

## West/Central Area Committee

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 18 June 2009
<b>Time:</b>	7:30pm – 10.05pm
<b>Place:</b>	Castle End Mission, Pound Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AE

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#### **Council Members Present**

City Cllrs: Bick, Dixon, Hipkin, Kightley (Chair), Rosenstiel, Smith, Zmura

County Cllrs: Brooks-Gordon, Nethsingha, Whitebread

#### **09/28      ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2009/10**

Councillor Kightley was elected as Chair and Councillor Bick as Vice Chair.

The Chair welcomed the new County Councillors to the Committee.

#### **09/29      APOLOGIES for ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from the following:  
City Councillors Cantrill and Reid

#### **09/30      MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

## 09/31 MATTERS and ACTIONS ARISING from MINUTES

### 09/19 Matter Arising

As Councillor Rosenstiel was no longer the Executive Councillor for this portfolio the Chair agreed to ask officers for an update prior to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Update from officers prior to next meeting.

### 09/20 Open Forum (Question 1)

The Head of Network Management at the County Councillor fed back on the parking issues highlighted in Warwick Road. It was confirmed that this issue had been looked into on a number of occasions but it was felt that yellow lines would not provide a deterrent, but would simply displace the problem.

It was suggested that the Area Committee could ask that the Area Joint Committee (AJC) add the issue to their waiting list for decision. Resources could be an issue but the AJC did have an allocation of £15,000, from which to fund their priorities.

The Committee agreed (unanimously) that parking issues in Warwick Road added to the AJC priority list.

**ACTION:** Head of Network Management to action and feedback as necessary.

### 09/27 Dates of Meetings for 2009/10

Members decided that this should be discussed in detail at the next meeting. The Chair asked that any views from the public be fed back to Ward Councillors or Committee Services: [glenn.burgess@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:glenn.burgess@cambridge.gov.uk)

**ACTION:** Committee Manager to add item to the next agenda.

## 09/32 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

Councillor	Agenda item	Interest
Nethsingha	9	Prejudicial Interest as lived near to application site. Withdrew from meeting during this item.

**Q) What democratic control is there of the City Rangers regarding fly posting on railings and how is Councillor direction fed through the Rangers Steering Group?**

A) Councillors confirmed that the City Council supports this type of fly posting and Rangers only remove the information if it is out of date or offensive. Posters can only be placed on railings in the City with the specific permission of the owners, and they too are encouraged to monitor for offensive material.

A City Ranger confirmed that there had been some confusion from the City Councils Enforcement Team regarding the removal of posters but that a Steering Group Meeting was planned for next week to clarify the position.

**Q) As the County Council has the responsibility for highways, what is their strategy for making the crossing points of the pavement accessible for wheelchair users – as required in the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)?**

A) The Head of Network Management confirmed that under the DDA regulations the County Council had to give 'due consideration' to all users and also specifically take into account disabled users. Individual Project Managers were responsible for checking each new piece of work to ensure that appropriate measures were in place to aid disabled users. It was acknowledged that more needed to be done but funding was an issue.

As a result of a recent visit to some of the trouble spots Councillor Bick explained that some areas around the city centre were simply not safe. Disabled people were frequently required to travel into a busy road in order to access certain areas. The DDA states that local authorities have a 'duty to positively promote disability equality' and that they need to be 'proactive' in this work. Many local authorities had specific budgets and work programmes and it was felt that Cambridgeshire needed to allocate and earmark money for this type of work.

Members unanimously supported this and asked that the Head of Network Management take these views back to the County Council and feedback at a future Area Committee Meeting.

**Head of  
Network  
Management**

**Q) Whyman's Lane: the Provision of Town and County Order 1980 restricted access and was acknowledged by David Howarth. Please ensure that the decision follows the majority view, which I believe to be to alter access to accommodate many addresses/buildings erected post 1980 – without restriction to parking.**

A) The Chair confirmed that former County Councillor David White had spoken to the City Council Legal Team on this issue and that it was the responsibility of the County Council. The issue was being looked at internally and the Area Committee would continue to pursue on behalf of residents.

**Q) The Council engaged the Wildlife Trust to help prepare a Management Plan for Midsummer Common. After a year of public consultation and inter-departmental discussions in the City Council, the Wildlife Trust has now presented their finalised Management Plan. It sets the Council 7 objectives to be achieved by the year 2014:**

- 1. To enhance the species richness of the grassland to achieve a more natural floodplain grassland habitat;**
- 2. To maintain and enhance the overall habitat diversity of the common;**
- 3. To maintain the trees so as to contribute to the character of the common and its value for biodiversity;**
- 4. To enhance the Pound through the creation of a community orchard;**
- 5. To maintain and improve the site infrastructure;**
- 6. To enhance the visitor experience; and**
- 7. To put in place administrative arrangements to ensure the co-ordinated implementation of this management plan.**

**FoMC wants to see this Management Plan fully implemented and is lobbying Councillors to achieve this.**

A) A meeting was planned for 2 July to bring all relevant officers together to discuss the maintenance aspect of the plan in detail.

**Q) How does someone propose something for the Environmental Improvement Programme?**

A) Ideas could be raised at Area Committee meetings or through Ward Councillors and/or City Council officers. The new Environmental Improvements Manager (Andrew Preston) would also be attending future Area Committee Meetings.

**09/34 PRO-ACTIVE CONSERVATION - PRESENTATION**

The Historic Environment Manager gave a full presentation and informed members that the following Conservation Area Appraisals were now available to download:

- Kite 1996
- Trumpington 1998
- Mill Rd 1999
- Newnham Croft 1999
- Southacre 2000
- Brooklands 2002
- Station Area 2004 (within SADF)
- Historic Core 2006
- Storeys Way 2007

Located via the following link:

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/policy-and-projects/cambridge-historic-core-appraisal.en>

The De Freville 2009 Appraisal would be finalised shortly and the Chesterton 2009 would be going to Environment Scrutiny Committee on the 23 June.

A Historic Environment and Climate Change event was scheduled for 24 June 7pm in The Guildhall and members and the public were welcome to attend.

In response to a question regarding the replacement of historic lighting on Kings Parade, the Historic Environment Manager agreed that improvements were needed. The design of new lights had been explored but the suggested prototype was very expensive and funding was a continual issue. Suggestions were however still being looked into.

## **09/35      COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LEISURE GRANTS**

The Head of Community Development introduced the item and explained changes to the administration and management of the grants. A partnership had been formed between the City Council and the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) in order to tap into their expertise with voluntary and community groups. No change had been made to the decision-making process but in the future the reports would be written and presented by the CCF Grants Officer.

The Chief Executive of the CCF explained that the organisation had been set up in 2004 and worked as a mechanism for donors to use to access and distribute grants to community and voluntary groups. To date over £3m had been distributed and over 49% of those grants had been for £1000 or less – meaning that groups could be helped at grass root level.

The Grants Officer introduced the report and covered each application in detail. Members discussed whether grants should be allocated for the social gatherings of already well-established Resident Associations. Whilst the community development aspect was commended, some members felt that social gatherings were mostly beneficial to the newer Residents Associations trying to encourage and establish membership.

In response to questions from members the Head of Community Development confirmed that City Council officers still had a significant input into the grants process and helped guide and advise on Council priorities.

Members approved (unanimously) the following officer recommendations:

### Jesus Green Association (JGA)

Offer of £210 from another fund held by CCF. Group had been informed of the new Litter Pick Fund held by CCF.

### The Harambee Centre

It was not recommended that a grant be offered from the Area Committee as the request was felt to be lacking in sufficient detail (eg number of workshops to be held) and as significant running costs of the organisation are still to be secured (at time of application less than 1/3 of total project costs of £70,000 had been secured) the proposed projects in West and Central may not be viable. The global youth work aspect of the project does not fit well with Cambridge City priorities. CCF would seek further information regarding detail and sustainability with a view to considering for a contribution from alternative funds with a focus on educational opportunities.

### Windsor Road Residents Association

Offer of £355 from another fund held by CCF.

### Richmond Road Residents Association

Area Committee Grant of £250. The project/group did not fit criteria for other funds held by CCF.

### Under Fives Roundabout

As the organisation had significant unrestricted reserves at August 08 of £24,000, recommendation for the Area committee to offer a reduced sum of £300. The project/group did not fit criteria for other funds held by CCF.

## **09/36 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.

Full details of the decisions, conditions of permissions and reasons for refusal may be inspected in the Environment and Planning Department, including those that the committee delegated to the Head of Development Control to draw up.

<b>1</b>	
<b>Site</b>	14 Bulstrode Gardens
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a four bed dwelling on land adjacent to no.14 Bulstrode Gardens. Revised Application.
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr David Donnelly, The Lodge, Warren Mill, Budle Bay, Northumberland
<b>Application No</b>	09/0384/FUL
<b>Recommendation</b>	APPROVE subject to the satisfactory completion of the s106 agreement and subject to conditions
<b>Public Speakers</b>	Mr Preston (Objector)
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED</b> (unanimous) with the following amendment to report, two additional conditions, and with the extension of the period for completion of the Unilateral Undertaking under Section 106 until 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2009

Paragraph 8.8 second sentence to read as follows:

The rear elevation of the proposed house still projects approximately **2.4** metres beyond the neighbouring garage of no.12 and is set back approximately 500mm behind the line of the conservatory of no.14.

2 additional planning conditions to read as follows:

1. No development shall commence until details of facilities for the covered, secured parking of bicycles for use in connection with the development hereby permitted shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. The approved facilities shall be provided in accordance with the approved details before use of the development commences.

Reason: To ensure appropriate provision for the secure storage of bicycles. (Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policy 8/6)

2. Prior to the commencement of development, full details of the on-site storage facilities for waste including waste for recycling shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Such details shall identify the specific positions of where wheelie bins, recycling boxes or any other means of storage will be stationed and the arrangements for the disposal of waste. The approved facilities shall be provided prior to the commencement of the use hereby permitted and shall be retained thereafter unless alternative arrangements are agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason - To protect the amenities of nearby residents/occupiers and in the interests of visual amenity. (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 policy P1/3 and Cambridge Local Plan 2006 policies 3/4 and 3/12)



**09/37 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Meeting was confirmed for 20 August 2009 (venue tbc).

Meeting finished at 10.05pm.

**Chair**

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