

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 21 October 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Kerry Waters (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Laura Clingan (Vice-Chair); Councillors Sheila Bailey, Becky Crawford, Dickie Davies, Philip Harding, Andy Sorton, Charlie Stewart, Wendy Wild, Elise Wilson and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 16 September 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 they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

No announcements were made.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Ian Ashenden attended the meeting to report on neighbouring policing issues within the Central Stockport area.

Members were advised of the following:-

- Operation Treacle on halloween and bonfire night
- the number of robberies and anti-social behaviour perpetrated by young people on mopeds
- crime prevention work in the area.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- an update was provided on the actions the Police had taken regarding anti-social behaviour on Davenport Playing Fields and the problems caused by off-road bikes.
- dangerous driving in the vicinity of Bexhill Road, Adswood was raised.

- the issue of two wheeled vehicles and the criminal acts that were committed on them – both off-road bikes and mopeds – continued to be a major cause of concern for residents. A Member enquired what the current Police policy was with regard to removing people from the off-road bikes and mopeds whilst they were in motion.
- With regard to the reporting of crime figures, a Member enquired if crimes against women could be reported separately locally rather than grouped together. Gender based violence was a major issue and the issue was whether reporting the gender of the victim in crime updates would help identify the size of the problem.
- It was requested that Cheadle Heath Park and Alexandra Park were included within the scope of Operation Treacle.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Ian Ashenden be thanked for his attendance.

(iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public were invited to put questions to the Chair of the Area Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Area Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

A question was submitted referring to the mural on the side of a building on Lower Hillgate entitled 'Industry' which had been painted in 1983 and the questioner enquired why metalwork for a new building had been bolted on top of it.

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Services) reported that Planning Officers had advised him that the mural in question was on the north facing gable of 89 Lower Hillgate (currently in use as an outdoor clothes and equipment shop called Base Camp) adjacent to what was until recently a vacant plot of land.

Planning permission was granted in 2015 for development of that plot of land – planning permission reference: DC/056739. The description of development was 'Erection of a mixed use four storey office / residential building on land at the corner of Wesley Street and Middle Hillgate.' The decision to grant planning permission had been made by Officers using delegated powers. No public objections had been received.

That planning permission was now being implemented and the building's steel frame has been erected. The development was also the subject of a 'live' planning application to vary a number of conditions attached to the planning permission (ref: DC/082551). That variation application was still being considered by Officers.

When granting the original permission in 2015, Officers were aware that the mural would no longer be visible if the development were to proceed. The mural was now faded and barely legible.

RESOLVED – That a written response be sent to the questioner.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

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 and 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/planning. 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 & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/078265 - 6-16 Lower Hillgate, Stockport; DC/078266 - 1-3 Lower Hillgate, Stockport; DC/078286 - 29-35 Little Underbank, Stockport and DC/078287 - Land at Churchgate, Stockport

In respect of:-

DC/078265 – 6-16 Lower Hillgate, Stockport

Demolition of the existing building and erection of a new mixed-use building, 14 apartments (floors 2-4) with flexible Use Class E floorspace excluding hot food and restaurant uses at a ground floor level.

DC/078266 – 1-3 Lower Hillgate, Stockport

Erection of a new mixed-use building providing 6 affordable residential units (floors 2-4) with flexible Use Class E floorspace excluding hot food and restaurant uses at a ground floor level.

DC/078286 – 29-35 Little Underbank, Stockport

Demolition of the existing building and erection of a new mixed-use building providing 12 residential units (floors 2-4) with flexible Use Class E floorspace excluding hot food and restaurant uses at a ground floor level.

DC/078287 – Land at Churchgate, Stockport

Erection of a mixed-use building containing 50 residential apartments (4 x studios, 40 x 1 beds, 6 x 2 beds) with flexible Use Class E floorspace excluding hot food and restaurant uses at an upper ground floor level and provision of Public Open Space.

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the applications

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee Visiting Team be recommended to visit the site given the nature of the schemes and their location within the heart of the historic core of the town centre in order to fully appreciate the sites and development proposals within their context.

(ii) DC/078965 - Land At Welkin Road, Stockport

In respect of plan no. 78965 for the installation and operation of a battery energy storage system on land at Welkin Road, Stockport

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application

It was then

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

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Services) 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 Central Stockport Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (CHARLES STREET, HEAVILEY) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2020

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out an objection to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order at Charles Street, Heaviley.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the following amended Traffic Regulation Order:-

Traffic Regulation Order Schedule to be Rescinded:

Prohibition of Waiting at Charles Street North West side - from a point 10 metres of the north westerly kerbline with the junction of Fedora Close for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction following the kerb line into Fedora Close. Charles Street from a point 10 metres of the north easterly kerbline with the junction of Fedora Close for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction following the kerb line into Fedora Close. Charles Street, south west side - from a point 63 metres of the south westerly kerbline with the junction of Gatsby Crescent for a distance of 35 metres in an easterly direction following the kerb line into Gatsby Crescent.

Revoke No Waiting At Any Time Charles Street north west side - from a point 66 metres of the north westerly kerbline of Charles Street for a distance of 24 metres in an easterly direction to a point 10 metres from the north easterly kerbline with the junction of Christie Street. Charles Street, south east side from a point 66 metres of the south westerly kerbline of Charles Street for a distance of 24 metres in an easterly direction to a point 10 metres from the north easterly kerbline with the junction of Christie Street.

Part II. Traffic Regulation Order Schedule to be Approved:

Revoke No Waiting At Any Time:

Charles Street – North west side from the westerly kerbline of Christie Street for a distance of 123 metres in a south westerly direction.

Charles Street – South east side from the westerly kerbline of Christie Street for a distance of 90 metres in a south westerly direction.

Introduce No Waiting At Any Time:

Charles Street – North west side from the westerly kerbline of Christie Street for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction and from a point 10 metres north east of the north easterly kerbline of Fedora Close to a point 5 metres south west of the south westerly kerbline of Fedora Close.

Charles Street – South east side from the westerly kerbline of Christie Street for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction and from a point 10 metres north east of the north easterly kerbline of Gatsby Crescent to a point 10 metres south west of the south westerly kerbline of Gatsby Crescent.

Fedora Close – Both sides from the north westerly kerbline of Charles Street for a distance of 5 metres in a north westerly direction.

Gatsby Crescent – Both sides from the south easterly kerbline of Charles Street for a distance of 12 metres in a south easterly direction.

Christie Street – East side from the south easterly kerbline of Charles Street for a distance of 7 metres in a northerly direction.

8. CANTERBURY ROAD AREA, OFFERTON - 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out proposals to consolidate the 20mph speed limit on Canterbury Road and surrounding streets in Offerton.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to measures to expand the coverage of the existing 20mph speed limit repeater signage and road markings on Canterbury Road, between Hall Street and Turncroft Lane, and the surrounding streets in Offerton, with a particular emphasis on Canterbury Road and Glebe Street which provide a straight corridor between Hall Street and Turncroft Lane (as shown on drawing number NM18-6359 attached to the report) at an approximate cost of £1,300 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Manor Ward allocation).

9. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - BRIDGE HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Bridge Hall Primary School and sought approval for the implementation of a footway build-out with associate dropped kerbs with tactile paving; pencil bollards; access protection markings, new school warning signs, signpost painting and provision of additional road markings.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Bridge Hall Primary School, as shown on drawings 0305/51/BH/001 Rev A and 0305/51/BH/002 Rev A attached to the report, to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools programme budget allocation. The proposals included:-

- a footway build-out at the existing uncontrolled crossing on Siddington Avenue to improve visibility for pedestrians;
- replacement of existing bollards at the junction of Siddington Avenue/ Cuddington Crescent with pencil bollards to highlight to drivers that children will be crossing the road;
- relining of the existing road markings at the Siddington Avenue/ Cuddington Crescent junction;
- provision of school warning signs on Siddington Avenue;
- provision of access protection markings on Cuddington Crescent at properties with dropped kerbs;
- provision of kerb blips on Cuddington Crescent to reinforce the existing No Loading restrictions (8am – 5pm Monday to Friday);
- existing sign posts on Cuddington Crescent to be painted to highlight the school entrance; and
- an upgrade of the school warning signage on Adswood Road including provision of 'School 20 When Lights Show' signage to encourage vehicles to slow down at school times.

10. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around St. Ambrose Catholic Primary School and sought approval for the implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; road markings and new school warning signs.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the Road Safety around Schools scheme around St. Ambrose Catholic Primary School, as shown on the drawings attached to the report, to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools programme budget allocation. The proposals included:-

- an upgrade of the school warning signage on Adswood Road including provision of 'School 20 When Lights Show' signage to encourage vehicles to slow down at school times;
- provision of 'SLOW' road markings on Adswood Road;
- provision of a new school warning sign on Roslyn Road;
- provision of dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the vehicular entrance to the school on Rostrevor Road to assist pedestrians; and
- provision of hatching at the junction of Roslyn Road and Rostrevor Road to encourage vehicles to slow down when turning left from Roslyn Road.

11. STALLED SITES UPDATE - EDGELEY AND CHEADLE HEATH

A representative of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on stalled developments in the Edgeley and Cheadle Heath area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

12. ONE STOCKPORT FROGS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance and Monitoring Officer) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) providing the Area Committee with an update on One Stockport frogs and to seek the authorisation of the Area Committee Delegated Budget towards the costs.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to :-

- (i) the allocation of £400 from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Edgeley & Cheadle Heath ward allocation) for the outstanding balance of the 'Sunshine Frog' that had been located on Castle Street, Edgeley.
- (ii) the allocation of £2,400 from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Manor Ward allocation) for the full cost of the 'Park Frog' that had been located in Woodbank Park.

(2) That the thanks of the Area Committee be extended to Stockport County Football Club for contributing £2,000 towards the sponsorship costs of the 'Sunshine Frog' on Castle Street, Edgeley (Edgeley & Cheadle Heath Ward); sponsorship costs of £2,400 provided by Stephenson's towards the 'Resilience Frog' in Cale Green Park (Davenport & Cale Green Ward) and sponsorship costs of £2,400 provided by Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd towards 'Glow Frog' outside First House, Brinnington (Brinnington & Central Ward).

13. PARK EVENT APPLICATION: WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK STOCKPORT 10 EVENT - 12 DECEMBER 2021

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive (copies of which had been circulated) setting out an application from the Stockport Harriers & Athletic Club to use Woodbank Memorial Park for its running event on 12 December 2021.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Harriers & Athletic Club to use Woodbank Memorial Park for a running event on 12 December 2021, subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place and this being confirmed to the Ward Councillors.

14. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal and Democratic Governance) 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 Ward Flexibility Funding. The report also included the current position on the Area Committee's Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm