

## **HAZEL GROVE WARD COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 22 July 2008  
At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Christine Corris, Stuart Corris and Kevin Hogg.

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED - That Councillor Kevin Hogg be elected Chair of the Ward Committee until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Kevin Hogg in the Chair

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meetings held on 19 March 2008 were approved as a correct record.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **(i) Neighbourhood Policing**

The Chair reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting.

#### **(ii) Public Question Time**

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Ward Committee.

Six questions were submitted in relation to (a) garden maintenance and high hedges on Hazelwood Road; (b) car parking on Hazelwood Road; (c) the provision of dog bins; (d) street cleansing in the Hazel Grove area; (e) the potential development of flats on London Road and (f) the future of the Mirlees Golf Course site.

Questions (c), (d), (e) and (f) were answered at the meeting.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Service Director (Public Protection) be requested to seek the removal of the accumulation of refuse from the premises on Hazelwood Road.

(2) That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be recommended to investigate the extension of the existing parking restrictions on Vine Street, Hazel Grove.

(3) That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be recommended to investigate the extension of the existing parking restrictions on Hazelwood Road,

Hazel Grove from its junction with Torkington Road to its junction with Beech Avenue.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted

(iv) Area Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

**5. CONGESTION CHARGING**

A representative of the Head of Area Governance reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair.

The Chair referred to the consultation material that had recently been distributed by the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority (GMPTA) in relation to proposals to introduce congestion charging in Greater Manchester and invited members of the public to comment on the proposals.

The following comments were made:-

- There was limited potential for investment in Hazel Grove railway station.
- The proposed congestion charge would have a big impact on those people on limited incomes who worked in Manchester city centre.
- The additional capacity proposed for the railway network would only meet existing passenger growth projections.
- The consultation would only tackle question about the charge as proposed and not any possible future expansion of the charge; either through increases in the charge, extension of the charging boundaries or amendments to the operating hours.
- Existing congestion charging schemes had not proved to be successful in their initial aims.

RESOLVED – That the above comments be noted.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair invited those members of the public present to raise, comment or raise any further issues. The following were discussed:-

- The granting of planning permission for, and the proliferation of cafe bars in the district centre.
- The development of new clinic facilities in the Hazel Grove area and access issues.
- The condition of land adjacent to the Sainsburys Supermarket, Hazel Grove.

RESOLVED - That the Head of Area Governance be requested to refer these issues to the appropriate Service Directors and an up date report be submitted to a future meeting of the Stepping Hill Area Committee.

**7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

RESOLVED – That the dates of future meetings of the Ward Committee be approved as follows:-

Tuesday, 16 September 2008

Tuesday, 4 November 2008

Tuesday, 20 January 2009

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm