

South Area Committee

Minutes of a meeting on 19 November 2009

At Royal British Legion Hall, Fishers Lane, Cherry Hinton

7:00pm – 10.20 pm

Present:

City Councillors

Stuart Newbold (Cherry Hinton)

Alan Baker and Amanda Taylor (Queen Edith's)

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

09/47 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2009 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the addition of Cllr Taylor to the attendees list.

09/48 Apologies for Absence

City Cllrs: Dryden, McPherson and Sanders

County Cllrs: Heathcock, Sheppard and Carter

09/49 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Baker requested an update on 09/43 and the installation of bollards at Boundary Court. John Isherwood confirmed that the bollards were now installed.

09/50 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Item	Interest
Newbold	09/57	Declared a personal interest as a committee member of Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall.
Taylor	09/0729/FUL	Declared a personal interest involving Fawcett Primary School on Alpha Terrace.
Al Bander	09/57	Declared a personal interest as a member of Trumpington Residents Association.
Blackhurst	09/57	Declared a personal interest as a member of Trumpington Residents Association.

09/51 OPEN FORUM

ACTION BY

No questions or issues were raised during the open forum.

09/52 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	09/0522/FUL
Site	Adjacent 108-122 High Street, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge
Proposal	Vehicle crossing and access
Recommendation	REFUSAL
Public Speakers:	Alan Doyle – Objector John Isherwood – Applicant
Decision:	REFUSED by 3 votes to 2 for the reasons outlined in the committee report.

2	09/0729/FUL
Site	100 Glebe Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Proposal	Erection of a new 2-bed dwellinghouse (following demolition of existing garage).
Recommendation	APPROVE Subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement by 3 December 2009 and subject to the conditions as outlined in the committee report.
Public Speakers:	Mr Townsend – Objector
Decision:	APPROVED by 5 votes to 1 subject to the conditions outlined in the committee report and the imposition of a condition relating to the timing of deliveries.

3	09/0582/FUL
Site	55 Alpha Terrace, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Proposal	Two storey side and single storey front and rear extension
Recommendation	APPROVE Subject to the conditions outlined in the committee report.
Public Speakers:	Michael Bullivant – Agent
Decision:	APPROVED by 6 votes to 0 subject to the conditions outlined in the committee report and as amended by the

committee.

Item 6.4 was deferred until end of the agenda with the agreement of the committee.

4	09/0828/FUL
Site	57 Shelford Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Proposal	Insertion of 4no velux rooflights to roof area
Recommendation	APPROVE
Public Speakers:	John Fox-Teece – Applicant
Decision:	

The committee resolved to alter the agenda and deal with “item 9. Safer Neighbourhoods” as the first substantive item.

09/53 Safer Neighbourhoods

The committee received a presentation from the Sector Inspector out-lining the current community safety issues within the city and sought agreement on future priorities for neighbourhood policing.

Questions were invited from the public, and a number of related questions were asked regarding the use of “head cams” by Police Officers these included;

- What safeguards are in place to prevent misuse?
- Why are cameras going to be issued to PCSO?

The Inspector emphasised the important role that “head cams” can potentially have in policing. The Inspector agreed to report back to the member of the public on the guidelines governing usage and safeguards associated with the system. It was also confirmed that no PCSOs within Cambridge would be issued with “head cams”.

The following priorities were agreed;

1. The retention of Foster Road on the list
2. Increasing the understanding of the profile of Domestic Violence in South Area
3. Further review of the displacement effects of problems associated with Cherry Hinton Hall

The committee also received an update on the work undertaken to tackle antisocial behaviour in Newtown. Concerns were also raised regarding the

alleged prevalence of “day ticket” prostitution associated with the language schools.

The Inspector and Safer Communities Manager agreed to review the composition of the report in light of comment made by members of the committee, regarding providing a comprehensive overview of crime committed in South Area and the criteria for including issues in the report.

09/54 Environmental Improvements Programme

The Interim Environmental Projects Manager reported on the progress with approved schemes and on four schemes, which required approval.

- Cherry Hinton High Street verges (opposite Chelwood Road)
- Gladstone Way Barrier
- Cherry Hinton High Street Hanging Basket
- Fishers Lane parking area
- Lighting to walkway from Bishops Court to Hauxton Road
- Trumpington War Memorial

Concerns were raised about schemes requesting repeated funding, and whether alternative funding should be used to support particular projects. The Interim Environmental Projects Manager explained that the current program would end in 2011.

Agreed to:

1. Review the options for pursuing Cherry Hinton High Street verges scheme.
2. Approve the removal of the Gladstone Way scheme from the project list.
3. Approve an allocation of £7,850 towards the Cherry Hinton High Street Hanging Basket project.
4. Approve an allocation of £24,750 towards the Fishers Lane Park Area project subject to a positive outcome of public consultation.
5. Approve the removal of the lighting to walkway from Bishop’s Court to Hauxton Road project from the Environmental Improvement project list.
6. Approve the adoption of the Trumpington War Memorial onto the Environmental Improvement project list and an allocation of £1500 towards the project.

In response to a question from a member of the committee the Interim Environmental Projects Manager confirmed that the re-seeding of Hills Road verges had started on 22 November 2009.

The Interim Environmental Projects Manager advised that projects for 2010/11 would be sought early in 2010.

09/55 “Improve Your Neighbourhoods” proposed project for future s106 funded recreation and open space projects.

The Recreation Officer – Growth Projects introduced the proposed projects for possible inclusions as future s106 funded recreation and open space projects.

The Recreation Officer – Growth Projects explained that the current listing was an indicative listing based on ideas submitted by members of the public and that the approval of the committee was being sought to develop the schemes, prior to consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.

The committee was advised of the reasons why the proposed youth shelter in Trumpington didn't meet the criteria for inclusion as a S106 project. It was noted that other funding sources were more appropriate for funding the project.

Agreed to:

Approve the project recommendations as outlined in the committee report.

09/56 “Recycling Champions” Presentation

The committee received a presentation on “Recycling Champions” scheme. The committee were advised that the project was designed to develop a network of individuals and groups promoting recycling. The advantages of recycling over landfill were explained to the committee.

09/57 Community Development and Leisure Grants

Jane Darlington from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation sought approval for the proposed allocation of Community Development and Leisure Grants

Agreed to:

1. Remove the Hanover Court project from the list due to the availability of funding from other sources.

2. Allocate £620 to the St Pauls Centre project.
3. Allocate £520 to the Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall
4. Allocate £125 to the Cherry Hinton Townswomen Guild
5. Allocate £1450 to the Trumpington Residents Association "Village Sign" project
6. Allocate £2783 to the Trumpington Allotment and Garden Society project, and note the allocation of up to £2000 from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

Chair