

CENTRAL STOCKPORT AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 20 April 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Laura Clingan (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Matt Wynne (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Dickie Davies, Sue Glithero, Louise Heywood, Georgia Lynott,
Charlie Stewart, Kerry Waters and Wendy Wild.

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 subject to the following:

- Item 4 (iii), Neighbourhood Policing – ‘Inspector Pickton’ being amended to correctly read ‘Inspector Picton’.
- Item 6, Planning Appeals, Enforcement Appeals and Notices – Enforcement Notice Served ‘Wellington Road South’, report to be amended to reflect the current position and to be re-circulated to the Committee.

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

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed the Central Stockport residents regarding Community NHS Leaders relating to a call for ‘Community NHS Leaders’ to work closer with community leaders in the various neighbourhoods across the borough.

(ii) Public question time

There were no public questions.

(iii) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(iv) Open forum - St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

Tim Bowman (Director of Education) attended the meeting to provide an update on the proposed closure of St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School. He informed the meeting that a decision was taken by the Diocese on 14 March 2023 to end the consultation of the school closure, as they had changed their minds regarding converting the school into Academy Trust.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

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 Democratic Services Manager outlined the procedure approved by the Council for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/085817 - Seaton House, 61 Wellington Street, Stockport, SK1 3AD

In respect of application DC/085817 for the conversion and extension of the existing Seaton House, together with the construction of a new building to the rear to provide 35 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated partial demolition, access, parking and landscaping.

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.

(ii) DC/087393 - Edward Street, Stockport, SK1 3DQ

In respect of application DC/087393 for the variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: DC/073782 for a revised design and access solution and reduction in number of dwellings to 131 from 133.

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 APPEALS, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND NOTICES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance 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.

The following comments/issues were raised:

- Regarding 30 Hampstead Lane this was actually for the Stepping Hill Area Committee.
- Regarding 12 Ravenoak Road this was also for the Stepping Hill Area Committee.
- Regarding 287 Wellington Road South. Members were advised that officers had already provided an update via email and a new notice would be served on the new owner.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. UPDATE ON ANTI-SOCIAL PARKING RELATING TO FAST FOOD PREMISES IN STOCKPORT TOWN CENTRE

Emma Stubbs (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods, Stockport Council) attended the meeting, along with two representatives from McDonalds, to provide an update on anti-social parking at McDonalds, Wellington Road.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- A parking marshal was now working on site from 8:30 hours to 11:30 hours during peak times to monitor parking.
- Concern was expressed regarding the opening of the second exit which was also causing issues to the traffic flow. In response, it was stated that the car parking marshal would be alerted to these issues and that on site signage would also be considered to assist with vehicles leaving the site.

Thanks were expressed to all involved for the steps taken to resolve and monitor the issues.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8. STOCKPORT COUNTY MATCH DAY PARKING AND EDGELEY RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance provided the following update on Stockport County Football Club's expansion plans, match day parking and the ongoing work to alleviate pressures on the existing Edgeley Resident Parking Scheme and issues of commuter parking in the area:

- Stockport County were continuing to liaise with local land-owners to explore more options on potential sites for match day car parking, working with the Council to identify any parcels of land that they have ownership of near the train station area on Match Days. The use of the Bergara Close Coach Compound was still working well but County were keen to adapt the area to help with the egress of fans. This discussion was ongoing with the relevant officers of the Council. There were currently no further updates on the stadium expansion plans. Civil Enforcement Officers continue to monitor on Match days and approximately 45 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued on Match Days since the beginning of March 2023.

The Chair proposed that the update provided by Stockport County Football Club be noted and that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Committee when a more detailed update could be provided.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- an update on the parking survey be circulated to members by email; and
- that a representative of the Highways Team be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to provide an update.

RESOLVED – (1) that the update be noted;

(2) that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Committee when a more detailed update could be provided;

(3) that an update on the parking survey be circulated to members by email; and

(4) that a representative of the Highways Team be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee to provide an update.

9. PARK USE APPLICATION - WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK - ADVENTURE WORLD INFLATABLE EVENT

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Inflatable Adventure World Ltd to hold an Inflatable Activity Weekend at Woodbank Memorial Park on 16th and 17th September from 10:30 until 17:30, with access to the site required from Thursday 14th September and vacating on 17th September.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Inflatable Adventure World Ltd to hold an Inflatable Activity Weekend at Woodbank Memorial Park on 16 and 17 September 2023 from 10:30 hours until 17:30 hours (with access to the site from 14 September and vacating on 17 September), subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the Council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

10. PARK USE APPLICATION - WOODBANK MEMORIAL PARK - INFLATABLE FUN WEEKEND EVENT

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from JK Events to hold an Inflatable Fun Weekend event at Woodbank Memorial Park on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July at 11:00 until 17:30, accessing the site on 30th June and vacating 2nd July.

RESOLVED – That approval be given approval to an application from JK Events to hold an Inflatable Fun Weekend event at Woodbank Memorial Park on Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July 2023 from 11:00 until 17:30 hours (accessing the site on 30 June and vacating 2 July), subject to all appropriate paperwork and licences being obtained and submitted to the council at least one week prior to the event taking place.

11. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and 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. The report also set out the latest position on the ward flexibility funding and delegated budgets.

Councillor Wynne requested that the Manor Ward Councillors consider a decision on the outstanding Ward Flexibility Funding application relating to the Alexandra Skatepark Association, as the applicant was in attendance at the meeting and had asked that it be considered as soon as practicable.

RESOLVED – (1) that the report be noted; and

(2) that Manor Ward Councillors be asked to consider the outstanding Ward Flexibility Funding application for the Alexandra Skatepark Association as soon as practicable.

12. PARK USE APPLICATION - AMENDMENT TO THE SOUNDS OF THE SUMMER PARK APPLICATION

A representative of the Director for Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an amendment to the application considered and approved at the Central Stockport Area Committee meeting 9 March 2023, specifically, to enable the vendors to sell food and drink, including alcohol, for the duration of the performances.

RESOLVED – That approval be approval to an amendment to the application considered and approved at the Central Stockport Area Committee meeting 9 March 2023, specifically, to enable the vendors to sell food and drink, including alcohol, for the duration of the performances.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm