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## **STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 24 September 2019  
At: 6.00 pm

### PRESENT

Councillor Mark Weldon (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Paul Ankers (Vice-Chair);  
Councillors Lou Ankers, Grace Baynham, Will Dawson, Charles Gibson and  
Wendy Meikle.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 16 July 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests 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 referred to the recent Tour of Britain Cycling Competition that passed through Stockport, and Stepping Hill Area Committee area, on 14 September 2019 and the positive showcase for Stockport.

#### (ii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to submit questions to the Chair on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

No public questions were submitted.

#### (iii) Public Realm

Carolyn Turner, Public Realm Inspector, attended the meeting to answer questions from councillors and members of the public in relation to highway and environmental quality issues within the areas represented by the Stepping Hill Area Committee.

The following update was provided:-

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- Reactive safety inspections in Hazel Grove had been completed.
- The area of Talbot Street and Kings Road had received its annual inspection.
- Overnight carriageway resurfacing was taking place on Bramhall Moor Lane between the hospital exit and New Moor Lane.
- Overnight carriageway resurfacing was scheduled for London Road between Oak Street and Commercial Road in early October. Further schemes were planned for Winbolt Street, Great Moor; Castle Farm Lane and Withypool Drive between Mile End Lane and Bryone Drive.
- Campaigns were ongoing in relation to dog fouling and community litter picks.
- Community Pay Back was planned for Barlow's Lane and on Marple Road opposite Seventeen Windows.
- There as ongoing monitoring of cleansing of district and local centres.
- Weed spraying had been completed in all three wards and mechanical sweeping was ongoing to remove the detritus.
- A Stockport resident had been found guilty of fly tipping waste on the Newby Road Industrial Estate and had been ordered to pay a fine and costs totalling over £4000.
- An enforcement notice had been served on a property on Prestbury Close, Hazel Grove in relation to hedges obstructing the footpath and the hedge was removed. A further notice was served on a property on Southwood Road, Great Moor for a hedge obstruction and the Council had removed the hedge in lieu of the owners doing so, and a charge placed on the property.

The following additional comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Graffiti on the wall of Dilworth Court, Offerton, was reported.
- A further instance of graffiti on the wall of the Spa on Fiveways was reported, having already been reported by a local resident. In response it was stated that this matter had been reported to the Spa Store management as the building was private property.
- The process for informing of action to residents who report issues through the online form was queried, particularly if the Council was unable to take action. It was suggested providing this information would be useful to residents.
- Concerns were expressed about overgrown vegetation on Bramhall Moor Lane, particularly near the hospital and in view of the narrow pavements. It was suggested that there needed to be a long term solution.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### (iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

### (v) Open Forum

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

## **5. AREA FLEXIBILITY FUNDING**

### **(i) The Mill Bramhall (The Millennium Youth Bar Trust)**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) received from the Millennium Youth Bar Trust seeking funding toward the cost of accessibility improvements at their current premises, the Mill, Bramhall.

RESOLVED – That a grant of £100 be made to the Millennium Youth Bar Trust as a contribution toward the cost of accessibility improvements at the Millennium, Bramhall.

### **(ii) Salvation Army Carol Concert**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application (copies of which had been circulated) received from the Salvation Army seeking funding toward the cost of their annual Christmas Carol Concert.

RESOLVED – That a grant of £150 be made to the Salvation Army as a contribution toward the cost of their Christmas Carol Concert.

## **6. 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 Corporate Director 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/planning](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/planning). 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) DC/070879 - Nexperia, Pepper Road, Hazel Grove**

In respect of plan number 070879 for an extension to the existing car park on site to create 160 additional car parking spaces, providing parking for 412 vehicles; erection of lighting and fencing; extension of the current bike shed to create 60 more spaces; and erection of a new smoking shelter at Nexperia, Pepper Road, Hazel Grove

A representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted subject to appropriate conditions.

## **7. 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 have been circulated) summarising recent appeal decisions, current planning appeals and enforcement action within the Stepping Hill Area Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **8. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (SHEPLEY DRIVE AND CASTLETON ROAD, HAZEL GROVE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2019**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Area Committee consider an objection received to proposals to introduce additional No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Shepley Drive and Castleton Road, Hazel Grove to improve safety around the local school. The report also included a response from traffic engineers to the issues raised in the objections and proposed amendments to the proposed Order.

Concern was expressed about the effectiveness of the proposed revised Order.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the report be deferred to allow for further discussion between the Highway Ward Spokesperson and relevant officers.

## **9. LISBURNE AVENUE & MARPLE ROAD, OFFERTON**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Area Committee to consider proposals to introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Lisburne Avenue and Marple Road in order to prevent vehicles obstructing dropped crossing points.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to approve the proposed measures for the junction of Lisburne Avenue and Marple Road as set out in the report, including the provision of new street nameplates for Lisburne Avenue.

(2) That the Lisburne Avenue and Marple Road scheme be funded, at a cost of approximately £850, from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Offerton Ward allocation).

## **10. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on the operation of the Speed Indicator Devices. The Area Committee had previously purchased a device for use within its area.

Councillors expressed concern that previous requests for a Speed Indicator Device dedicated to the Offerton Ward had not been actioned. A representative of the Deputy

Chief Executive reported that he had not been able to find a formal record of such a request being made.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration be requested to include the following sites in the programme for the deployment of the Stepping Hill Area Committee dedicated Speed Indicator Device:

Hazel Grove Ward

- Chester Road, past the railway bridge approaching the station
- Haddon Road and Highfield Road
- Chatsworth Road in the vicinity of the junction with Knowsley Road

Offerton

- Bean Leach Road
- Shearwater Road in the vicinity of Braeside
- Hillcrest Road

Stepping Hill Ward

- Woodsmoor Lane toward the junction with Bramhall Lane
- Arundel Avenue toward Jackson Lane
- Bramhall Moor Lane in the vicinity of Pepper Road Industrial Estate

(3) That the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration be requested to report back to Offerton Ward Councillors in relation to the costs for the semi-permanent installation of a Speed Indicator Device without the data collection functionality.

(4) That That the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration be requested to investigate the 20mph speed indicator signage on Chester Road Bridge and to take appropriate action to ensure that it was functioning.

**11. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Area Committee on progress with decisions taken at previous meeting and the current positions on the Area Committee's delegated budget.

It was reported that Officers from the Council's Development Management and Highways teams had visited residents of Swanage Avenue, Offerton to discuss concerns about access and boundary fencing.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Deputy Chief Executive be recommended to take no further action in relation to Swanage Avenue.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm