

South Area Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 18 December 2008

At Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way

7.30pm – 10.15pm

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

County Councillor:
Anne Kent(Queen Edith's)

08/42 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

08/43 APLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Cllrs McPherson and Newbold and County Cllrs Heathcock and Kent.

08/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared as follows:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Baker	10.4	Known to the public speaker
Taylor	10.4	Known to the public speaker

08/45 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

08/46 OPEN FORUM

Q1 Cost of Bus Service between Addenbrooke's Hospital and City Centre

The resident queried the cost of bus travel between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the City Centre, the travellers were being charged for a Day Rider, instead of a single fare.

A Cllr Kent said that she did not have the information but would follow up the enquiry.

- *Action by Cllr Kent*

Q2 Hills Road Bridge and Cyclists

The resident said that the works on Hills Road bridge were endangering cyclists and asked what the possibilities were of speeding them up.

A Cllr Kent said she had been trying to obtain the same information unsuccessfully and would continue to pursue it with County Council officers.

- *Action by Cllr Kent*

Q3 Planning Application 110 Glebe Road

The resident asked about the enforcement of planning conditions at 110 Glebe Road, there were concerns about the impact on the water table from excavations, the change in roofing material and other specific conditions.

A Cllr Baker said that a number of changes had been agreed by planning officers under delegated authority; Councillors were not necessarily in agreement with the changes to the agreed planning permission but as they had been agreed in compliance with legislation, the amended conditions would stand. He explained that some enforcement action had been taken on the detailed conditions. He said that he would seek clarification on the impact on the water levels which had been the source of concern.

Q Sedley Taylor Road and Luard Road

A resident said that the response to the questionnaire referred to the report in the report on Environmental Improvements on the agenda gave a false impression of the response. He pointed out that the effect on the road would be exacerbated by the growth in the south of the city. He felt that the County Council's transport officers had not offered any solution to the continuing problem.

A Cllr Baker said that the report offered an option to members, while not recommending one specifically. Rat-running at this location was a long term issue.

Q Activity in a house in Godwin Close

A resident asked about police activity down Godwin Close.

A Inspector Kerridge said he would ensure that an officer would visit the resident to discuss the problem.

08/47 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Inspector Kerridge spoke to the report circulated with the Agenda.

Members of the public raised the following issues to which inspector Kerridge responded:

- The increase in street crime and vandalism in Norwich Street;
- The need for an urgent reaction to a request by members of the public for a police response.
- Additional measures to deal with danger to cyclists arising from the works on Hills Road Bridge.
- Improvements in Neighbourhood Watch activity.

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

- Parking issues around Schools and Junctions. A recurring problem which the City Council and the Police are often contacted about. The proposal is to have a publicity campaign, followed by an enforcement campaign, working in conjunction with the local schools and businesses.
- Burglary Prevention leading up to and following the Christmas period. Preventative patrols, promotion of immobilise / Smartwater, and the continued inclusion of NHW. This will also allow work on the prevention of vehicle crime.

In addition, the following priorities were identified and would be taken up by the Police:

- Criminal activity in Norwich Street and the vicinity.
- Additional Police presence in the Hills Road Bridge area and consideration of further measures to ensure road users safety.

08/48 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW SECTION 106 PROJECTS

The 'Improve your Neighbourhood' scheme had been developed as part of Active Communities' approach to managing growth, allowing new project ideas to be processed.

All submitted ideas were presented to a S106 working group and subjected to an approved scoring process.

Recommendations for inclusion of projects on the S106 project list were made for ideas that fulfilled a minimum 30% of the criterion. Once they had been approved as viable ideas, they would be added to a project list and prioritised according to ward based strategic objectives.

Projects on this list would be submitted to the Community Services Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Councillor for consideration adopted for further development. Some projects were considered as 'Quick Hits', meaning that they would be easily achievable and so may be developed alongside higher scoring projects.

Agreed that the following projects be listed for consideration as new projects in South Area and Citywide.

South Area Projects in Priority Order:

- 1* TW022/S/C Outdoor Teen games Zone at Trumpington Recreation Ground
- 2 TW028/S/D Expansion & Improvement to the pavilion & sports changing facilities - Trumpington
- 3= TW008/S/D Vending Kiosk/Café for large parks e.g. Cherry Hinton Hall
- 3= TW025/E/C Update & re-landscape play area in Tenby Close - new equipment
- 3= TW006/S/C St Bede's Play Area Development of Site (This overlaps two areas East and South)

Citywide Project in Priority Order:

- 1 TW005/CW/D Cambridge Trim trail - Exercise stations around open spaces
- 2= TW013/CW/D Formal picnic & BBQ facilities in larger City Wide Parks*
- 2= TW001/CW/D Signage on green spaces showing distance around the green space*
- 3 TW018/CW/C 'Maximising Play Areas' Assess all play areas & Infill where space allows for new equipment
- 4 TW010/CW/D Information & Signage - all parks, history, flora, fauna etc.
- 5 TW012/CW/E Provision of WC's at allotment sites where there is not foul sewerage connection

* = 'Quick Hits', meaning that they are easily achievable and could be developed alongside higher scoring projects.

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

A Sedley Taylor Road / Luard Road Traffic Calming

The Scoping Workshop held on 7 May 2008 had identified 'rat-running', traffic speed and volume as well as parking issues as the principal concerns in relation to this scheme and some possible solutions had been put forward.

Initial ideas had been discussed with officers of the Highway Authority and draft proposals formulated and two alternative proposals for access restrictions had been drawn up. Public consultation had been undertaken in October/November. The full details of the proposals and results of the public consultation were shown in Appendix 1 of the officer's report.

Members considered the proposals and the comments of residents. They concurred with the officer recommendation that the proposals relating to access restrictions between Long Road and Sedley Taylor Road be abandoned.

There was no officer recommendation given concerning proposals for priority give-way features and speed humps in Sedley Taylor Road and Luard Road, but members felt that they were sufficiently supported by the residents to consider their recommendation to the Area Joint Committee.

Agreed

- 1) Not to pursue the access and egress restriction proposals at the junction of Sedley Taylor Road and Long Road.
- 2) To further develop priority give-way features and speed humps within Sedley Taylor Road and Luard Road.

B Tree Planting on New Bit

The Arboricultural Officer reported on a proposal put forward to carry out new tree planting on the New Bit. The details were attached in Appendix 2 of the report.

If approved, the Arboricultural Team would carry out public consultation and implement the scheme. Cost of purchasing and planting new trees as well as tree guards was estimated at £9,385.

Agreed that officers carry out consultation on the proposal and if it was supported, to continue with the proposal as set out in the report.

08/50 WULFSTAN WAY ARCADE

Cllr Rod Cantrill, Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources, had been invited to attend the meeting to lead a public discussion on what might be done to improve Wulfstan Way arcade and its commercial viability. He said that funding from a variety of sources could be used to revitalise the Arcade which he saw as being carried out to provide a community element. He said that he was aware of the problem caused by people from Addenbrookes parking at the Arcade.

Members said that it was unfortunate that not many members of the public were present to express an opinion. A resident said that his concern was the lack of car parking in the area and suggested that more could be provided.

Agreed that the officers carry out a workshop to invite residents to express their views.

08/51 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	08/1348/FUL
Site	39 Drayton Road
Proposal	Erection of one 1-bed flat and one 2-bed flat with parking facilities, cycle and refuse stores
Applicant	Mrs Tracey Parkins, 36/34 Burleigh Street Cambridge
Recommendation	Approve subject to recommendations
Public Speakers	-
Decision	Approved by 6 votes to 0, subject to conditions set out in the officer's report and the amended plans shown on the amendment sheet circulated prior to the meeting.
10.2	08/1491/FUL
Site	5 Magnolia Close
Proposal	Erection of one dwelling (following demolition of existing)
Applicant	Mr & Mrs French
Recommendation	Approve subject to recommendations
Public Speakers	Mr G Langford

Decision	Approved by 7 votes to 0, subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report.
10.3	08/1391/FUL
Site	6 Belvoir Terrace
Proposal	Refurbishment and alterations to house with two storey rear extensions and covered parking/garaging at side)
Applicant	Mr And Mrs Daniel Hart
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers	-
Decision	Approved by 7 votes to 0, subject to conditions set out in the officer's report.
10.4	08/1515/FUL
Site	16 Baldock Terrace
Proposal	Erection of a single storey dwelling
Applicant	King Street Housing Society
Recommendation	Approve subject to recommendations
Public Speakers	Mr G Crouch, Mr J Bland
Debate	Members were minded to vote against the recommendation in view of the likely impact on the amenity of the neighbouring house, insufficient consultation and concerns over the Highway access.
Decision	Refused by 6 votes to 1, against officer recommendation for reasons to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services based on those given by members in discussing the application in consultation with the Chair and Cllr Dryden.
10.5	08/1364/FUL
Site	73 Beaumont Road
Proposal	Two storey front, side and rear extensions, single storey front and rear extension
Applicant	Mr Peter Swallowe
Recommendation	Refuse for reasons set out in the report
Public Speakers	Mr Peter Swallowe
Debate	Members were minded to vote against the recommendation as they did not support the reasons given for refusal and expressed the view that the proposal was compliant.
Decision	Approved by 7 votes to 0, against officer recommendation, subject to conditions to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services.

10.6

08/1141/FUL

Site

Land between 5 and 7 Latham Road

ReportUpdate report following refusal of application 08/1141/FUL at South Committee on 23rd October 2008:

The Committee noted the officer's report Following the planning refusal of application reference 08/1141/FUL for "Resurfacing of existing access and parking area with associated landscaping" at the last South Area Committee formal enforcement proceedings were automatically authorised through the delegation system.

The enforcement section has issued a Requisition for Information Notice as a pre-requisite to the service of an Enforcement Notice for the unauthorised engineering operation undertaken to lay the hardstanding. An enforcement notice is intended to be served which will require the removal of the hardstanding and associated works to return the land back to its original grassed condition.

It is expected that the enforcement notice will be appealed which we would expect the Planning Inspectorate to deal with in conjunction with the planning appeal already lodged