annually
the concentration of police activity on specific hotspots in this part of the city.

Members of the public raised the following issues to which the Police and Community Safety Officer responded:

Use of mopeds on waste or unused land and in residential areas.

The prosecution of cyclists without lights and other cycling offences.

The use of the national scheme for registration of items of value, immobilise.com

Agreed that the following priorities suggested in the report be pursued:

1. Non-dwelling burglaries in Cherry Hinton and Queen Ediths wards especially at schools in the area.
2. To enhance the role of Neighbourhood Watch and other voluntary organisations across the Neighbourhood.

08/39 OPEN FORUM

Q1 YPS on Bentley Road.

Are any of the councillors present, particularly those in Trumpington Ward (in which Douglas House is located) aware of any plans to reopen the YPS on Bentley Road.

A Cllr Blackhurst said that he was not aware of any plans but would pursue this issue and report to a subsequent meeting.

Q2 Summer activities for older children

While there seemed to be activities provided for young children during the summer holiday months there were few provided for older children.

A Members said that there were some activities provided, such as the Dec Bus, but it was an issue that they would take up with the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation.

08/40 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Principal Landscape Architect reported on schemes which required decision and updated members on those which were in progress.

Agreed that the schemes be agreed as follows and in the priority order shown:

- 1 Chalfont Close additional parking area - the officers to carry out public consultation.
- 2 Sedley Taylor/Luard Road potential traffic calming - the officers to carry out topographical survey at a cost of £1,500 (as agreed previously).
- 3 Church End parking verge, the officers to progress to consultation.
- 4 Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd - the officers to continue investigating revenue funding.
- 5 Gladstone Way barriers - the officers continue to find a solution acceptable to residents, while noting that compliancy with County Highways and DDA requirements was proving difficult.
- 6 The costs for mobility crossings at the following locations be approved at a combined estimated cost of £11,110:
 - Nightingale Avenue /Hills Road two mobility crossings.
 - Harvey Road two mobility crossings.
 - Exit of car park to Colville Road – two crossing points
 - Mill End Road/Forest Road two mobility crossings.
 - Mill End Road/Desmond Avenue two mobility crossings.
 - Mill End Road two mobility crossings.
- 7 Cherry Hinton High Street hanging baskets (for summer 2009) - the costs for load testing lamp posts of £1,120 to meet Health and Safety requirements be approved.

08/41 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 in the appendix.

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

1
Site 07/1408/FUL
Proposal 2 Derwent Close Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 8DZ
Change of use of extension to separate, self-contained, two-bed dwelling.
Applicant Mr And Mrs P Bianco
The application was withdrawn from the Agenda as the site lay in Coleridge Ward and would be determined subsequently by East Area Committee.

2
Site 08/0812/FUL
Proposal 125 Church End Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 3LF
Applicant Part single storey part two storey side and rear extension
Mr Matthew Polaine
Recommendation Refuse for reasons set out in the report
Public Speakers Mr M Polaine
Debate Members felt that the proposal complied with the relevant legislation and guidance and there were insufficient grounds to refuse it.
Decision, **Approved, against Officer recommendation** by 6 votes to 0, subject to the conditions to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services.

3
Site 08/0813/LBC
Proposal 125 Church End Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 3LF
Part single storey part two storey side and rear extension to Grade II Listed Building.
Applicant Mr Matthew Polaine
Recommendation Refuse for reasons set out in the report
Public Speakers Mr M Polaine
Debate Following discussion of the related application above, members again felt that the proposal complied with the relevant legislation and guidance and there were insufficient grounds to refuse it.
Decision, **Approved, against Officer recommendation** by 6 votes to 0, subject to the conditions to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services.

4
Site 08/0860/FUL
Proposal 6 Belvoir Terrace Trumpington Road Cambridge
Cambridgeshire CB4 1JJ
Refurbishment and alterations to house with two storey rear extensions and covered parking/garaging at side.
Recommendation Refuse for the reasons set out in the officers' report.

Applicant Mr And Mrs Daniel Hart
Public Speakers Mr Finlayson Brown, Professor Richardson
Decision **Refused** by 6 votes to 0 for the reasons set out in the officers' report.

5 07/1408/FUL
Site 8 Chaucer Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB2 7EB
Proposal Erection of 1x4 bed dwelling houses
Applicant Mr John Williamson
The application was withdrawn from the Agenda.

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