

## **South Area Committee**

**Minutes of a meeting on 23 October 2008**

**At CPDC Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road  
Cambridge CB2 2JW**

**7.30pm – 9.22 pm**

### **Present: City Councillors**

Russell McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)

Viki Sanders, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)

Al Bander Andy Blackhurst (Chair), Sheila Stuart (Trumpington)

### **08/42 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **08/43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from City Cllrs Alan Baker, Rob Dryden, and County Cllrs Christine Carter, Geoffrey Heathcock and Anne Kent.

### **08/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Taylor declared a personal interest as she knew the applicant for a Community Development grant to the Cambridge Diamonds referred to in the officer's report.

All members present declared personal interests as County Councillor Kent, who had commented in her capacity as a local resident on planning application 9.3 08/1141/FUL, was also a member of the Committee although she was not present at the meeting.

### **08/45 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

08/39 Summer Activities for Older Children

Cllr Stuart said that she would be putting together further information by email on the programme of activities for older children, as Executive Councillor for Community Development.

### **08/46 OPEN FORUM**

#### **Q1 Play Area on the Brooklands Ave development (Accordia Development)**

The handover of the play area on the Brooklands Ave development has been delayed by the presence of yews on the site. What is the current situation, which

developer is responsible for that part of the site and how much would it cost to replace the yews with something less poisonous.

**A** Cllr Blackhurst said that as the resident had supplied the text of the question before the meeting, it had been possible to obtain further information from Cllr Blair who had recently attended a meeting on site and had prepared a briefing note which the residents present were welcome to have.

**Q2** We hope that City Council officials will attend the next meeting to explain to us why £9bn of public funds - our money - was invested in a bank backed by an economy the size of Brighton.

Secondly, what action is being taken against the City Treasurer and his advisers? We hope they are being encouraged to move on, and WITHOUT a compensation package.

**A** Cllr Blackhurst said that, again, as the resident had supplied the text of the question before the meeting, it had been possible to obtain further information from the Director of Finance which he read out to the meeting. He said that the Director was preparing a report on this issue for the Council's Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 17 November. This was an open meeting which residents could attend and ask further questions.

## **08/47 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT CHERRY HINTON HALL PARK**

Alistair Wilson from Active Communities spoke on proposals for the development of the Cherry Hinton Hall Park.

The project was designed to address the current perceptions of users and non-users of Cherry Hinton Hall, understand how it was used, clarify satisfaction with current provision and discuss aspirations and future need.

It was the intention to consult broadly on this subject, gathering as many views as possible and as a consequence of this discussion, work up solutions and ideas for further consideration.

The key groups of people who needed to be consulted further on this project had been identified as

- Local residents;
- Stakeholder groups with an interest in the park or its buildings/functions;
- And Local young people.

The list of stakeholders was reviewed and amended by Ward Councillors in the week commencing 15 September 2008 and concluded on 22 September 2008.

To help gather participants' feedback it was proposed to work in small groups. It

was felt this would be very effective in considering options through Planning for Real type work. This method of working had proved very effective at detailing ideas and concepts for the Jesus Green Improvements Project.

Each group would comprise no more than twelve people. These would take part in discussion groups that would use a map/model of the locality to carry out specific tasks.

The timeline for the project would culminate in a report to South Area Committee on 12th February 2009 and a recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Arts and Recreation at the meeting of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2009.

Members said that the further consideration should be given to development of the Hall and that the information on the proposals could be disseminated more widely.

Members noted the arrangements for the consultation process.

## **08/48 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

The Principal Landscape Architect reported on schemes which required decision and updated members on those which were in progress. Members noted the updated budget which showed that balance of the current year's budget as £205,615.

### **Agreed:**

- 1) Queen Edith's Way grass verge re-instatement  
To delete this scheme from the Environmental Improvement Programme.
- 2) Chalfont Close additional parking area  
To authorise implementation of the scheme at an estimated cost of £24,500, omitting the provision of a knee rail.
- 3) Pinch Point reconfiguration at Orchard Estate:  
To increase the estimated budget on this scheme in the light of the additional work required from £800 to £1,500.
- 4) Environmental Improvement Projects  
To assign Project Councillors for the following projects as shown:

### ***Scheme***

Chalfont Close additional parking  
Sedley Taylor/Luard Rd. traffic calming

### ***Project Councillor***

Newbold  
Baker (Sub: Taylor)

Church End parking verge	McPherson
Walkway from Bishops Ct. to Hauxton Rd. Lighting	Blackhurst
Gladstone Way barriers	Newbold
Cherry Hinton hanging baskets	Newbold
Cherry Hinton High St. shop forecourts (west side)	Dryden (Sub: McPherson)

#### 5 Blackland Allotments

To agree cost of provision of rubbish skip at a cost of £175.

### **08/48 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS 2008-09**

The officers' report reminded members of the process for the allocation of Community Development and Leisure grants by Area Committees, confirmed the funds available, and sought approval for applications. The Grants Officer said that the sum of £2,400 had been returned by St James Forum (this had previously been awarded from the 2006-07 budget).

#### **Agreed**

1) to allocate Community Development grants from the budget of £5,146 available as follows:

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant £</b>
CD9	Blacklands Allotment Society	Skip hire + grass cutter	350
CD10	Cherry Hinton Baptist Youth Club	Pool table, darts board, air table	380
CD11	Colville Road Residents Association	Christmas lights	488
CD12	Hanover and Princess Court	Christmas tree + event	500
		Total	<b>1,718</b>
		Remaining	<b>3,428</b>

2) to allocate Leisure grants from the budget of £3,420 available as follows:

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant £</b>
L2	Cambridge Diamonds Football Club	Goalposts, netting, indoor agility training equipment	1,409
L3	Cherry Hinton Lions Football Club	Training, goals, balls	425
		Total	<b>1,834</b>
		Remaining	<b>1,586</b>

## 08/49      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

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| 1                      | 08/1056/FUL  |
| <b>Site</b>            | 22 Bridewell Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB1 9EP   |
| <b>Proposal</b>        | Single storey side and rear extension  |
| <b>Applicant</b>       | Ms L Garner  |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  | Refuse for reasons set out in the report   |
| <b>Public Speakers</b> | -  |
| <b>Decision</b>        | <b>Refused</b> by 6 votes to 0 for the reasons set out in the report   |
| 2                      | 08/0966/FUL  |
| <b>Site</b>            | 24 Bishops Road Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB2 9NH   |
| <b>Proposal</b>        | Conversion of existing house into two self contained flats and erection of two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and front porch.   |
| <b>Applicant</b>       | Ashley Hanspall  |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  | Approve subject to conditions  |
| <b>Public Speakers</b> | -  |
| <b>Decision</b>        | <b>Approved</b> by 6 votes to 0, subject to the conditions set out in the report.  |
| 3                      | 08/1141/FUL  |
| <b>Site</b>            | Land Between 5 Latham Road And 7 Latham Road<br>Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB2 8AJ   |
| <b>Proposal</b>        | Resurfacing of existing access and parking area with associated landscaping.   |
| <b>Applicant</b>       | January's (Justin Bainton)   |
| <b>Recommendation</b>  | Approve subject to conditions  |
| <b>Public Speakers</b> | Mr Gordon (Resident), Mr J Bainton (for applicant)   |
| <b>Debate</b>          | In discussion of the application, members felt that the proposal raised a number of concerns including the extensive resurfacing of the access would change the nature of the environment and be detrimental to the amenity of the neighbourhood, the access itself would provide a hazard to traffic from inevitable increase in use of the facility. |

## Decision

**Refused, against Officer recommendation,** by 5 votes to 1, for the reasons outlined above and at the meeting and agreed by the Chair and Spokesperson subsequently as follows:

1. The covering of a very substantial proportion of the surface of the site with gravel, which although found locally is not found in anything like the quantity and manner proposed here, is not informed by the characteristics of the locality, and responds poorly to the features of natural and local character on and close to the application site. Notwithstanding the planting proposed by this application, the extent of the gravel proposed would adversely affect one of the attractive lateral views from Latham Road, and diminish the rural quality of the street, having an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area and detracting from the amenity of the urban edge, contrary to policies 3/2, 3/4 and 4/11 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006.

2. The provision of 19 gravel surface car parking spaces hard up against the common boundary with No 7 Latham Road would, both through the increased noise from the surface, and because they would encourage more frequent use of the area for car parking, parking closer to the boundary, and the occupation of the area by more cars, have a harmful impact on the residential amenity of the occupiers of the adjacent property, contrary to policy 3/4 of the Cambridge Local Plan 2006..

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### Site

2A Nightingale Avenue, Cambridge

Application withdrawn by the applicant and therefore not considered by committee.

**CHAIR**