

## **STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 14 September 2021  
At: 6.00 pm

### PRESENT

Councillor Will Dawson (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Grace Baynham (Vice-Chair); Councillors Lou Ankers, Paul Ankers, Oliver Harrison, Oliver Johnstone, Rory Leonard, Wendy Meikle and John Wright.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 3 August 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 Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Will Dawson	Agenda Item 9 - 'Road Safety Around Schools – Great Moor Primary School' as his child attended the school.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### (i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair stated that it was welcome to see local events starting back up again, such as jumble sales, raffles and church events and encouraged residents to check their local listings to support local community events.

#### (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

One petition was submitted.

Introduce effective traffic calming measures on Kennerley Road

Councillor Grace Baynham reported on the receipt of a petition, signed by 62 signatories, calling on the Council to introduce effective traffic calming and safety measures on Kennerley Road.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to Traffic Services for investigation.

(iv) Open forum - Stockport CAN Funding and Summit 2021

Lisa Wright (Stockport Climate Action Now Team) attended the meeting to report on the Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN) Summit on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and to provide an overview of CAN Funding, a new funding scheme for micro projects intended to directly reduce or mitigate carbon emissions in Stockport.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Concerns were raised that people who were not in constituted groups may lose out on CAN Funding. It was highlighted that CAN Funding differed from Ward Flexibility Funding in that applicants were not required to be part of a constituted group as a prerequisite for applying.
- Members questioned whether the prerequisite for CAN funding to be used on private property could leave the scheme open to abuse and introduce a lack of accountability. In response, it was commented that there was a stipulation that CAN funding must benefit more than one person or household, and that applicants would be required to provide proof of purchase for the costs of their projects.
- Information provided about CAN to schools must be simple so that busy teachers have time to easily digest and then discuss the issues with their students.
- Members requested further guidance on what considerations they should make when deciding on CAN funding applications in the future.
- Members noted that unused CAN funds would be used for other aspects of the CAN project, and consequently suggested that by scrutinising applicants too closely, they would lose out as they would not retain the funding within their locality.
- In only providing capital funds for a single year to the Area Committee, the CAN project may not actually encourage sustainability on climate issues.
- CAN funding may encourage small, positive changes that are driven by local communities.

RESOLVED – (1) That Lisa Wright be thanked for her attendance.

(2) That the Chair write to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport to appraise her of the Area Committees position on this issue.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding

There were no applications to consider.

## **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](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 Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC081937 - 203 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC081937 for a domestic two-storey side gable extension with single-storey extension at rear at 203 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove,

a member of the public spoke against the application; and

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

It was then

MOVED AND SECONDED - That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit in view of the Area Committee's concerns with regard to the impact of the proposed development on the streetscene and the residential amenity of neighbouring properties.

AMENDMENT MOVED AND SECONDED – That planning permission be granted.

For the amendment 5, 4 abstentions.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

It was then

RESOLVED – (5 for, 4 abstentions) That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC073489 - Brook Vale Farm, Bean Leach Road, Offerton, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC073489 for the retention of static caravan for residential use in connection with Brook Vale Farm at Brook Vale Farm, Bean Leach Road, it was

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

## **6. APPEAL DECISIONS, CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENTS**

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report (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 Stepping Hill Area Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **7. REPORT OF POLLING STATION CHANGE 2021**

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to provide an overview of a review by the Elections Office of the polling station arrangements in all wards following the 6th May 2021 Local and Combined Authority Mayoral Elections.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members noted that Trinity Methodist Church was potentially being sold so could be looked at again in the future as a potential polling station.
- It was confirmed that the only changes to polling stations within the remit of the Area Committee were those proposed in Stepping Hill ward and as identified in the report..

RESOLVED – That the Chief Executive be recommended to give approval to the proposed changes to the polling station arrangements as detailed in the report.

## **8. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (BUXTON ROAD, HAZEL GROVE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2021**

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a joint report of the Strategic Head of Service and Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an objection received to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Buxton Road, Hazel Grove.

RESOLVED – That in the light of the objections received, the order be amended as follows:-

No Waiting At Any Time

Buxton Road

North Easterly side from a point 8 metres North West of the projected boundary line between No's 91 & 93 for a distance of 10 metres in a North Westerly direction.

## **9. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL - GREAT MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Great Moor Junior and Infant Schools and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; bollards; and new school warning signs.

The representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) reported that Appendix A to the report which detailed the schedule of proposed traffic regulation orders had been omitted from the published agenda, and consequently the committee was advised that it would not be possible for approval to be given to the scheme at the meeting.

RESOLVED – (8 for, 1 against) That consideration of the item be deferred until the next meeting of the Area Committee.

## **10. NEWBY ROAD, HAZEL GROVE**

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on part of Newby Road in Hazel Grove.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was commented that the removal of parking spaces would improve road safety but could encourage less caution and more speeding amongst drivers.
- Members noted that they were happy to support these measures, as they had been requested by residents including through a petition.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertisement of the following Traffic Regulation Orders 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 £700 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Stepping Hill ward allocation):-

### No Waiting at Any Time:

#### Newby Road

North Easterly side from a point 10 metres North West of the North Westerly kerb line of Arnside Avenue for a distance of 51 metres in a North Westerly direction and to tie-in with existing.

South Westerly side from a point 15 metres South East of the (projected) South Easterly kerb line of Arnside Avenue in a North Westerly direction for a distance of 79 metres and to tie-in with existing.

## **11. 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) providing an update on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailing the current position on area flexibility funding. The report also included the current position on the highway and traffic management delegated budget.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Members requested a report on parking on Lake Street at the next meeting.
- Members requested an update on progress with regard to the traffic regulation orders on Hazelwood Road.
- Discussion of the Stepping Hill Travel Plan was suggested as a more regular item for the Area Committee, to ensure that there was oversight of the parking situation around the hospital.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.34 pm