

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 11 March 2021

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 4 February 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 interest was declared:-

Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor

Interest

Helen Foster-Grime

Agenda Item 4 (vii) 'Ward Flexibility Funding- Help the Hatters' as she was a volunteer for one of the organisations that would benefit from the allocation of a grant.

Councillor Foster-Grime took no part in the discussion or vote on this item.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Rob Hawksley (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer questions from Councillors and members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the area represented by the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- It was reported that burglaries had reduced across Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South and that new recruits had been added to the local policing team, who would have a particular focus on neighbourhood policing and re-starting engagement work with the local community and schools.
- Local organisations and community projects were encouraged to apply for grants available through the redistribution of money seized from organised crime.
- Members raised concerns about catalytic converter thefts from vehicles in the area. It was commented that, whilst these crimes were hard to prevent as the theft could be completed in a matter of minutes, there were some steps residents could take including making vehicles as inaccessible as possible by parking in or close to garages.
- Members raised concerns about the increased sophistication of methods used by thieves to gain access to homes via their patio doors. In response, it was commented that homeowners should keep up to date with current door lock security including considering retrofitting locks that were flush with the doorframe that could not easily be snapped off.
- Members requested an update on anti-social behaviour in hotspot areas such as Willow Avenue and Dairyground Road. It was noted that the police would be monitoring these areas closely over the following months as anti-social behaviour was expected to increase following the easing of COVID-19 lockdown measures.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Hawksley be thanked for his attendance.

(ii) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(iii) 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.

Three public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the legal notice circulated to residents with regard to parking restrictions on Bramley Road, Bramhall and how further information could be accessed by people with no access to computers.

In response it was commented that enquiries had already been made with appropriate officers in relation to this question and that a written response would be provided to the questioner within 7 working days of the meeting.

- Relating to the demolition of 2 Bramley Close and whether the area committee has authority to assist the enforcement officer in ensuring compliance from the site developers with the actions required at the site; and
- Relating to the demolition of 2 Bramley Close and the names and contact details that local residents could use in regard to this and other similar actions in the local area.

In response it was commented that the enforcement officer was the first point of contact for any queries or complaints about the site and would respond to any comments in due course as and when they were received. It was stated that local residents had already been furnished with the appropriate contact information.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC)

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC) for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of holding a virtual LGBT+ History Month.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to an application received from Forward (Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC) for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£50 from each of the Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations) towards the cost of holding a Virtual LGBT+ History Month.

(2) That it be noted that a budgetary adjustment will be made in the 2021/22 financial year to transfer the sum of £33.34 from the Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation as their contribution to above grant (£16.67 to each of the Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations).

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Help the Hatters

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Help the Hatters for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing food and toy donations to the local community and offering funding and support to other organisations.

RESOLVED - (1) That approval be given to an application received from Help the Hatters for a grant of £142.83 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£71.42 from each of the Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations) towards the cost of providing food and toy donations to the local community and offering funding and support to other organisations.

(2) That it be noted that a budgetary adjustment will be made in the 2021/22 financial year to transfer the sum of £47.61 from the Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation as their contribution to above grant (23.81 to each of the Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations).

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Carr Wood

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted an application received on behalf of Friends of Carr Wood for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of stone required to repair the main path.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from the Friends of Carr Wood for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£500 from each of the Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocations) towards the cost of stone required to repair the main path.

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 & 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) DC078355 - 92 Heathbank Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle

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, Cheadle,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That consideration of the application be deferred to a future meeting of the Area Committee pending the undertaking of further assessment of the proposed development by the Council's Drainage Engineer by means of an onsite evaluation and to allow for further consideration of the application against the Council's approved Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

(ii) DC075318 - Former Woodford Aerodrome, Woodford Garden Village, Chester Road, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC075318 for the Reserved Matters approval pursuant to outline planning permission DC053832 in relation to scale, appearance, landscape, and layout for 211 dwelling units, associated green space and infrastructure forming phase 3ACE at the Former Woodford Aerodrome, Woodford Garden Village, Chester Road, Woodford,

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

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

(iii) DC078365 - Dutch House, Wilmslow Road, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC078365 for the demolition of the existing house and detached garage and replacement with 1 no. new dwelling at Dutch House, Wilmslow Road, Woodford,

a member of the public spoke against the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the application be referred to the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee.

(iv) DC078432 - Land at Foden Lane, Woodford

In respect of plan no. DC078432 for the construction of two dwellings and associated works at Foden Lane, Woodford,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the application be referred to the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee subject to the imposition of a condition in relation to the provision of mature planting as part of any landscaping scheme and a construction management plan.

(v) DC079402 - 1 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall

In respect of plan no. DC079402 for the Minor Material Amendment to planning permission DC/072502 to facilitate the retention of the shopfront as constructed at 1 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall,

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) That planning permission be granted subject to the inclusion of an informative requesting the applicant to seek building control consent as soon as practicable.

(2) That the Chief Planning Officer be informed of this Area Committee's concern in relation to the current lack of a requirement for accessible access to be provided to commercial premises and requesting that such a requirement be considered as part of the development of the local plan.

6. PLANNING APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to summarise recent appeal decisions; list 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. DAIRYGROUND ROAD/DELFRUR ROAD/SEAL ROAD/FAIRHAVEN CLOSE/GLENEAGLES CLOSE, BRAMHALL

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to detail a proposal to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' traffic regulation orders on Dairyground Road/ Delfur Road/ Seal Road/ Fairhaven Close/ Gleneagles Close, Bramhall following reports that vehicles were parking too close to the junctions and in such a manner to that they were causing safety concerns for all road users and preventing movement of traffic around the junctions.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the package of Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in Appendix A to the report and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders at a cost of £1,350 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bramhall North ward allocation).

8. TURVES ROAD, CHEADLE HULME - INSTALLATION OF POSTS

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to detail a proposal to supply and install 26 wooden posts along the edge of number of grass verges located in Turves Road, Cheadle Hulme in order to protect the grassed area.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport be recommended to give approval to the installation of 26 wooden posts along the edge of number of grass verges located in Turves Road, Cheadle Hulme at a cost of £3,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation).

9. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report 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 included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

It was queried whether any expenditure approved by the Area Committee with regard to the implementation of traffic regulation orders that were not subsequently proceeded with following the receipt of objections would be returned to the Area Committee's budget. In response it was stated that some of the costs approved by the Area Committee would have been in connection with the advertising of the order and such were costs necessarily incurred in discharging the decision of the Committee and therefore could not be returned. However, any element relating to the implementation of physical measures that had not taken place, such as lining, would be returned to the budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm