

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 April 2023

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Suzanne Wyatt (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Frankie Singleton (Vice-Chair); Councillors Brian Bagnall, Helen Foster-Grime, Mark Hunter, Mike Hurleston and Ian Powney.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 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.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

Councillor

Interest

Mike Hurleston

Item 4 (vii) 'Ward Flexibility Funding - Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club' as a former coach at Mountfield Rovers

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee announced that:-

- Greater Manchester NHS Integrated Care Team had recently launched a Stockport Neighbourhood & Prevention workshop focusing on a new model of care, recognising the importance of individual factors such as education, housing, employment and environment in caring for the local community. The first workshop had been held on 21 January and had received good attendance from a range of organisations. Members were encouraged to pass along nominations to participate in the workshop, or to attend themselves.

(ii) Public Question Time

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

3 public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the usage of pesticides by Stockport Council in the local area, and the potentially negative impact that this could have on local wildlife.

In response, the Chair reported that officers had responded that Stockport, in common with many Local Authorities, used glyphosates to control weed growth on the highway network, parks, and cemeteries and in specialist applications such as the control of Japanese knotweed. It was noted that glyphosate was subject to regular testing, which indicated that it was less toxic than common household products such as instant coffee, and that the cumulative effects of its usage would be minimal as it was not a persistent herbicide.

- Alerting members to the ongoing bird nesting season in Stockport, and requesting that planning officers do not allow developers to cut back any hedges and trees

In response, the Chair reported that officers had responded that it was common for planning conditions to include a prevention from cutting back hedges and trees during nesting season from 1 March to 31 August. It was noted that the condition allowed for some works to take place, but only when a competent person had visited the site and determined that no birds would be harmed, or that appropriate protections were in place to protect birds nesting on the site.

- Relating to the ability of local residents to attend area committee meetings and requesting that public questions where the questioner could not attend the meeting should be asked and responded to at the meeting.

In response, the Chair expressed regret that the public question process had been perceived as secretive by the questioner. It was commented that Stockport was one of only a small number of Councils which offered a public question time, and further noted that it was standard procedure at Area Committees and Full Council meetings for questions to be responded to in writing should the questioner be unable to attend the meeting to hear the response in person.

(iii) Petitions

A petition was presented on behalf of residents of the New House Farm Estate, calling on the Council to refuse an ongoing application for the installation of a 5G mast on a popular local green space area, and to consult local residents on an alternative location for the installation.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to Planning for investigation.

(iv) Open Forum

A representative of the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) reported that no organisations had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Autisk

A representative of Autisk attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of hosting a free community family event for the King's Coronation on such a historic day to bring the community together to have fun, enjoy the coronation service and celebrations and create memories that will last forever.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Autisk for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 each from the Bramhall North, Bramhall South & Woodford and Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of hosting a free community family event for the King's Coronation on such a historic day to bring the community together to have fun, enjoy the coronation service and celebrations and create memories that will last forever.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Bramhall in Bloom

A representative of Bramhall in Bloom attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of hiring holostars/hanging baskets planted with various brightly coloured plants for Summer 2023 in addition to planting up the plots and containers that we continue to maintain.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Bramhall in Bloom for a grant of £2,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£750 from Bramhall North and £1250 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of hiring holostars/hanging baskets planted with various brightly coloured plants for Summer 2023 in addition to planting up the plots and containers that we continue to maintain.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club

A representative of Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of purchasing a large storage shed/container to be situated, either behind the Village Club in a secure area there or at Bramhall High School.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application received from Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£500 each from Bramhall North and Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation)s towards the cost of purchasing a large storage shed/container to be situated, either behind the Village Club in a secure area there or at Bramhall High School.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC

A representative of Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of providing refreshments (coffee and sandwiches) during and after physical activities including walking with walking with litter picks in local green spaces, weekly squash and tennis sessions for all of the Stockport LGBTQIA+ community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Stockport LGBT+ Centre CIC for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 each from Bramhall North, Bramhall South & Woodford and Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of providing refreshments (coffee and sandwiches) during and after physical activities including walking with walking with litter picks in local green spaces, weekly squash and tennis sessions for all of the Stockport LGBTQIA+ community.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Social Events Activities

A representative of the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted an application received on behalf of Social Events Activities towards the cost of promoting the social side of the group by purchasing paper, printer ink, receipt books, stamps, making telephone calls and taking photographs.

RESOLVED – That the application be deferred until a later meeting of the Area Committee which could be attended by the applicant.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Avro Heritage Museum

A representative of Avro Heritage Museum attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant from the Ward Flexibility Budget towards the cost of purchasing a blue plaque to recognise the contribution to aircraft design, development and construction of men and women at Woodford.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Avro Heritage Museum for a grant of £766.20 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation only) towards the cost of purchasing a blue plaque to recognise the contribution to aircraft design, development and construction of men and women at Woodford.

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 Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/086482 - Flora Cottage, 438 Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1QS

In respect of plan no. DC/086482 for the demolition of Existing Outbuildings to erect 3 detached Single Storey Dwellings with the Retention of the Existing Flora Cottage. Single storey extension to Flora Cottage following demolition of existing conservatory at Flora Cottage, 438 Chester Road, Woodford, it was

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

(ii) DC/087683 - 75 Newlands Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 6NE

In respect of plan no. DC/087683 for a single storey rear extension, external alterations including modifications to front porch, conversion of garage, pitched roof over existing two storey side extension, alterations to driveway and boundary treatments at 75 Newlands Avenue, Cheadle Hulme,

a member of the public spoke against the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit to assess the angling of the proposed development with the neighbouring property and the impact of the proposed development on the street scene and residential amenity.

(iii) DC/087687 - 130 Moor Lane, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1PJ

In respect of plan no. DC/087687 for the two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension at 130 Moor Lane, 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.

6. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance 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 Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE AND LOCAL INITIATIVE REPORT - CONWAY ROAD, CHEADLE HULME

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) outlining a proposed highway maintenance scheme on Conway Road, Cheadle Hulme.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the following maintenance scheme and authorises the Director of Place Management to order the work, to be funded through a part contribution cost of £10,000 from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation).

Cheadle Hulme South Ward

Conway Road, Cheadle – Carriageway Resurfacing from Turves Road to Llanberis Road.

8. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER & MOVING TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - WOODFORD GARDEN VILLAGE, WOODFORD

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the findings of a consultation exercise and seeking approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order and Moving Traffic Regulation Order within Woodford Garden Village, Woodford.

Members welcomed the proposals, noting that they had been a longstanding request from members and residents, and thanked officers for their diligence in preparing the work.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Leisure Services be requested to give approval to the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order as set out in Appendix A and the Moving Traffic Regulation Order as set out in Appendix B of the report and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders to be funded by way of developer contribution.

9. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - NO WAITING AT ANY TIME & NO LOADING MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM-5PM

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order, No Waiting at Any Time and No Loading Monday to Friday 9am-5pm on Duke Avenue, Cheadle Hulme.

Members noted that Duke Avenue would soon fall under the remit of Cheadle Area Committee, following the implementation of proposed Ward Boundary changes in May 2023. Consequently, it was considered more suitable for the item to be considered by Cheadle Area Committee as any subsequent objections reports would be submitted to the Committee following the election.

RESOLVED – That the item be referred to Cheadle Area Committee.

10. RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME - MAPLE ROAD, BRAMHALL

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a desk-top study of the parking availability on Maple Road, Bramhall, following the receipt of a petition from the residents.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- It was commented that the parking issues on Maple Road had been raised with Members by the residents.
- It was noted that, since a petition in relation to the scheme had been presented to the Area Committee, work had been done to replace parking lines and signage on the road, as well as to put white junction protections in place which had eased some of the local parking issues.
- The view was expressed that a full scheme to solve the parking issues could cost upwards of £20,000.
- Overall, Members were in favour of approving the initial work to investigate the feasibility and cost effectiveness of a full parking scheme.

RESOLVED – That approval be given for further investigation and consultation work into a proposed resident parking scheme on Maple Road, Bramhall to be funded at a cost of £4,000 from Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Bramhall South ward allocation).

11. THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (HURSTHEAD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS, CHEADLE HULME) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (RESTRICTION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING) AND (REVOCATION) ORDER 2023 – OBJECTION REPORT

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an objection made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for Yew Tree Park Road, Kirkstead Road, Romsey Drive, Sawley Drive and Fountains Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport.

Members noted that the points raised within the objection outlined in the report did not raise any issues which had not previously been taken into consideration by the Area Committee, and consequently sought to proceed with the making of the Traffic Regulation Orders as originally advertised.

RESOLVED – That, notwithstanding the objection, the Traffic Regulation Orders for Yew Tree Park Road, Kirkstead Road, Romsey Drive, Sawley Drive and Fountains Road, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport be made as originally advertised.

12. EXTINGUISHMENT OF A SECTION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 16 HAZEL GROVE AND BRAMHALL UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 AND UPGRADE OF A SECTION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH 16 HAZEL GROVE TO

**BRIDLEWAY STATUS AND CREATION OF TWO FURTHER SECTIONS OF
BRIDLEWAY UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

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

13. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) 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.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm