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MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 11 March 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Malcolm Allan (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Colin MacAlister (Vice-Chair); Councillors Tom Dowse, Steve Gribbon, Becky Senior and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 29 January 2020 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.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

Malcolm Allan

Agenda Item 10(ii) – ‘Park Use Application - Brabyn's and Chadkirk Marple Runners 10k and 2k Run 2020’ as a volunteer on behalf of the Friends of Brabyns Park and the Friends of Marple Memorial Park.

Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

Becky Senior

Agenda Item 6 – ‘Planning Appeals, Enforcement Appeals and Enforcement Notices’ as the property at 36 Mill Brow, Marple Bridge that was the subject of a planning appeal was adjacent to her property.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair referred to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and stated that members of the public should visit the Council’s public health pages on its website for the most up to date

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information. It was stated that the UK had well-rehearsed process for dealing with emergency situations. Finally, the Chair stated that the public should only refer to reputable sources of information and be cautious in relation any material that was circulated via social media.

The Chair then reported on a number of consultations that were currently live on the Council's website:-

- Relating to the introduction of a resident-paid permit-parking scheme adjacent to Stepping Hill Hospital that was due to end on 13 March 2020.
- A survey for parent/ carers of children 0-5 years that would help inform Stockport's Start Well plan that was due to end on 17 March 2020.
- Relating to the proposed Stockport Interchange Bridge and Podium Park that was due to end on 29 March 2020.

The Chair further reported that it was proposed that there would be a consultation with local residents in relation to proposals to improve pedestrian safety on Hollins Lane, Marple Bridge but that this was not likely to commence until after the local elections that were due to be held in May 2020.

The Chair then stated that it was proposed to hold two community engagements events in relation to the replacement of Marple Pool and Marple Library on the site of the existing Marple Library. The events were due to be held on Friday, 13 March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon and 1.00 pm and 3.00 pm and on Wednesday, 25 March between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm at Marple Library.

The Chair then reported on a number of community events that were due to be held within the locality as follows:-

- Age UK were due to hold a meeting in Marple Senior Citizen's Hall on Thursday, 12 March between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm where they would be discussing how the grant funding previously awarded by the Area Committee had been spent.
- The Mellor Society was due to hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.00 pm on Thursday, 26 March 2020 at Mellor Primary School.
- New Horizons was due to hold a volunteer training day between 10.30 am and 2.30 pm on Sunday, 29 March 2020.
- Compstall Community Council were due to hold a Working Party event on Saturday, 21 March 2020.

The Chair then referred to ongoing problems with the reliability of the Mobile Speed Indicator Devices used throughout the Marple area and that these had not previously been transferred between locations as frequently as anticipated. It was now hoped that this had been addressed as the devices had recently been relocated.

Finally, the Chair reported on the recent decision by Transport for Greater Manchester to terminate the 375 bus service and stated that this had now been 'called-in' for further scrutinisation by the Greater Manchester Housing Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny on Thursday, 19 March 2020. It was stated that early indications from Transport for Greater Manchester was that the route had been put out for a second tender which was due to close on 14 March.

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 and 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/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).

The Chair outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC074046 - Land at Cobden Edge, Cobden Edge, Mellor, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC074046 for an agricultural workers dwelling on land at Cobden Edge, Cobden Edge, Mellor,

the applicant's agent spoke in support of the application.

It was then

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

(ii) DC/074716 - 211 Buxton Road Hazel Grove Stockport SK7 6NA

In respect of plan no. DC074716 for the redevelopment of the existing site to provide one detached dwelling (re-submission of DC/071877) at 211 Buxton Road, Hazel Grove,

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 AND 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 enforcement activity within the area represented by the Marple Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (continued)

(i) Neighbourhood Service Structure

Charlotte Nicholls (Neighbourhoods Manager, Stockport Council) and Adam Cunningham (Senior Neighbourhood Officer, Stockport Council) attended the meeting and submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the creation of the Neighbourhoods Team and outlining the duties of the officers within the new team.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- There had not been a material change in the rate of fly tipping following the introduction of restrictions on the number of visits each vehicle could make to Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- Concern was expressed in relation to reports that residents had been turned away from Household Waste Recycling Centres after arriving on foot. In response, it was stated that it was the policy that residents were unable to walk into the site, however any waste they had should be able to be handed to staff.
- It was commented that the Area Committee had been well served by the former Public Realm Inspectors that had been assigned to the area and members expressed their gratitude for their hard work and dedication.
- While acknowledging the move towards driving the reporting of issues online, members expressed the view that it was important for councillors to maintain a personal relationship officers.
- Marple was well served by community groups that cared for and looked after green spaces.

