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WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 23 September 2019

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held 12 August 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 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 opened her announcements by congratulating all those involved in welcoming the Tour of Britain cycle race to Stockport on 14 September 2019.

It was then reported that St Barnabas Parish Church, Bredbury would be holding an event with Tintwistle Brass Band to raise funds for Children in Need on Saturday, 16 November 2019.

It was further reported that the Friends of Chadkirk would be holding a harvest supper and quiz night on Friday, 11 October 2019 between 7.30 pm and 10.00 pm and that tickets for the event were available from Staircase House, Stockport.

Finally, it was stated that the Friends of Chadkirk would also be holding a harvest festival service on Sunday, 13 October 2019 at 3.30 pm.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(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 reported that there were a number sunken or exposed ironworks on Lower Bents Lane that needed to be attended to.
- It was commented that Leyfield Avenue, Romiley continued to be affected by the pooling of water along the carriageway that was not being effectively drained despite the recent work undertaken in the area by United Utilities.
- A complaint had been received by councillors in relation to a number of blocked gullies along Barlow Fold Road, Romiley.
- There were a number of blocked gullies along Central Drive, Romiley and part of the carriageway had been damaged during recent heavy rainfall.
- It was reported that the waste bin on Stockport Road, Romiley near its junction with Hill Street was missing and required replacement.

RESOLVED – That Robin Boardman be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive 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 - The Salvation Army, Stockport Citadel

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report on behalf of The Salvation Army, Stockport Citadel for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a community carol service event.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding from The Salvation Army, Stockport Citadel for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of a community carol service event.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Development applications were 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 for Place Management & Regeneration 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).

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC072933 - 24 Central Drive, Romiley

In respect of plan no. DC072933 for the replacement of existing dormer bedroom at front; addition of another dormer bedroom at rear, replacing velux window/office area with dormer (retrospective) at 24 Central Drive, Romiley,

a member of the public spoke in relation to their objection to the application; and

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

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

(ii) DC074108 - Greave Primary School, Werneth Road, Woodley

In respect of plan no. DC074108 for the erection of a wooden structure to be used as an outdoor learning facility/classroom as part of Forest Schools (retrospective) at Greave primary School, Werneth Road, Woodley,

the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

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

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (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.

It was requested that an update be provided to member with regard to progress on the enforcement of the Section 215 Untidy Land Notice served at 15 Marlowe Walks, Bredbury.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the operation of the Speed Indicator Devices operated by Road Safety on behalf of the Cabinet Member and the Area Committees.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- There had been intermittent issues with the retrieval of data from the Mobile Speed Indicator Devices and work was taking place to improve the reliability of this process with the manufacturer and to subsequently retrieve any outstanding data.
- Additional batteries had been procured centrally to ensure that the devices were able to operate for an extended period of time.
- Concern was expressed that the Area Committee had provided funding to ensure that the Speed Indicator Devices could be re-sited on at least 10 occasions per year, and this had not been achieved. The Area Committee was assured that any sites that had been omitted previously would be revisited at no additional charge to the Area Committee's budget.
- It was stated that there was an obsolete fixed speed indicator sign on Bents Lane, Bredbury that needed to be removed as soon as practicable.
- There had been a number of accidents on George Lane, Bredbury in the vicinity of St Mark's Vicarage and it was requested that a Mobile Speed Indicator Device be mounted in that location to monitor vehicle speeds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. HIGHER BENTS LANE, BOLLARD INSTALLATION

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 for the installation of Middleton bollards to protect the pedestrian crossing point on High Bents Lane, Bredbury.

RESOLVED – That approval to the installation of Middleton bollards to protect the pedestrian crossing point on Higher Bents Lane, Bredbury at a cost of £500 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation).

9. PEAK BANK, BREDBURY

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 for introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on School Brow and Peak Bank, Bredbury.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to give approval to the following scheme at a cost of £860 to be funded from the Strategic budget:-

School Brow (North East Side)

From a point 10 metres south east of the projected southern kerbline of Peak Bank, for a distance of 47 metres in a north westerly direction.

Peak Bank (North Side)

From the intersection of the north eastern kerbline of School Brow for a distance of 15 metres in a north easterly direction.

Peak Bank (South Side)

From the intersection of the north eastern kerbline of School Brow for a distance of 16.5 metres in a north easterly direction.

10. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LAY WREATHS AT REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint Councillors to lay wreaths at Remembrance Day Services at Bredbury War Memorial and Romiley War Memorial on Sunday, 10 November 2019.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the appointment of the following Councillors to lay wreaths on Sunday, 10 November 2019:-

Bredbury War Memorial - Councillor Stuart Corris
Romiley War Memorial - Councillor Lisa Smart

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 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 6.47 pm