

## **CHEADLE AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 20 June 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Graham Greenhalgh, Yvonne Guariento, Anna Charles-Jones, Ian Hunter, Jilly Julian, Carole McCann, David Meller, Tom Morrison and Catherine Stuart.

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Yvonne Guariento be elected Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Councillor Yvonne Guariento (Chair) in the chair

### **2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Carole McCann be elected Vice Chair of the Area Committee for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:

#### Personal interests

#### Councillors

#### Interest

Jilly Julian

Agenda item 7(ix) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Cheadle Parish PCC' as Councillor Julian holds her surgeries at St Cuthbert's Church, Cheadle.

Anna Charles-Jones,  
Catherine Stuart and  
Carole McCann

Agenda item 7(x) 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers Association' as members of the Heald Green and Long Lane Rate Payer's Association. Additionally, Councillor Carole McCann declared a personal interest as a Committee Member of the Heald Green Christmas Committee.

Personal and prejudicial interest

Councillor

Interest

Catherine Stuart

Agenda item 8(ii) 'DC/087757 – 59 Thornton Road, Heald Green' as owner of the property. Councillor Stuart left the meeting for the duration of consideration and determination of the item of business.

**5. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

**6. 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) updating the Area Committee on progress on decisions taken by the Area Committee since the last meeting, as well as the current position as to the area flexibility and the delegated budgets.

It was noted that Preesall Avenue fell under a different ward boundary, and therefore, Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

(i) Chair's announcements

No announcements were made.

(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.

A public question was asked in relation to the use of emergency services vehicle lights and sirens during early hours of the morning on Edgeley Road, Cheadle Heath. It was advised that the police would respond to the questioner.

A statement was made in relation to agenda item 16 'Tree Preservation Order 329-351 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green'.

Two public questions relating to ward flexibility funding had been submitted electronically prior to the meeting and were read aloud by the Clerk. The questioners were to receive written responses in due course.

(iii) Neighbourhood policing

Inspector Martin Baker (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 Cheadle Area Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:

- The update included but was not limited to, concerns around off-road bikes, Speedwatch and anti-social behaviour (ASB).
- Issue relating to anti-social behaviour and off road bikes continued, and people were urged to pass along information about the whereabouts of stored bikes to the police. Further, intelligence gathered from partner agencies as to the potential whereabouts of stored bikes was proving to be useful.
- Communications urging people to be safe around water were due to be released following the death of a young girl who had drowned in open water in a nearby borough.
- An increase in anti-social behaviour was expected over the summer months. Operation 'Safer Summer' was due to be launched to support work to prevent ASB around this particular time.
- It was asked that updates relating to neighbourhood policing in Cheadle Heath be brought to future meetings of the Area Committee in light of boundary changes.
- It was queried as to whether members could do anything to help kick-start the Speedwatch campaign. Inspector Baker was keen to progress the campaign, and would raise the matter with the Superintendent.

RESOLVED – That Inspector Baker be thanked for his attendance.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Ward Flexibility Funding - Chads Theatre Company

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Chads Theatre Company for a total grant of £1,000 (£100 from Cheadle & Gatley, £200 from Cheadle Hulme North and £100 from Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of a defibrillator and an evacuation chair.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Chads Theatre Company for a grant of £400 (£100 from Cheadle and Gatley, £200 from Cheadle Hulme North and £100 from Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of a defibrillator and an evacuation chair.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company - Cheadle Post

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company – Cheadle Post for an overall grant of £986.40 (£246.60 each from Cheadle & Gatley, Cheadle Hulme North and Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of the distribution of a free, hyperlocal community newspaper designed to inform, inspire and connect local communities.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Drawing Board Productions Community Interest Company – Cheadle Post for an overall grant of £986.40 (£246.60 each from the Cheadle and Gatley, Cheadle Hulme North and Heald Green ward allocations) towards the cost of the distribution of a free, hyperlocal community newspaper designed to inform, inspire and connect local communities.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Cheadle Village Partnership

With the consent of the Area Committee, this item was withdrawn.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Social Events Activities

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Social Events Activities for a total grant of £150 from the Area Committee towards the cost of stationary supplies which included but was not limited to, printer ink, paper, receipt books and stamps to encourage older people to socialise in helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness in Stockport.

It was noted that the application had been deferred from the previous meeting in order to give the applicant the opportunity to provide further information at the request of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance make a final attempt to obtain the additional information requested. If this was unsuccessful, the Area Committee agreed that the application should not be considered further.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Cheadle Parish PCC

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Cheadle Parish PCC for an overall grant of £500 (£200 from the Cheadle and Gatley ward allocation and £300 from the Cheadle Hulme North ward allocation) towards the cost of holding a family fun day in the Diamond Jubilee Park to launch a new parent and toddler group to be held once a week in the church hall.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Cheadle Parish PCC for an overall grant of £500 (£200 from the Cheadle and Gatley ward allocation and £300 from the Cheadle Hulme North ward allocation)

towards the cost of holding a family fun day in the Diamond Jubilee Park to launch a new parent and toddler group to be held once a week in the church hall.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers Association

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers Association for a grant of £470.55 from the Heald Green ward allocation towards the cost of purchasing Christmas tree lights.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application for Ward Flexibility Funding received from Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers Association for a grant of £470.55 from the Heald Green ward allocation towards the cost of purchasing Christmas tree lights.

(xi) Open forum

No organisation had indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the open forum arrangements.

## **8. 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 Corporate & Support Services 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 upon payment of the Council's reasonable charges).

The Clerk outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC085975 Farmers Arms

In respect of application DC/085975 relating to the proposed demolition of vacant public house and development of a single restaurant with drive-thru lane (Class E) at Farmers Arms.

a member of the public spoke in objection to 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 and Highways Regulation Committee for a site visit and subsequent determination. The Area Committee recommended that the application be refused by the committee on the grounds of traffic

concerns within the site (including provision for deliveries and parking), at the junction and on the wider highways network, as well as concerns relating to air quality impact on the wider community, and heritage considerations of the site. Further, the lack of waste provision proposed, and the lack of consultation with the community on the proposed development.

(ii) DC/087757 - 59 Thornton Road, Heald Green

In respect of application DC/087757 relating to the proposed demolition of existing conservatory - replace with traditional construction. Remove low pitched roof over existing rear extension and replace with flat/ mansard roof to suitable pitch (ridge no higher than existing abutment) at 59 Thornton Road, Heald Green.

It was then

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

**9. PLANNING APPEAL, ENFORCEMENT APPEALS AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Corporate and Support Services submitted a report of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance (copies of which had been circulated) listing any outstanding or recently determined planning appeals and enforcements within the area represented by the Cheadle Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**10. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAY SPOKESPERSONS**

RESOLVED – That the following councillors be appointed Ward Spokespersons:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>
Cheadle East and Cheadle Hulme North	Jilly Julian and David Meller
Cheadle West and Gatley	Ian Hunter
Heald Green	Carole McCann

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO THE BROOKFIELD PARK SHIERS FAMILY TRUST SUB COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED – The Area Committee were minded to amend the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub Committee Terms of Reference to increase the membership of the Sub Committee to four councillors, and for Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Ian Hunter, Jilly Julian and Yvonne Guariento to serve on the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub Committee for the municipal year 2023 – 2024. The Area Committee agreed that a report be brought to the next meeting of the Area Committee for member's consideration and in order to confirm the proposed arrangements.

## **12. BROOKFIELD PARK SHIERS FAMILY TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the financial standing of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust. The Area Committee were recommended to adopt the financial accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 and decide upon the policy that they wished to adopt in respect of the distribution of the Trust.

It was suggested that a budget of £10,000 of funding be made available for distribution from the Trust during 2023 – 2024 to ensure that the Trust supported a significant number of good causes within a year period. Thanks were expressed for the way in which the reports were presented.

RESOLVED – The Area Committee has given approval to:

- a) formally adopt the Financial Accounts of the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust for year ending 31 March 2023;
- b) that a budget of £10,000 of funding to be made available for distribution from the Trust during 2023/34;
- c) continue to operate the current investment policies, namely, to maintain the value of the Trust in real terms before considering any distribution and to reinvest the dividends received in relation to the Investment Fund back into that Investment Fund;
- d) continue to receive updates at Area Committee meetings from the Democratic Services Officer on the progression and/ or success of projects which have received a grant from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust;
- e) the proposed dates and times of Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust Sub Committee meetings to be held during the period until the next annual council meeting as per the report; and
- f) the proposal to add the Deputy Section 151 Officer, Jonathan Davies, as Trustee to the Fund for administrative purposes to the Charity Commission website.

**13. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE BROOKFIELD PARK SHIERS FAMILY TRUST - CHIME HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION (RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION)**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted an application received from The Chime Home Owners Association for funding from the Brookfield Park Shiers Family Trust for a total grant of £2,236 towards the cost of the purchase and installation of two benches on Hall Street Green to help reduce loneliness and isolation in the area.

It was suggested that the applicant consider whether 'buddy benches' could help to facilitate conversation.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from The Chime Home Owners Association (Residents Association) for a total grant of £2,236 (£1,118 to be funded by the Brookfield Shiers Family Trust and £372.67 to be funded from each ward's Ward Flexibility Fund budget) towards the cost of the purchase and installation of two benches on Hall Street Green to help reduce loneliness and isolation in the area.

**14. CHEADLE DISTRICT CENTRE ACTION PLACE - UPDATE**

A representative of the Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update of the development of an action plan for creating a strong, vibrant, and healthy Cheadle District Centre.

It was suggested that the team liaise with local groups and the council's conservation officers in relation to the proposed Arts Festival, given that the area is a conservation area. Further, that the team look to utilise the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Town of Culture funding in supporting local projects.

RESOLVED – That the report and partnership approach to developing the Cheadle Action Plan be noted.

**15. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - NO WAITING AT ANY TIME ON PREESALL AVENUE & STALMINE AVENUE, HEALD GREEN**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise, and sought approval for the introduction of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order at appendix A.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order at a cost of £800 (to be funded from the Heald Green Delegated Ward Budget) and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the orders be made:

**Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule**

**No Waiting at Any Time**

**Preesall Avenue – North East Side**



From its intersection with the north westerly kerbline of Stalmine Avenue for a distance of 10 metres in a north westerly direction.

**Preesall Avenue – North East Side**

From its intersection with the south easterly kerbline of Stalmine Avenue for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction.

**Stalmine Avenue – North West Side**

From its intersection with the north easterly kerbline of Preesall Avenue for a distance of 50 metres in a north easterly direction.

**Stalmine Avenue – South East Side**

From its intersection with the north easterly kerbline of Preesall Avenue for a distance of 18 metres in a north easterly direction.

**16. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 329-351 WILMSLOW ROAD, HEALD GREEN**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing objection received to a proposed Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at 329 - 352 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green.

It was noted that local councillors had not received any contact from residents objecting to the TPO.

RESOLVED - The Area Committee noted all Tree Preservation Orders where objections had been considered by officers, and has given approval to:

- a) the recommendations of the Arboricultural Officer and allow the Tree Preservation Order to be confirmed, without amendment; and
- b) that the Arboricultural Officer inform the objectors of the decision.

**17. PARK APPLICATION FOR BRUNTWOOD PARK - EID IN THE PARK**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application received from the Cheadle Muslim Association Welfare Trust to celebrate Eid in Bruntwood Park (in the fields to the north-west beyond the main car park) on Thursday 26th June 2023.

Members were advised that the event was expected to take place on Wednesday 28 June 2023, and not the 26 June. Members were asked to consider the application with the amended date of Wednesday 28 June 2023.

RESOLVED - That the application be granted, as amended, subject to the receipt of all fees and bonds along with all relevant documents, including Public Liability Insurance, Event Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan and appropriate risk assessments.

The meeting closed at 8.54 pm