RESOLVED – That Charlotte Nicholls and Adam Cunningham be thanked for their attendance.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) 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.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

8. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - CAPSTONE DRIVE, MARPLE

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 introduce a 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulation order on Capstone Drive, Marple following the receipt of concerns in relation to inconsiderate parking on the junction of Capstone Drive and Cross Lane.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and, subject to the receipt of no objections being within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £710 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (North Marple ward allocation).

Proposed "No Waiting At Any Time"

Capstone Drive (South West side)

From the intersection of the north western kerb line of Cross Lane, for a distance of 5 metres in a north westerly direction.

Cross Lane (North West Side)

From a point 10 metres south west of the projected south western kerb line of Capstone drive for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction.

9. PEACEFIELD, BUXTON LANE, WOOD LANE, CROSS LANE, MARPLE

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 introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulation order on Peacefield, Buxton Lane, Wood Lane, and Cross Lane, Marple following the receipt of concerns in relation to vehicles parking close to road junctions at these locations.

RESOLVED - That approval be given 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 £960 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget:-

Proposed "No Waiting At Any Time"

Peacefield (West side)

From a point 13 metres south west of the projected southern kerblines of Wood Lane, for a distance of 13 metres in a north easterly direction.

Peacefield (East side)

From a point 17 metres south west of the projected southern kerbline of Buxton Lane, for a distance of 17 metres in a north easterly direction.

Wood Lane (South Side)

From a point 13 metres west of the projected western kerbline of Peacefield, for a distance of 13 metres in an easterly direction.

Wood Lane (North Side)

From a point 22 metres west of the projected western kerbline of Cross Lane, for a distance of 22 metres in an easterly direction.

Cross Lane (West Side)

From a point 31 metres north east of the projected northern kerbline of Wood Lane, for a distance of 31 metres in a south westerly direction.

Cross Lane (East Side)

From a point 26.5 metres north east of the projected northern kerbline of Buxton Lane, for a distance of 26.5 metres in a south westerly direction.

Buxton Lane (North side)

From a point 14.5 metres south east of the projected eastern kerbline of Cross Lane, for a distance of 14.5 metres in a north westerly direction.

Buxton Lane (South side)

From a point 15 metres south east of the projected eastern kerbline of Peacefield, for a distance of 15 metres in a north westerly direction.

10. APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF PARKS

(i) Park Use Application - Hawk Green Recreation Ground, Maypole Event 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 Hawk Green Residents Association to use Hawk Green Recreation Ground on Sunday, 17 May 2020 for their annual May Day Fun Day Event between midday and 5pm with access to the site being required between 9am and 6pm.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

(ii) Park Use Application - Brabyn's and Chadkirk Marple Runners 10k and 2k Run 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 received from Marple Runners for the use of Brabyns Park to start and finish their Carnival weekend 10k and 2k runs on Sunday, 21 June 2020 between the hours of 8.00am and midday, accessing the site between 7.00am and 1.00pm to set up and close down.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

11. TEMPORARY PARKING HIGH LANE

The Chair reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor MacAlister.

Councillor MacAlister reported that he had recently met with officers in relation to the parking arrangements at High Lane Car Park. It was stated that the car park was frequently fully occupied and that there were limited opportunities to extend the car park to increase the number of spaces. However, it was stated that the design of the car park was such that it did not make the best available use of the footprint of the site, and it was requested that consideration be given to remapping the car park to provide additional capacity.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration be recommended to investigate the options for the maximising of parking provision at the High Lane car park.

12. REPAIRS TO MEMORIAL PARK

The Chair reported that this item had been placed on the agenda at his request.

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report on behalf of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to repair a pathway within Marple Memorial Park

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the undertaking of repairs to a section of footway 28m by 0.75m within Marple Memorial Park adjacent to the Boule Court at a cost of £2,274.79 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Marple North ward allocation).

13. 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.

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It was requested that a further update be provided with regard to proposals for improvements to Marple District Centre as originally raised in a public question at the meeting of the Area Committee in November 2018.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm