

WERNETH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 27 January 2020

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 on 9 December 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 announced that a number of events had been held during the course of the day, both locally and nationally, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and that a further event was due to be held later in the day at 7.00 pm at Stockport's Central Library.

The Chair then referred to a recent fire that had taken place at an industrial unit at Bredbury which had been attended by ten fire appliances. The Chair expressed her thanks to the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service for their work in bringing the fire under control.

Finally, it was reported that the Romiley Village Market would be taking place on Saturday, 1 February 2020 between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. It was stated that the market would continue to take place throughout the year on the first Saturday of the month.

(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.

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Public Realm

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive reported that the Public Realm Inspector had been unable to attend the meeting, however it was stated that any outstanding issues relating to the public realm that councillors and members of the public wished to raise at the meeting would be reported back to the appropriate officer for a response following the meeting.

The following comments were made/ issues were raised:-

- The slot drains in the footways on either side of Compstall Road in the centre of Romiley had become silted up causing water to pool during periods of heavy rainfall.
- A significant proportion of the gullies on the southbound carriageway of George Lane, Bredbury from its junction with Hyde Road were blocked.

RESOLVED – That the issues raised be referred to the Public Realm Inspector.

(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) Area Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

It was commented that there remained a surplus within the Ward Flexibility Budget and it was suggested that efforts be undertaken to contact local community organisations within the Werneth area to promote the availability of funding.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no applications to consider.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - ROMILEY COMMUNITY FUN DAY 20TH JUNE 2020

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 an application from the Friends of Romiley Park to hold a Community Fun Day at Romiley Park on 20 June 2020.

A representative of the applicant was also in attendance to answer councillors' questions.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The Friends of Romiley Park encouraged members of the local community to become involved in its wider activities which were advertised on the park's noticeboard or through the organisation's Facebook page.
- A discussion took place in relation to a recent communication relating to the insurance requirements of those organisations that wished to have a stall at the Fun Day. In response, it was stated that it was understood that while the event itself would require insurance, this did not extend to individual stallholders, however this would be clarified with officers from within the Council's Greenspace Team.
- It was commented that local councillors had previously requested a stall at the event, however this had been declined in past years. In response, it was stated that the Friends had discussed this matter and had agreed that their approach was to be a non-political organisation and for the Fun Day itself to be perceived by the public to be non-political. It was also suggested that councillors already had access to other avenues to publicise their activities that were not necessarily available to other community-based organisations.
- Concern was expressed in relation to the disposal of bagged waste generated by the event. In response it was stated that the waste management arrangements for the event were being reviewed and discussed with officers in the Greenspace Team.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

8. MAYOR'S CYCLING AND WALKING CHALLENGE FUND – LOWER BREDBURY TO BRINNINGTON – MULTI USER PATH

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the results of a consultation on the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) proposal for creation and upgrading of foot and cycle routes between Lower Bredbury and Brinnington including the creation of a Bridleway.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- Concern was expressed in relation to the alternative alignment of the proposed bridleway over land owned by the Council as it passed through a field leased by the Council to a third party for the keeping of horses and there was the potential for conflict between these uses. In response, it was stated that the Council aimed to deliver its original proposed alignment.

- A discussion took place in relation to the proposed measures to delineate the bridleway as it passed through Warth Meadow Playing Fields. It was identified that the intention was to provide a fenced path with a clearly indicated walking route. It was also noted that similar arrangements had been put in place at other locations in the borough, such as at Brabyns Park, which had not resulted in issues of conflict between the different uses.
- It was noted that a number of respondents to the consultation had identified the misuse of motorcycles as a potential issue. It was stated that work was taking place to ensure that the route was as accessible as possible while also limiting the opportunities for access to the route by motorcycles.

RESOLVED – (1) That the results of the recent consultation exercise carried out with residents and businesses in the Brinnington and Bredbury areas in relation to the proposal to enhance the walking and cycling link between Lower Bredbury and Brinnington be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the designation of a permissive path (as detailed in Appendix B of the report) and to authorisation be given for the Council to enter into a dedication agreement with private landowners to create a public right of way (bridleway) to enable adoption by the Council and to authorise and approve the Council to designate a public right of way (bridleway) across Council land as detailed in Appendix C of the report.

9. HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BREDBURY

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order on Highfield Avenue, Bredbury following concerns raised by residents and motorists, regarding inconsiderate parking at the junction of Highfield Avenue and Harrytown. The report stated that observations by officers had confirmed motor vehicles parking on Highfield Avenue too close to the junction, causing reduced visibility and safety concerns for motorists' trying to negotiate the junction.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders, at a cost of £760 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation):-

Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Harrytown (West side) - From a point 7 metres south of the southern kerb line of Highfield Avenue, for a distance of 28 metres in a northerly direction.

Highfield Avenue (both sides) - From the intersection of the western kerb line of Harrytown, for a distance of 19 metres in a westerly direction.

10. HOWARD CLOSE, ROMILEY

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order on Howard Close, Romiley following concerns raised by residents and motorists due to inconsiderate parking at the junction of Green Lane/ Howard Close. Motor vehicles were parking too close to the junction reducing visibility, causing a safety concern for motorists negotiating the junction.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders, and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders, at a cost of £760 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury Green & Romiley ward allocation):-

Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Howard Close (Both sides) - From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Green Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction

Green Lane (North Side) - From a point 9 metres west of the projected western kerb line of Howard Close, for a distance of 22 metres in a south easterly direction.

11. WESTFIELD DRIVE, HARRISONS DRIVE, WOODLEY

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order on Westfield Drive and Harrisons Drive, Woodley following concerns raised by residents and motorists, regarding inconsiderate parking close to the junction of Westfield Drive/Pennine Road.

The report stated that officer observations had confirmed that parked motor vehicles were causing reduced visibility and safety concerns for motorists' negotiating the junction. During the feasibility study of Westfield Drive, Network Management Officers noted concerns of the same nature at the junction of Harrisons Drive and Pennine Road.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following package of Traffic Regulation orders, and subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders, at a cost of £960 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bredbury & Woodley ward allocation):-

Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Pennine Road (South West side) - From a point 10 metres north west of the northern kerb line of Westfield Drive, for a distance of 31 metres in a south easterly direction.

Westfield Drive (North Side) - From the intersection of the south western kerb line of Pennine Road, for a distance of 17 metres in a westerly direction.

Westfield Drive (South Side) - From the intersection of the south western kerb line of Pennine Road, for a distance of 19 metres in a westerly direction.

Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Pennine Road (North East Side) - From a point 10 metres north west of the north westerly kerb line of Harrisons Drive, for a distance of 27 metres in a south easterly direction.

Harrison's Drive (Both sides) - From the intersection of the north eastern kerb line of Pennine Road, for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction.

12. 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 6.35 pm