

South Area Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 2 April 2009

Cambridge Professional Development Centre, Foster Road, Trumpington

7.30pm – 9.35pm

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

County Councillor: Geoffrey Heathcock (Queen Edith's)

09/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

09/09 Apologies for Absence

City Cllrs: Russell McPherson, Stuart Newbold, Salah Al Bander
County Cllrs: Christine Carter, Anne Kent

09/10 Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared as follows:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Taylor	Open Forum	Member of Cambridge Cycling Campaign
Taylor	Plan App 10.2	Acquainted with residents living opposite the application site

09/11 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

09/12 Open Forum

Letter from Trumpington Local History Group

The chair asked the committee to note that a letter had been received from a member of the Trumpington Local History Group thanking the Committee for the award of two grants in respect of the restoration of the grave of Henry Fawcett. The letter would be circulated to members.

09/13 Safer Neighbourhoods

Sergeant Morgenthaler referred to the report and the actions taken in respect of the priorities previously identified. He reported on

- the incidence of crime and disorder in the New Town area,
- the action which had reduced the incidence of burglary in homes in the area,
- the work towards improving the safe use of Hills Road bridge while under reconstruction,
- emerging trends within the wards.

In response to members' requests he reported on the monitoring of the traffic on Queen Edith's Way, which showed a far higher speed than anticipated.

At the invitation of the Chair, members of the public spoke about the dangers to cyclists on the Hills Road bridge and asked for further monitoring of the perceived dangers and improved lighting in the area. They pointed out that action had been taken against cyclists using the pavement whereas motorists had not been prosecuted for endangering cyclists on the roadway around the bridge.

Sgt Morgenthaler responded to the comments and gave details of the prosecutions of motorists. He pointed out that to take effective action against motorists it was necessary to have sufficient evidence and witness statements from members of the public.

At the invitation of the Chair, a member of the public asked about the policing of Addenbrooke's hospital by private security staff and the monitoring of the use of the new access road.

Sgt Morgenthaler explained the extent of the powers to be assigned to the security staff at the hospital and the means of controlling use of the access road.

In response to a question on Mini Motos, he said that a programme was under consideration, which might go a long way to provide a positive solution to the problem of anti-social use of mini motorbikes.

Agreed that the priorities detailed in the report and set out below:

1. **Burglary** – To continue the work on reducing burglary across the 3 wards in the neighbourhood.
2. **ASB and Mini Motos** – following a number of incidents in the last few weeks where mini motos have been driven anti socially and one mini moto rider collided with a bus, this issue is likely to increase in the run up to the summer.

3. **Speeding Queen Edith's Way** – Following a speed concern survey of Queen Edith's Way there is a need to tackle drivers in this area.
4. **Crime and disorder in the New Town area of the neighbourhood** – to continue the work towards the reduction of crime and disorder in the the New Town area.

09/14 Environmental Improvements Programme

The report by the Landscape Architect set out the progress on approved schemes and proposals for the following schemes:

- **Sedley Taylor Road / Luard Road Traffic Calming**
The provisional estimate, first reported to the Area Committee at its meeting of 03/07/08, was £75,000. Detailed estimates are being finalised and it is anticipated that the works will cost approximately £50,000.
- **Hulatt Road mobility crossing.**
The temporary and permanent solution can be carried out for an estimated cost of up to £3,000, if the cost was over £3,000 committee approval would be sought to the revised cost.

Agreed that the proposals for both schemes be approved to the costs shown above, subject to approval of the Sedley Taylor Road / Luard Road Traffic Calming Scheme by the Cambridge Traffic Management Area Joint Committee.

09/15 Historic Environment

John Preston, the Historic Environment Manager made a short presentation on imminent projects including the review of the Trumpington Conservation Area Appraisal, and preparation of Suburbs and Approaches studies for Trumpington Road, Long Road, and Hills Road).

A more detailed presentation would be made to the next meeting to cover the wider context, including the preparation of the draft Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document.

The Council had agreed funds of £30,000 per year for the financial years 2008-9, 2009-10, and 2010-11 for pro-active conservation. Projects programmed for 2008-9 on 8 April 2008 at Environment Scrutiny Committee included a Review of Brooklands Avenue Conservation Area Boundary and Rapid Appraisals of up to 3 roads by Suburbs and Approaches studies. These innovatory studies would provide assessments of Local Distinctiveness to support PPS 1.

Following consultation with members and residents' groups, Huntingdon Road, Madingley Road and Barton Road had been identified as the highest priorities. It has been agreed at Environment Scrutiny Committee on 3 March 2009) that the

drafts for these studies will be brought to the Area Committee for factual correction, prior to consideration by Environment Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Councillor

The programmed projects were carried out for significantly less than had been budgeted. This shortfall had enabled additional projects to be carried out in 2008-9; these projects had had to be completed by the end of March 2009.

One of the projects brought forward was the Review of the Trumpington Conservation Area Appraisal (1998). This had been prioritised in order to provide an up-to-date assessment of the character of Trumpington in view of the major nearby developments. The consultants' first draft of the appraisal had been received; the public consultation was to take place early in 2009-10.

Projects programmed for early 2009-10 agreed at Environment Scrutiny Committee on 4 November 2008 and 3 March 2009, include Suburbs and Approaches studies for Trumpington Road, Long Road and Hills Road.

The content of the presentation at the next meeting would include the Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document and revision of Government Legislation and Guidance on the basis of Historic Environment protection.

09/16 Dates of Meetings 2009-2010

The following dates for meetings of South Area Committee in 2009/2010 were agreed.

Members agreed that proposals for the timing and venues for meetings be reviewed at the next meeting.

2009: 27 May (Wednesday), 23 July, 24 September, 19 November

2010: 21 January, 11 March, 13 May

09/17 Planning Applications

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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Application Number: 09/0112/FUL

Site Address: 39 Long Road

Proposal: Two storey rear extension, first floor side extension and front porch

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Page

Recommendation: Refuse

Public Speakers: Dr Merry (resident), Mr P Cooper (applicant's agent)

Decision: Refused (by 5 votes to 1) for the reason set out in the officer's report

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Application Number: 09/0109/FUL

Site Address: 18 Baldock Way

Proposal: Single Storey Dwelling for disabled person

Applicant: King Street Housing Society Ltd

Recommendation: Approve subject to conditions and S106 Agreement

Public Speakers: Mr J Bland (applicants' agent)

Decision: Approved (by 6 votes to 1) subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report and completion of the S106 agreement by 13 April and a further condition relating to visibility spray.