

## **MARPLE AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 17 June 2020

At: 6.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

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

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Colin MacAlister be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Colin MacAlister in the Chair

### **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Malcolm Allan be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### **4. 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.

The following interests were declared:-

#### **Personal Interest**

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Malcolm Allan	Agenda Item 6(v) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Friends of Brabyn's Park’ as a volunteer on behalf of the Friends of Brabyns Park.  Agenda Item 8 – Planning Appeals, Enforcement Appeals and Enforcement Notices as a Director of the Wharf Initiative.

#### **Personal & Prejudicial Interests**

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Tom Dowse	Plan no. DC076125 for the erection of an agricultural barn for the

storage of winter bedding (straw) as a friend of the applicant.

Councillor Dowse left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Aron Thornley

Agenda Item 7(ii) - Plan no. DC076427 for the erection of a two storey rear extension, a single storey side extension and an increase in ridge height and roof lights as a friend of the applicant.

Councillor Thornley left the meeting during consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

## **5. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

## **6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **(i) Chair's Announcements**

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee –

- Stated that the Marple Area Committee wanted to stand in solidarity with the BAME community both locally and around the world whose voices are not being heard and would like the younger generation within the Marple area to grow up without those additional racism barriers. The Area Committee would like to pledge to work towards those goals with the decisions made as an Area Committee.
- Thanked the local community in Marple for their response to Covid-19 including friends and key workers for supporting the community and each other during the period of the coronavirus pandemic.
- Thanked everyone in the community involved in saving the 375 bus service through petitioning, emails and attending meetings.
- Informed the Marple residents that the consultation for the Marple pool has now been completed and a report was being prepared and would be monitored by the Marple Area Committee.

### **(ii) Public Question Time**

No public questions were submitted.

### **(iii) Petitions**

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum

A representative of the Greater Manchester Police (GMP), Inspector Shaun Flavell attended the meeting and provided an update on the police activity in the Marple area.

The Committee raised the following concerns: -

- Unruly behaviour and camping in a park relating to Covid-19 in the area;
- Taking of drugs and drug dealing;
- Breakings and burglaries;
- Bonfires (Quarry car park) and fires being set in the vicinity of the Rugby Club
- Speeding cars and illegal and obstructive parking
- Community Speed Watch Programme (South Meadway & Meadway and Strines Road)
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Average Speed cameras

Inspector Flavell responded to the concerns and reassured the Committee that the issues raised would be looked into.

The GMP were thanked for the ongoing work in the Marple area during the Covid-19 pandemic and also the visibility of the officers across the area. Thanks was also expressed for the response to domestic violence in the Marple area during the pandemic.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Flavell be thanked for his attendance.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Brabyns Park

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted an application received on behalf of the 'Friends of Brabyns Park' for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of refurbishing the viewing platform and re-siting the commemorative bronze plaque that was installed in 2008 as part of the Iron Bridge Restoration Project.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from the 'Friends of Brabyns Park' for a grant of £1,000 (£500 from the Marple North Ward and £500 from the Marple South Ward allocations) from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of refurbishing the viewing platform and re-siting the commemorative bronze plaque that was installed in 2008 as part of the Iron Bridge Restoration Project.

## **7. 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](http://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) DC076452 : The Great Barn, Hollyvale, Marple Bridge, Stockport, SK6 5AS

In respect of plan no. DC076452 for the erection of 1 no. stable building and 2 no. field shelters within land in the ownership of The Great Barn, Holly Vale, Marple Bridge,

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) DC076125 : Beeston Park Farm, Ridge End Fold, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7EX

In respect of plan no. DC076125 for the erection of an agricultural barn for the storage of winter bedding (straw), it was

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

(iii) DC076427 : Meadows Farm, Hilltop Lane, Mellor, Stockport, SK6 5NG

In respect of plan no. DC076427 for the erection of a two storey rear extension, a single storey side extension and an increase in ridge height and roof lights.

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

## **8. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND 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 Marple Area Committee.

It was commented that there were no updates relating to the appeals that had been lodged for the Garden House and Marple Wharf and that an update would be provided to the Area Committee with any new developments.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **9. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - HIGH LANE PARK CAR PARK**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking approval for the cost of a feasibility study for the High Lane Park carpark at a cost of £1,000 to be funded by the allocated ward budget for the Marple South & High Lane Ward.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the proposed scheme to conduct a feasibility study concerning remarking the bays at High Lane Park car park at a cost of £1,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

## **10. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAYS SPOKESPERSON**

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration could consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

It was commented that in previous years funding had been agreed for specific schemes which have never been completed, but the funding has never been returned to the Committee's delegated budget.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed as Ward Spokespersons for highway and traffic issues: -

Marple South	- Councillor Aron Thornley
Marple North	- Councillor Becky Senior

## **11. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

A representative of the Democratic Services Manager submitted a report (copies of which has been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED – That the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2020/2021:-

Bridge Alms House and Sick Nursing Home  
Councillor Aron Thornley

Marple Senior Citizens' Hall Management Committee  
Councillor Malcolm Allan  
Councillor Becky Senior

## **12. 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 since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Area Flexibility Funding.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That updates be requested for the following: -

- Edwards Way;
- Marple North – Illegal/obstructive parking in and around Marple Village and Etherow Park; and
- The review of residents parking schemes.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm