

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 5 November 2018

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Chris Gordon (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Lisa Smart (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Angie Clark, Christine Corris, Stuart Corris and Syd Lloyd.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held 24 September 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair expressed the thanks of the Area Committee to 1196 Bredbury, Romiley & Marple Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets and the Stockport Sea Cadets TS Hawkins for their work in erecting large poppies on lampposts throughout the Werneth area.

The Chair reminded members of the public that a remembrance service would be held at Romiley and Bredbury War Memorials on Sunday, 11 November 2018 from 2.30 pm and all were welcome to attend. The Chair further expressed his great regret that a number of coping stones at Bredbury War Memorial had recently been stolen. It was stated that temporary replacements had been installed in time for the remembrance service.

Finally, it was reported that St Barnabas Parish Church would be holding 'Strictly Dancing' sessions every Friday at 7.30 pm to raise funds for Children in Need.

(ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to submit questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee.

Three public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the rationale for the exclusion of the University Estate Residents Association from an initial meeting with Greave Primary School to agree the drainage scheme to mitigate against drainage problems on the wider University Estate, Woodley; and what the implications for residents would be of a refusal by the school to implement all of the recommended measures.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be requested to respond to the questioner in writing.

- Relating to the prioritisation of the traffic lights at the junction of Hyde Road and Bents Lane.

The Chair stated that traffic lights were the responsibility of Transport for Greater Manchester's Urban Traffic Control team and that he would pursue the matter initially with the Council's Traffic Services department to determine whether it was possible to make any further adjustments.

- Relating to the possibility of providing a 'no cold calling zone' on Oxford Drive, Woodley.

The Chair responded that this would be a matter for the Council's Trading Standards Team, and undertook to pass the matter onto the Team for further investigation.

(iii) Public Realm

Robin Boardman (Public Realm Inspector) attended the meeting to report on current issues and to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to environmental and highways issues within the area represented by the Werneth Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was requested that the policy with regard to the reporting of missed bin collections needed to be revisited with a view to allowing members of the public to report a problem before 6.00 pm on the day of the incident in order that the matter could be resolved the same day.
- It was commented that there had been a number of new litter bins provided throughout the Werneth area, however these were now full or overflowing and needed to be emptied. In response, it was stated that the bins had not initially been added to the collection rota, however this had now been resolved and the problem should not recur in the future.
- It was requested that the road markings on Higher Bents Lane at its junction with Harrytown be remarked.

RESOLVED – That Robin Boardman be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Pure Innovations

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of Pure Innovations for the award of a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a 'The Kitchen' project.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the award of a grant of £100 to Pure Innovations from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a bread and cake oven to support Pure Innovations 'The Kitchen' project.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A development application was submitted.

(NOTE: Full details of the decisions including conditions and reasons for granting or refusing planning permission and imposing conditions are given in the schedule of plans. The Chief Executive is authorised to determine conditions and reasons and they are not therefore referred to in committee minutes unless the committee makes a specific decision on a condition or reason. In order to reduce printing costs and preserve natural resources, the schedule of plans is not reproduced within these minutes. A copy of the schedule of plans is available on the council's website at www.stockport.gov.uk/planningdecisions. Copies of the schedule of plans, or any part thereof, may be obtained from the Place Directorate upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

(i) DC070174 - Hillside Farm Werneth Low Road Romiley

In respect of plan no. DC070174 for the demolition of existing Farmhouse and erection of replacement dwelling (amended scheme to planning approval DC063863) at Hillside Farm Werneth Low Road Romiley, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Werneth Area Committee.

A member expressed disappointment that it was proposed that no further action be taken in respect of the Section 215 notice that had been served at 10 Bunkers Hill, Romiley as there remained concerns with regard to the safety of the site for users of the adjacent footpath.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking the views of the Area Committee on the current polling arrangements within the Area Committee area in order to inform the Polling District review.

- The proposal to change the polling place for polling district EA from the Bents Lane Social Club to The Queens Arms Public House (The Hodgson Suite) was endorsed on the basis that the site had the benefit of a large car park, was accessible for all users and had access to the polling station independent of the main public house.
- Concern was expressed that a number of residents in polling district JG needed to walk past the Guywood Centre (polling place for district JD) to access their polling station at Romiley Methodist Church.
- Residents of Heys Avenue in polling district JD had to walk past the polling station for polling district JE (the 1st Romiley Scout Hut) which was located on their street.
- Clarification was requested that where possible and appropriate, all of the properties on a given street were included within the same polling district.
- It was requested that consideration be given to moving both sides of Bredbury Green such that it all fell within polling district JB.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the comments of the Area Committee be forwarded to the Returning Office for her consideration.

8. GREEN LANE, ROMILEY

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal resolve an anomaly with regard Restricted Waiting on parts of Green Lane in Romiley to consolidate all waiting restrictions on that part of Green Lane to operate Monday-Friday.

It was commented that there were ongoing building works to develop residential properties on that part of Green Lane affected by these proposals, and that consideration should be given to the impact of these restrictions on those properties once built out.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred pending the completion of the residential development on that part of Green Lane affected by the proposed waiting restrictions.

9. DELEGATED WARD BUDGET REQUEST - BREDBURY RECREATION GROUND

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to provide two additional standard steel benches to be placed overlooking the extended play space at Bredbury Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the provision of two additional standard steel benches to be placed overlooking the extended play space at Bredbury Recreation Ground at a cost of £1,700 (£850.00 per bench) to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

10. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - STONE BLOCKS AT SMITHY GREEN PARK

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to install stone blocks at potential access points to Smithy Green Park, Woodley on either side accessed from Pine Street and Smithy Green, to prevent unauthorised access onto the site.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the installation of stone blocks at potential access points to Smithy Green Park, Woodley on either side accessed from Pine Street and Smithy Green, to prevent unauthorised access onto the site at a cost of £300 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

(2) That the thanks of the Area Committee be extended to officers for their work in expediting proposals to secure Smithy Green Park.

11. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE REPORT - 2 NEW BENCHES AT BREDBURY LIBRARY

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to provide additional seating be placed within/ near to the extended play space at Bredbury Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the replacement of the two existing benches outside Bredbury Library at a cost of £1,600 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation).

12. TRANSFER OF MAINTENANCE LIABILITY TO ADOPTED HIGHWAY AREA - ANNABLE ROAD

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on proposals to adopt an area of land adjacent to Annable Road and seeking the Area Committee's approval for funding for associated drainage works.

It was commented that there remained outstanding issues with regard to the apportionment of responsibility for the surfacing of the area of land that was proposed to be adopted, particularly as Annable Road was due to be resurfaced as part of the Council's Highway Improvement Programme.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the installation of a single 90L gulley pot and associated drainage connections on Annable Road, Bredbury at a cost of £5,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation).

13. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress on decisions taken by the Area Committee since the last meeting and the current position on the Area Flexibility and the Delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm