

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

14 January 2013

7.30 - 8.35 pm

Present: Councillors Dryden (Chair), Meftah (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Blackhurst, Birtles, McPherson, Pippas, Stuart and Swanson

Officers Present:

Director of Environment – Simon Payne
Head of Streets and Open Spaces - Toni Ainley
Principal Planning Officer – Toby Williams
Project Delivery and Environment Manager – Andrew Preston
Urban Growth Project Manager – Tim Wetherfield
Committee Manager – Martin Whelan

Also Present

Representatives of Cambridgeshire Police

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

13/1/SAC Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Carter and County Councillor Heathcock.

13/2/SAC Minutes

Following a discussion regarding the accuracy of the minutes for 12th November and 19th November, the following amendments were agreed.

Deletions – strikethrough
Additions – red

12th November

i. To prioritise the following projects, subject to project appraisal and the identification of appropriate funding to meet any related revenue and maintenance costs:

- ~~• More sophisticated skate park at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C09)~~
- Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground Improvements, comprising
 - More sophisticated skate park at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C09)
 - Upgrade play equipment for young children at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C08)
 - Smaller (five-a-side) football goals at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C011)
- Outdoor fitness equipment/ trim trail at Nightingale Avenue Rec. Ground (Q06)
- Convert Hanover Court/Princess Court laundry into a community space (T02)

~~ii. To prioritise, subject to capacity becoming available for project delivery before March 2014.~~

- ~~• Upgrade play equipment for young children at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C08)~~
- ~~• Smaller (five-a-side) football goals at Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground (C011)~~

ii. Officers to keep the committee advised of progress with the projects.

iii. It was further agreed to endorse the Cherry Hinton Community Centre project – Stage 1 (C02) as a priority.

The committee approved the amendment were approved by 5 votes to 3.

The committee approved the minutes as amended by 5 votes to 3.

19th November

Add (Item 12/59/SAC) - immediately prior to the committee resolution.

Resolved (8 votes to 0) to approve of an additional condition ensuring the reserved matters application includes the provision of a 'kissing gate' on the eastern side of the Brook to dissuade cyclist use of the bridge and an informative suggesting the placement of signage in the vicinity of the bridge to encourage users of it to access the bridge from between the bunker and the Oak building. The precise wording of the condition and the informative to be agreed with Chair and relevant Ward Councillors

Subject to the amendment the committee approved the amendment by 7 votes to 1.

13/3/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

13/4/SAC Declarations of Interest

Councillor Pippas declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 13/9/SAC and withdrew from the meeting for the duration of the item.

13/5/SAC Open Forum

There were no issues raised during the open forum.

13/6/SAC Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods

The committee received the Policing and Safer Neighbourhoods presented by the Neighbourhood Police Sergeant.

The committee made the following comments on the report.

- i. Clarification was requested on the age profile of the individuals that had been identified as associated related with the drug related issues. The

Sergeant explained the current focus of the operations, and that there was no specific age group associated with the issues.

- ii. The proposal for a new speed survey on Church End was welcomed.
- iii. Clarification was requested on whether the drugs enforcement activities would also focus on the areas where drug related activities were taking place. The Sergeant explained that the activities related to drug activity were intelligence lead.
- iv. The Sergeant was thanked for the intervention in relation to parking around primary schools in Queen Edith's, but clarification was requested on whether all children had returned to Queen Edith's Primary School following the building work. The committee was advised that the children had returned, but that the situation would continue to be monitored. Problems arising from anti-social school parking on Bosworth Road were highlighted.
- v. It was suggested that greater focus should be placed on tackling cycle crime at Long Road Sixth Form College. The Sergeant advised that due to the high concentration of cycles at Long Road Sixth Forms College thefts were higher, but that the Police were already actively engaged with college to reduce thefts.
- vi. Clarification was requested on why dwelling burglaries were higher in Queen's Edith compared with the other two wards. The Sergeant explained that the ward was the largest of the three wards; with the largest number of dwelling therefore burglary was statistically likely to be higher. The Sergeant outlined pro-active activities undertaken to tackle burglary in the area.
- vii. The PCSOs in Cherry Hinton were thanked for their important work, but clarification was requested on whether the long-term future of the PCSOs was clear. The Sergeant explained that no long-term clarity was available at this stage, but that every effort was being made to retain the existing level of resources.
- viii. The committee requested consideration of a potential extension of the previously successful city centre cycle lights campaign to outlying areas of the city. The Sergeant explained that this was already in progress.

Resolved (Unanimously) to adopt the following priorities

- i. ASB in Cherry Hinton to address the rise in criminal damage.
- ii. Combating supply of controlled drugs in South area.
- iii. Theft of pedal cycles in Trumpington.

13/7/SAC New and Replacement Bus Shelter Programme

The committee received a report from the Project Delivery and Environment Manager regarding the New and Replacement Bus Shelter Programme.

The committee made the following comments on the report.

- i. Concern was expressed about the width of the pavement at the proposed Hills Road site, due to proximity to the 6th Form College and the potential footfall. Officers were also asked whether the ongoing "Marque" development would have an impact on the suitability of the site. The Project Delivery and Environment Manager explained that officers were looking at each site in details.
- ii. Concern was expressed about the lack of progress with the development of the Teversham Drift bus stop facility, despite assurances from the County Council that work would be carried out to provide a hard standing and path. The committee were advised that because additional infrastructure would be required prior to the installation of a shelter, it had not been possible to prioritise shelter provision at this stage. The committee agreed that the additional infrastructure potentially could be funded through the Environmental Improvement Programme, should the County Council no longer have the resources to implement the required works.

Resolved (Unanimously) to

- i. Approve the proposed allocation of 3 new shelters, at the following locations
 - Cherry Hinton High Street - Mill End Close (TESCO users have to change buses here, and village centre/hall).

- Hills Rd - Queen Edith's, Opposite Hills Road Sixth Form college
- Greystoke Road - (To Cherry Hinton library, dentist, pharmacy and GP surgery)

13/8/SAC Planning Enforcement Report - 9 Mowbray Road, Cambridge

The committee received a Planning Enforcement Report regarding 9 Mowbray Road, Cambridge. The report sought authority to serve an enforcement support.

The agent for the owner of the premises (Mr Denney) spoke against the recommendation to serve an enforcement notice.

Resolved (Unanimously) to

- i. Authorise the Head of Legal Services to issue an enforcement notice under the provisions of S172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), for Material Change of Use from a C3 dwellinghouse to self contained flats and a House in Multiple Occupation (sui generis).
- ii. Note that the enforcement notice would contain the wording set out in paragraphs 5.2 to 5.4 of the committee report (with such amendments as may later be requested by the Head of Legal Services).

For the following reasons

- It appears to the Council that the breach of planning control has occurred within the last ten years. The applicant has undertaken development without the benefit of planning permission.
- Mindful of the NPPF, the development plan policies mentioned in paragraph 4.4 of the committee report and to all other material considerations, the Council consider it expedient to serve an enforcement notice in order to remedy the clear breach of planning control.
- Consideration has been given to Human Rights including Article 1 Protocol 1 (protection of property), Article 6 (a right to a fair hearing within a reasonable time), Article 8 (right to respect for private family life)

and Article 14 (prohibition of discrimination). It is considered that enforcement notices in this case would be lawful, fair, non-discriminatory, and necessary in the general public interest to achieve the objective of upholding national and local planning policies, which seek to restrict such forms or new residential development. The time for compliance will be set as to allow a reasonable period for compliance.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm

CHAIR