

STEPPING HILL WARD COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 March 2009
At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Ben Alexander (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Maggie Clay and Mark Weldon.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the Ward meeting held on 15 October 2008 were approved as a correct record and the minutes of the Joint Ward Committee meeting held on 21 January 2009 were noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interests were made.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Neighbourhood Policing

PSCO Jonny Headley (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to neighbourhood policing issues within the Stepping Hill Ward.

Members of the public as questions and raised concerns about the following issues in the area:-

- Anti-social behaviour in local parks, and the possible increase due to the lighter evenings.
- Police response times.
- The importance of reporting crimes and anti-social behaviour in order that resources can be allocated to the problem.

RESOLVED – That PSCO Headley be thanked for their attendance.

(ii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Area Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

4. RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

A representative of the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the new arrangements for Permit Parking Schemes that would replace the old Residents Permit Schemes.

The new arrangements would allow for greater flexibility in deciding where schemes could be introduced, and through the yearly charge would guarantee the enforcement of the schemes. Where residents wanted a new scheme for their road, they were required to submit a petition to the Area Committee demonstrating that 51% of properties were in support. A review of existing schemes in the area would begin in April which would also require 51% support for the scheme to be converted to the new arrangement.

Members of the public asked a number of questions about the revised arrangements and the operation of the scheme.

A number of comments were made about the causes of parking problems in the Great Moor area, particularly staff and visitors to the hospital who parked in residential roads to avoid the car parking charges.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

5. CHERRY TREE LANE, GREAT MOOR - UPDATE

A report of the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) was submitted (copies of which had been circulated) setting out progress with the implementation of the Prohibition of Driving Order on Cherry Tree Lane, and options for the removal of waiting restrictions that would facilitate more on-street parking.

Members of the public welcomed measures to provide more parking, but expressed concern about access to Hampstead Lane by emergency vehicles. It was also commented that there was insufficient enforcement of existing waiting restrictions by the Council.

There was general agreement that the removal of the chicanes would be beneficial as at present they still encouraged dangerous driving by motorists.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be requested to investigate the following:

(i) the implementation of an experimental revocation order for the waiting restrictions from Cherry Tree Lane as follows, and report to the Stepping Hill Area Committee:-

Eastern side of closure point.

O/S numbers 87 to 93 could create 30 metres of available parking on north side.

O/S numbers 69 to 71 could create 10 metres of available parking on north side.

Western side of closure point.

O/S numbers 61 to 65 could create 20 metres of available parking on north side.

(ii) the installation of further waiting restriction opposite the junction of Cherry Tree Lane and Hampstead Lane in order to ensure sufficient access by emergency vehicles.

(iii) the removal of the chicanes on Cherry Tree Lane and associated waiting restriction and report back to a future meeting.

(3) **That** Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be requested to provide increased enforcement of existing waiting restrictions on the vicinity of Cherry Tree Lane.

6. GLASDTONE STREET AND St SAVIOUR'S ROAD, GREAT MOOR

The Chair invited the members of the public present, and particularly those from Gladstone Street and St Saviour's Road to comment on the possibility of making these two roads one way.

Members of the public commented on the increased number of heavy goods vehicles using the roads following the closure of Cherry Tree Lane, and the danger this posed to other motorists due to poor visibility on the corner of these roads. There was a general consensus that a one way order would be beneficial.

RESOLVED – That the Service Director (Transportation & Planning) be requested to undertake a consultation with residents of Gladstone Street and St Saviour's Road, Great Moor on proposals for the making of a One Way Order on these roads, and seeks views about the preferred direction of any one way traffic.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Ward Committee were invited to agree dates of meetings for 2009/10.

RESOLVED – (1) That the following dates for Ward Committee be agreed:-

Wednesday, 6 May 2009
Wednesday, 22 July 2009
Wednesday, 30 September 2009
Wednesday, 9 December 2009
Wednesday, 3 February 2010

(2) That the Head of Area Governance be requested to make arrangements for meeting dates to be included in future additions of the Review.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm.