

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

26 September 2011
7.00 - 8.50 pm

Present:

City Councillors

Taylor (Chair), Blackhurst (Vice-Chair), Ashton, Dryden, McPherson, Pippas, Stuart and Swanson

County Councillor

Carter

Officers Present

Principal Planning Officer - Toby Williams
Project Delivery and Environment Manager - Andrew Preston
Committee Manager – Martin Whelan

Also Present

Chief Executive Cambridgeshire Community Foundation – Jane Darlington

11/42/SAC Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Heathcock and City Councillor Al Bander.

11/43/SAC Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

11/44/SAC Matters and Actions Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Ashton requested an update on the discussions regarding the height of the hanging baskets on Cherry Hinton High Street. It was agreed to defer the update to item 11/48/SAC.

11/45/SAC Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/46/SAC Open Forum

Mr Limb addressed the committee and highlighted the recent very successful Cherry Hinton Festival. Cllr Dryden praised the hard work of the organisers and other Councillors highlighted other successful community events.

The following community events were highlighted

- Cherry Hinton Groups Community Forum on 15th October at the village centre.
- Health and Well Being Extravaganza on 5th October organised by the Queen Edith's Medical Centre at Queen Edith's Chapel.
- The Cherry Hinton Christmas Tree Light switch on 10th December.

11/47/SAC Community Development Grants 2011-12

The committee received a report from the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation regarding Community Development Grants.

Ms Darlington reported a late request for funding from the Cherry Hinton Residents Association for funding towards a community Christmas event. It was noted that the application was requesting a contribution towards the cost of a Christmas tree and lights, plus a brass band. Following discussion it was agreed to consider the application, but that the organisers should be reminded of the need to stick to the published deadlines. Cllr Dryden agreed to feed back to the residents association.

With reference to the Princes Court and Hanover Court application, the offer of the loan of the marquee from Trumpington Residents Association was welcomed however it was noted that it was unlikely to be big enough for the size of the proposed event.

Cllr Stuart highlighted the excellent scrapbook, which had been circulated to members of the committee, which chronicled the history of Trumpington Elderly Action from its inception.

Resolved (Unanimously) to approve the applications as listed in the committee report, and the tabled application (£765 – Cherry Hinton Residents Association).

11/48/SAC Environmental Improvement Programme - Highway Schemes

The Environmental Projects Manager explained that the specification for the existing hanging basket scheme required a 3-metre clearance from the underside of the basket. The committee noted that a request had been made to the contractor to assess what (if any) flexibility existed to this arrangement.

The committee received a report from the Environmental Projects Manager regarding the Environmental Improvement Programme – Highway Schemes.

The Environmental Projects Manager explained that the County Council had requested that the City Council provided matched revenue funding for small highways schemes such as traffic regulation orders (TROs).

The following new schemes were suggested

- A possible revision to the residents parking scheme in the New Town area.
- Installation of bollards in the immediate vicinity of Cherry Hinton Post Office, to stop inappropriate parking in the area. The Environmental Projects Manager explained that this scheme if it went forward would require permission of the Area Joint Committee.
- Installation of double yellow lines on the junction outside Alliance Court, to mirror the arrangements on the junction outside of Lady Jane Court.
- An additional “no through road” sign on Rathmore Road.

It was noted that the scheme listed for Eland Way was actually in South Cambridgeshire, and it was agreed to remove the item from the list.

Further information was requested from ward councillors on the proposals for Alpha Terrace and Hinton Avenue/Hills Avenue.

Clarification was requested on the Elsworth Way scheme. The Environmental Projects Manager explained that the proposal had been received from former City Councillor Alan Baker and related to “de-cluttering” the signage in the area.

Resolved (Unanimously) To allocate £5500 from the 2011/12 programme budget to match fund the County Council’s contribution to deliver minor highway schemes prioritised from the list in Appendix B of the committee report, subject to further consultation and approval of the specific projects at a future meeting.

11/49/SAC Planning Applications

8a 11/0264/FUL - Former 5 Bells Public House, High Street, Cherry Hinton
The committee received an application for full planning permission for the development of six terraced dwellings and associated works.

In light of the proximity of the site to Cherry Hinton Infants School, the following amendment to the collection and deliveries condition (condition 4) was agreed.

“Except with the prior agreement of the local planning authority in writing, there should be no collection or deliveries to the site during the demolition and construction stages outside the hours of 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs on Monday - Saturday and there should be no collections or deliveries on Sundays or Bank and public holidays. In addition, there shall be no collection or deliveries between 0830 and 0930, and 1500 to 1600 Monday to Friday.”

The agent (Mr Proctor) spoke in support of the application.

Resolved (By 6 votes to 1) to approve application subject to the prior completion of a section 106 planning obligation (a unilateral undertaking) and the amended condition 4, for the following reasons

a) It is considered to conform to the Development Plan as a whole, particularly the following policies: East of England plan 2008: EVN7Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: P6/1, P9/8 Cambridge Local Plan (2006): 3/4, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 4/7, 4/13, 5/1, 5/11, 8/2, 8/4, 8/6, 8/10, 10/1

b) The decision has been made having had regard to all other material planning considerations, none of which was considered to have been of such significance as to justify doing other than grant planning permission.

These reasons for approval can be a summary of the reasons for grant of planning permission only. For further details on the decision please see the officer report online at www.cambridge.gov.uk/planningpublicaccess or visit our

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The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

CHAIR