

South Area Committee
Minutes of a meeting on 23 July 2009
At Hills Road Sixth Form College
7:30pm – 9:15pm

Present:

City Councillors

Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)

Alan Baker, Viki Sanders, (Queen Edith's)

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

County Councillor:

Christine Carter (Cherry Hinton)

09/27 Appointment of Chair

On the nomination of Cllr Blackhurst by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Stuart and there being no other nominations it was:

Agreed, by 5 votes to 0, that Cllr Blackhurst be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.

09/28 Appointment of Vice Chair

On the nomination of Cllr Sanders by Cllr Stuart, seconded by Cllr Baker and the nomination of Cllr Newbold by himself, seconded by Cllr Blackhurst, and a show of hands, it was:

Agreed, by 4 votes to 1, that Cllr Sanders be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

09/29 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2009 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Cllr Dryden's entry under Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Interest
Dryden	09/0190/FUL	Patronised an establishment owned by the applicant's parents

09/30 Apologies for Absence

City Cllrs: Robert Dryden , Russell McPherson, Amanda Taylor,
County Cllrs: Geoffrey Heathcock and Caroline Shepherd

09/31 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

09/32 Declarations of Interest

None

09/33 Open Forum

- **Addenbrooke's Access Road**

In response to a request from Committee members, John Clough, Project Manager for Addenbrookes' Access Road attended the meeting to share the plans for the junction of the access road to Addenbrookes. He explained the plans, responded to questions and comments and said that he would be willing to come back to the Committee's next meeting in if members thought it would be helpful to them and to residents.

Q Bollards at Rathmore Road

Following another incident yesterday where a vehicle, presumably a lorry, had reversed into a wall at Rathmore Road partly demolishing it. What was the Council proposing to do about the continued danger to pedestrians if the bollards were not going to be installed..

A Cllr Baker reminded the meeting that the work to install bollards had been agreed but the County Council had expressed some concerns, which had caused the delay in implementation.

Dinah Foley-Norman, the Principal Landscape Architect, said that the County were reluctant to add to the street clutter in that area. She offered to discuss the problem with the residents and explain how the issue might be pursued with the County Council.

Another said the Police had been unable to act without evidence as to the driver of the vehicle that had caused the damage.

Q Progress on the Guided Bus

What progress was being made on the Guided Bus? When would the service be operational. Residents understood it to be beginning at the end of this year.

A Cllr Baker said the latest estimate for starting the service in the Southern half of the route was later next year. Other members and residents had different understandings.

09/34 Policing and Safer Neighbourhood Report

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

- Effectively tackle speeding on Queen Edith's Way through education and enforcement.
- Tackle crime and disorder in New Town and increase confidence of that community in key agencies
- Tackle anti-social use of mini motos across the neighbourhood

The Police had been engaged in a number of areas in addition to those selected as priorities. These included:

- The Neighbourhood Police Team have been involved in a number of open days at Parkside Police Station and Purbeck House, and had been in attendance at a number of events.
- Combating anti-social behaviour in the area of Cherry Hinton Chalk pits by people wanting to use the area as a beach with the associated risks to those that chose to mix swimming with alcohol.
- Taking part in the Council's Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team monthly surgeries in Trumpington since March 2009 to encourage people to come forward and report ASB. This resulted in various actions arising from reports.

Cllr Stuart asked about the anti-social behaviour, referred to at a previous meeting, on the problems of ASB identified in the Norfolk Street area. Alastair Roberts, Safer Communities Manager responded to the comments and undertook to provide further information following the meeting.

Sgt Morgenthaler responded to questions from members and the public covering the following points:

Speed checks on Queen Edith's Way
Monitoring of the use of Cherry Hinton Chalk Pits
Anti Social Behaviour in Wolfson Way
The dangers to public safety of emergency vehicles speeding.

Members considered the recommendations for priorities for the next reporting period and approved the following:

1. Tackling Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in and around Cherry Hinton Hall. - To tackle the issues of mopeds and ASB in the grounds of Cherry Hinton Hall with particular attention to damage that may be caused to the play area.
2. Reducing Cycle theft at Addenbrookes Hospital. - To tackle the issues of cycle theft and promote cycle security.
3. Tackling ASB in Anstey Way/Paget Rd/Foster Rd. - To tackle the issues of youth ASB and groups of youths causing residents to fear ASB.

09/35 Review of Gambling Statement of Principles – Public Consultation

The Licensing Manager explained the background to the revised draft Statement of Principles as a part of the public consultation process and invite members and residents feedback on its content, prior to the drawing up of a final statement. She invited members and members of the public to submit any written comments by 28 September 2009. The Statement of Principles was available on the Council's website.

09/36 Environmental Improvements Programme

The Landscape Architect reported on the progress with approved schemes and on one scheme which required approval.

In response to a question from Cllr Newbold she confirmed that the third phase of the Cherry Hinton Forecourt scheme was in hand and had been omitted in error from the report.

Agreed to

- 1) note the update on schemes already approved; and
- 2) approve a budget of up to £5,500 and implementation, cultivation and seeding works for the Hills Road Verges (Purbeck Road to Fendon Road) Scheme.

09/37 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	09/0451/FUL
Site	5 Shaftesbury Road Cambridge CB2 8BW
Proposal	Alterations and extensions of existing offices and alterations to the main parking and entrance areas
Recommendation	APPROVE subject to the completion of the s106 agreement by 30 August 2009 and subject to the conditions
Public Speakers:	M. Chisholm (BARA) and C. Brown (agent for applicant)
Reasons for refusal raised in debate	Members referred to the intensification of the existing use, impact on the amenity of the neighbouring residents, incongruity of design, loss of trees protected by TPOs, lack of car parking provision, included in sections of the Local Plan 3.14, 4.4 and 4.11
Decision:	Refused against officer recommendation (by 5 votes to 0), the wording for the reasons for refusal be drafted by officers and approved by Chair and Spokes based on the reasons raised in debate by members.

2	09/0392/FUL
Site	Unit 1 11 High Street Cherry Hinton CB1 9HY
Proposal	Change of use from vacant A2 (Betting Office) to A3 (Restaurant) use.
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers:	Mr R Raper (agent for applicant)
Decision:	Approved (by 6 votes to 0) subject to the conditions set out in the report and to note the amendment of the opening hours from 6pm to 11pm Sunday to Thursday and from 6Pm to midnight on Friday and Saturday.

3	09/0530/FUL
Site:	1A Norwich Street Cambridge CB2 1ND
Proposal:	Change of use from offices (B1a) to a D2 wellness studio.
Recommendation:	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers:	Mr Anderson (resident), Miss Shabanova (Applicant)
Decision	Approved (by 6 votes to 0) subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report

4	09/0326/REM
Site	3 Rayleigh Close Cambridge CB2 8AZ
Proposal	Reserved matters application for the erection of 3 residential units
Recommendation	Approve subject to conditions
Public Speakers:	-
Decision	Approved (by 6 votes to 0) subject to the conditions set out in the officer's report

5	09/0397/FUL
Site	6 Almoners Avenue Cambridge CB1 8PA
Proposal	Single storey front and side extensions
Recommendation	Refuse for the reasons set out in the report
Public Speakers:	Mr Nightingale (Applicant)
Decision	Refuse (by 6 votes to 0) for the reasons set out in the officer's report

Chair