

## **South Area Committee**

**Minutes of a meeting on 12 February 2009**

**Royal British Legion, Fishers Lane, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge**

**7.30pm – 8.50pm**

**Present:** City Councillors  
Russell McPherson, Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)  
Alan Baker, Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)  
Salah Al Bander, Andy Blackhurst (Chair) Stuart (Trumpington)

County Councillor:  
Christine Carter (Cherry Hinton)

### **09/01 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record.

### **09/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from City Cllrs Dryden and Sanders and County Cllr Kent.

### **09/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared as follows:

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Taylor	7.2	Known to the Objectors
Baker	7.2	Known to the Objectors

### **09/04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None

### **09/05 OPEN FORUM**

No questions raised

## **09/06 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME**

The Director of Environment and Planning addressed the Committee to give an update on changes to the delivery of the programme. Due to problems recruiting staff, progress in 2008 had not been as good as hoped, however a Project Manager had now been appointed to lead the team. Additional administrative support was also in place and this would free up the senior staff to concentrate on delivery of the programme.

The Principal Landscape Architect introduced the report and highlighted the following amendments to the approved schemes:

### **Cherry High Street verges (opposite Chelwood Road)**

Discussions with Housing and County Highways had resulted in an alternative solution to parking on the grass verge outside houses 106 – 124 High Street. The suggestion was to create paved cross-overs to enable residents to park in their front gardens. The Project Ward Councillor and County Highways had accepted this concept.

Officers would like to progress the design, investigatory works and public consultation and return to Committee in April with a more complete design.

### **Church End Parking area**

The design of the parking area and an adjacent footpath had the agreement of County Highways and Housing and Officers would like now to take the project to public consultation. In order to progress the project, Officers would also like to suggest that if the project is returned with over 50% in favour, that it was implemented as soon as possible.

The estimated cost of the project was £22,000 including consultation costs.

### **Gladstone Way barrier**

Small motorbikes had been illegally using the footpath between Gladstone Way and The Orchards. A barrier was erected with a width that is DDA compliant, but this made it also usable for the motorbikes. A solution that was DDA compliant and appropriate to County Highways standards had been challenging, but a design that would hinder the use by motorbikes had been found by using a more heavy-duty chicane.

An alternative new access point between The Orchards to Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground, which may alleviate the problem at Gladstone Way, had also been proposed. However the owner of the land over which the link passes could not be traced. Officers could progress the legal issues of this situation and suggested that the idea was taken to public consultation.

The following amendments to Appendix 2 of the Officers Report were also highlighted:

Priority	APPROVED ACTIVE PROJECTS	STAGE
	<b>In design and/or implementation</b>	
--	Foster Road allotments	Almost complete
--	Orchard Estate pinch point reconfiguration	Budget to be agreed
	<b>In design</b>	
1	Chalfont Close additional parking.	COMPLETE
2	Sedley Taylor/Luard Road traffic calming.	Design being finalised
3	Church End parking verge.	Consultation to be done and budget agreed
4	Walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Rd Lighting.	In design
5	Gladstone Way barrier	Budget to be agreed
	<b>APPROVED PROJECTS UNDER INVESTIGATION</b>	
	Cherry Hinton High Street shop forecourts	To be progressed further
	Wulfstan Way shop forecourts	To be progressed further
	Cherry Hinton High Street grass verges	Consultation to be done and budget agreed
	<b>NON-ADOPTED/POTENTIAL PROJECTS</b>	
	New access path between The Orchards to Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground	
	Fishers Lane parking area	
	Installation of bollards at Boundary Court, Rathmore Road to protect wall.	
	Re-seeding Hills Road verges – Purbeck to Fendon Road	

The Principal Landscape Architect then gave updates on the remaining approved schemes and those requiring a decision as highlighted in the report.

In response to Members question regarding the Wulfston Way Arcade the Principal Landscape Architect confirmed that discussions had taken place with local property owners and shopkeepers and that a wider stakeholder workshop would be organised in March/April. It was also felt important to take a holistic view on the issue of neighbourhood shopping centres and undertake viability studies.

A Member congratulated Officers on the speedy completion of the Chelwood Road parking bay scheme.

Discussion took place around the best way of protecting any new reseeded grass on the grass verges along Hills Road and it was felt double yellow lines would be most effective. It was however confirmed that this would need to be discussed in more detail with County Highways.

#### **Cherry Hinton Verges: Agreed (unanimously)**

- to progress design,
- to approve an initial budget of £2,500 for investigatory works and a further £2,500 in necessary, but with prior approval.
- to take concept to public consultation in the immediate area.

#### **Church End Parking Area: Agreed (unanimously)**

- to approve the budget of £22,000
- to approve the public consultation.
- to approve implementation as soon as possible if the consultation was over 50%.

#### **Gladstone Way Barrier: Agreed (6 votes to 0)**

- to investigate legalities of a new access path between The Orchards and Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground
- bring project back to next meeting
- forward the design of the barrier to Cllr McPherson

#### **Hanging baskets – Cherry Hinton High Street: Agreed (unanimously)**

- to approve a maximum budget of £6,500

#### **Pinch Point reconfiguration at Orchard Estate: Agreed (unanimously)**

- to approve increased budget of £5,500

The following new Schemes were then approved in principal in priority order and with the following Lead Councillors:

**1) Installation of bollards at Boundary Court, Rathmore Road to protect wall: Councillor Baker**

**2) Hills Road verges: Councillor Baker**

**3) Fishers Lane parking area: Councillor Newbold**

The Committee were then asked to approve the default allocation of £1,000 for Project Investigatory Works for each approved project.

**Agreed (unanimously):**

To approve the default allocation of £1,000 per project to be spend with prior approval of the Area Chair, Project Lead Councillor and Spokes Person.

**09/07 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.

<b>7.1</b>	09/0017/FUL
<b>Site</b>	2 Cavendish Avenue
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of three detached dwellings
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Ray Holland
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve subject to conditions
<b>Decision</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>

<b>7.2</b>	08/1571/FUL
<b>Site</b>	255 Hills Road, Cambridge
<b>Proposal</b>	Extension to rear of dwelling, porch, front and rear dormer windows.
<b>Applicant</b>	Ms Michelle Pearl
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approve subject to conditions

**Decision**

Part **APPROVED** (all elements save for the rear/side extension)

Part **REFUSED - the rear/side extension only – reason to be agreed by Chair and Councillor Newbold**

Following the withdrawal of the rear/side sun lounge extension before a decision notice was issued the remaining elements of the building were approved as was the resolution of the committee. The conditions were amended to reflect the removal of this element and an informative added.

Councillors Blackhurst and Newbold were advised of the change in the contents of the application.

A separate letter will need to be sent to the neighbour advising him of what has happened.

**7.3****Site****Proposal**

09/0001/FUL

3A Cherry Close, Cambridge

New three bedroom bungalow and vehicular access to Cherry Hinton Road at land rear 3a Cherry Close, Cambridge.

**Applicant**

Mr Ray Holland

**Recommendation**

Approve subject to conditions

**Decision**

**BEING DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**