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# South Area Committee Minutes of a meeting on 27 May 2009 At Queen Edith's Chapel, Wulfstan Way 7:30pm – 10:15pm

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

> County Councillor: Geoffrey Heathcock (Queen Edith's)

#### 09/18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments under Declarations of Interest:

- the application reference in relation to Cllr Taylor should read: 09/0109/FUL
- The Interest declared should read: Acquainted with residents living next door to the application site

## 09/19 Apologies for Absence

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

# 09/20 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

## 09/21 Declarations of Interest

Code of Conduct personal interests were declared as follows:

Councillor	ltem	Interest
Baker	09/0190/FUL	Personally acquainted with the public speaker
Dryden	09/0190/FUL	Personally acquainted with the applicant
Dryden	C D Grants	Volunteer at Cherry Hinton Festival
Taylor	09/0190/FUL	Personally acquainted with the public speaker
Taylor	C D Grants	Knows members of the Cherry Hinton Lions FC

# 09/22 Open Forum

## Q Footpath alongside Hobson's Brook

What was the Council's strategic vision for the footpath alongside Hobson's Brook at Hills Road, given recent concerns about tree retention and the likely increase in use by cyclists from the new development to the south of the city?

**A** John Isherwood, the Council's Engineering Projects Manager said that the footpath had recently been resurfaced to rectify damage following dredging operations. Proposals for upgrading the footpath had been put forward but these had not been pursued as yet. He was not aware of any further plans relating to the footpath.

#### 09/23 Environmental Improvements Programme

John Isherwood updated members on the report circulated with the agenda. He said that the Sedley Taylor Road / Luard Road Traffic Calming scheme had been approved at the last meeting and unless members had any views about reducing the budget in view of a revised estimate from  $\pounds75,000$  to  $\pounds50,000$ . There was sufficient funding to meet the cost of the Church End parking scheme the other proposed project.

In relation to the approved scheme for Lighting of the walkway from Bishop's Court to Hauxton Road, Cllr Stuart expressed concern at the unavailability of revenue funding for the electrical supply and maintenance of the lighting will not be available. She and other members felt that this was a poor decision by the County Council and a further approach should be made to ask for a review.

## Agreed

- 1 Sedley Taylor Road / Luard Road Traffic Calming: To retain the agreed budget of £75,000 for this project.
- 2 Church End parking: To agree the implementation of shrub planting in the autumn at a cost of £1,200.
- 3 The Chair write to the County Council to ask for a review of the decision on funding the Lighting of the walkway from Bishop's Court to Hauxton Road.

# 09/24 Community Development Grants 2009-10

Ken Hay, the Head of Community Development introduced Jane Darlington and Marion Branch, the representatives of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF), which had been managing the Community Development Grant funding process since April 2009.

The Community Development grant funding available for allocation was: £10,560.00

The Leisure grant funding available for allocation was: £2,453.00

Jane Darlington and Marion Branch responded to members' comments and questions on the operation of the grants process.

**Agreed** that the grants be allocated as shown below:

## A Community Development Grants

	Group	Project	Bid £	Grant £
1521	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trumpington Brownies	Contribution towards the cost of a weekend residential.	554	500
1595	Queen Edith Carpet Bowls Club	Coach hire for a day trip.	300	300
1620	Trumpington Elderly Action Group	Running costs of group.	575	575
WEB 570	Little Bunnies Mothers/Carers Playgroup	Resources, outings and other events.	500	600
WEB 693	Cherry Hinton Festival Society	Insurance and marquee hire.	2,200	2,000
Total		4,129	3,975	
		Remaining	6,431	6,585

#### **B** Leisure Grants

	Group	Project	Bid £	Grant £
WEB 689	Cherry Hinton Lions	Training courses for volunteers.	600	600
		Total	600	600
		Remaining	1,853	1,853

# 09/25 The Timing and Location of Meetings of South Area Committee

The following dates for meetings of South Area Committee in 2009/2010 had been agreed at the previous meeting:

**2009:** 23 July, 24 September, 19 November **2010:** 21 January, 11 March, 13 May

Members considered proposals for the timing and venues for meetings.

**Agreed** (by 6 votes to 1) that if available, the Committee meet at Queen Edith's Chapel for the remainder of the municipal year, beginning at the earlier time of 7:00pm

# 09/26 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.

1	09/0300/FUL
Site	2 Cavendish Avenue Cambridge CB1 4US
Proposal	Erection of three 6-bedroomed detached dwellings.
Recommendation	Approve subject to S106, conditions and informatives
Public Speakers:	Mr D Proctor
Decision:	Approve (by 6 votes to 0) subject to the completion of the s106 agreement by 29th May 2009 and subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report.

2	09/0204/FUL
Site	115 - 117 Mowbray Road Cambridge CB1 7SP
Proposal	Erection of two bungalows
Recommendation	Refuse for reasons given in the report
Public Speakers:	Mr E Durrant (Applicant)
Decision:	Refused (by 4 votes to 2) for the reasons set out in the officers' report.

3	09/0190/FUL
Site:	86 Queen Ediths Way Cambridge CB1 8PW
Proposal:	Two storey rear and single storey side and rear extension
Recommendation:	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers:	Mr Murdoch (resident), Mr Bullivant (Agent for Applicant)
Discussion:	A number of members said that the impact of the proposal would be detrimental to the neighbouring property in terms of loss of light, overshadowing and overlooking, resulting in loss of privacy and an adverse effect on the amenity of the neighbours. Some members felt the proposal was contrary to policy 3.14b of the Local Plan.
Decision (against officer recommendation):	Refuse (by 4 votes to 1) for reasons to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services based on those set out above in consultation with the Chair and Cllr Dryden (in the absence of the Labour Spokesperson)

4	09/0142/FUL
Site	55 Beaumont Road Cambridge CB1 8PX
Proposal	Single storey extension to front entrance porch, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extension
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers:	Mrs Dolby (resident), Mrs Blundy (Applicant)
Discussion:	Members said that the proposal would provide a sense of over-bearing to the adjacent property, lead to a loss of light and be visually intrusive and did not meet policies within the local plan on respecting the existing amenity of the neighbouring property, in particular 13.4b.
Decision (against officer recommendation):	Refuse (by 6 votes to 0) for reasons to be drawn up by the Head of Development Services based on those set out above in consultation with the Chair and Cllr Dryden (in the absence of the Labour Spokesperson)