

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 22 April 2021

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor John McGahan (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Linda Holt (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Brian Bagnall, Mark Hunter, Mike Hurleston, Lisa Walker and Suzanne Wyatt.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 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

Mark Hunter

Agenda Item 9 - 'Dorset Avenue, Bramhall – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order' as a member of the 'Friends of Bramhall Park'.

Personal & Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

John McGahan

Agenda Item 6 - 'Planning Appeals, Enforcement Appeals and Enforcement Notices' as a trustee of Hillbrook Grange care home.

Councillor McGahan took no part in the discussion on this item.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(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) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open Forum - Poynton Relief Road (Graham)

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) reported that Patsy Evans (Social Impact Business Partner, GRAHAM) was unable to attend the meeting to provide an overview of the work of GRAHAM on the Poynton Relief Road and to discuss the community engagement activities being undertaken as planned.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Beacon Counselling

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Beacon Counselling for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of funding the voluntary service for those within the area represented by the area committee for 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Forward Beacon Counselling for a grant of £1000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£333.34 from the Bramhall North ward allocation and £333.33 each from the Bramhall South & Woodford and Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of funding the voluntary service for those within the area represented by the area committee for 2021.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Woodford Cricket Club

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Woodford Cricket Club for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of purchasing replacement practice nets.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Woodford Cricket Club for a grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing replacement practice nets.

5. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A development application was 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 Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) D078355 - 92 Heathbank Road, Cheadle Hulme

In respect of plan no. DC078355 for the relocation of existing culvert head with a section of the existing culvert tunnel replaced with an open ditch at 92 Heathbank Road, Cheadle Hulme, it was

RESOLVED – (1) (2 for, 4 abstentions) That planning permission be refused on the grounds that the proposal does not comply with the Council's guidance for the provision of an easement at either side of the relocated water course; that the proposal failed to provide adequate protection to trees within the site and that proposal would involve the relocation of the watercourse.

(2) That Councillor Wyatt be nominated to assist in the defence of any subsequent appeal against the refusal of planning permission.

Councillor Linda Holt (Vice-Chair) in the chair

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) (copies of which had been circulated) summarising recent appeal decisions; listing current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee area.

Members questioned whether the commuted sum for the Hillbrook Grange application had been agreed during the appeal. In response, it was commented that the commuted sum had been agreed subject to whether the applicant would be able to charge ground rents pending a change in legislation.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Councillor John McGahan (Chair) in the chair

7. CALL FOR BROWNFIELD SITES 2021

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to confirm that the Council had launched a “call for brownfield sites” to support work on the new Local Plan and to provide more information on the activities taking place to promote the call for brownfield sites exercise.

Members suggested that landowners and commercial property owners within Stockport should be contacted directly as part of the call for brownfield sites.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. RESIDENT PARKING POLICY UPDATE

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the updated Residents Parking Policy that had been approved by the Cabinet in December 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members expressed their frustrations at the delay to the production of this report, and noted that residents may feel underwhelmed at the proposals given the prohibitive costs and criteria involved in applying for residents’ parking schemes.
- Members expressed concern that the budget may allow for only one larger residents parking scheme to be granted through the area committee’s delegated budget per year, due to the considerable costs of each potential scheme.
- It was commented that a ‘one size fits all’ policy may not be the correct approach for the borough, with different parking pressures being present in different areas.
- Members welcomed the proposal to pass the decision making authority for the residents’ parking schemes to the ward members.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. DORSET AVENUE, BRAMHALL - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a number of concerns raised regarding parking on Dorset Avenue, Bramhall, specifically that motorists were parking their vehicles along the east side of Dorset Avenue, sometimes in an erratic manner which was causing access issues for other motorists, including residents, as the carriageway was relatively narrow. It had also been reported that vehicles were sometimes parked on the bend, on junctions and opposite junctions reducing visibility, and causing safety concerns.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was commented that the issues on Dorset Avenue were closely tied to parking issues in Bramhall Park and that the success of the park had had a detrimental impact on the parking situation on the surrounding streets. Members hoped for a specific plan for the parking issues at Bramhall Park.
- It was noted that ward members were in ongoing discussions with officers with regard to a long-term solution for parking in the area, and that any proposals would be brought back to the area committee once they were closer to completion.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in Appendix A to the report, 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 £1,400 to be funded from the Area Committee' Delegate Budget (Bramhall North ward allocation).

10. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to provide an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and to detail the current position on area flexibility funding. The report also includes the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

It was noted that the area committee balances had been updated in the report for the new financial year with renewed delegated budget and ward flexibility funding budgets for the area committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm