

STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 1 August 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Pete West (Vice-Chair) in the chair; Councillors Jake Austin, Grace Baynham, Dominic Hardwick, Hibbert, Wendy Meikle, Sharp and Frankie Singleton.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:-

- Under Agenda Item 6(vi) - 'Ward Flexibility Funding – Bosden Farm Community Group' – to the deletion of "(Offerton ward allocation only)".
- Under Agenda Item 13 - 'Nominations to Outside Bodies – Hazel Grove Community Association' – to the deletion of "Councillor Frankie Singleton" and its replacement with "Councillor Dominic Hardwick".

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 interests were declared:-

Personal Interests

Councillor

Interest

Grace Baynham Agenda Item 4(i) – 'Chair's Announcements' as an employee of Stepping Hill Hospital which was referenced as part of the discussion on this item.

Helen Hibbert Plan no. DC087646 for the change of use from Use Class E to Class C3 and the existing offices divided into 3 No. 2 Bed terraced dwelling houses; the erection of single storey rear extension; replacement of existing windows; and proposed doors and windows at 2-6 London Road, Hazel Grove' as a relative of a resident who lived near to the proposed development.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair announced that Stepping Hill Hospital had submitted a draft Travel Plan to the council. Senior officers at the council had met with the hospital to request amendments to the plan in order to bring it in line with council standards.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

It was reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting, although a written update was provided and the Chair drew particular attention to the following matters:

- The Neighbourhood Policing Team had requested members to identify what crime types and data they would like to have featured on reports going forward.
- Members expressed thanks to the police, the council and local residents in dealing with traveller incursions in the Hazel Grove area which had balanced power to direct people to leave the land whilst taking account of their human rights.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

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

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - New Horizons Windows

A representative of Stockport Canal Boat Trust / New Horizons attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £142.86 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of renewing windows, as part of the New Horizons refurbishment, which offers accessible narrowboat cruises.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Canal Boat Trust / New Horizons for a grant of £142.86 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of renewing windows, as part of the New Horizons refurbishment, which offers accessible narrowboat cruises.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Bosden Farm Community Group - Farm Fest

A representative of Bosden Farm Community Group attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £900 towards the cost of organising a FarmFest community

event, including but not limited to market stalls, live music, children's entertainment and a dog show.

RESOLVED - The Area Committee has given approval to an application received from Bosden Farm Community Group for a grant of £900 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of organising a FarmFest community event, including but not limited to market stalls, live music, children's entertainment and a dog show.

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 Deputy Chief Executive 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 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) DC088293 Hazel Grove High School

In respect of plan no. DC088293 for the proposed demolition of existing garages on site; removal of existing tennis/netball courts; erection of a two storey educational facility (use class F1(a)), creation of new vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access and egress off Jacksons Lane; car park with drop off bay; new hard and soft landscaping including a MUGA; erection of PV canopies; and Eastern parcel: erection of replacement tennis/netball courts; fencing; two garages and resurfacing of existing hard standing to create a formal car parking area at Hazel Grove High School,

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

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 impact of the development on the neighbouring properties by virtue of proximity and noise generation.

(ii) DC087646 2-6 London Road, Hazel Grove

In respect of plan no. DC087646 for the change of use from Use Class E to Class C3; existing offices divided into 3 No. 2 Bed terraced dwelling houses.; erection of single

storey rear extension; replacement of existing windows.; and proposed doors and windows at 2-6 London Road, Hazel Grove,

a member of the public spoke against the application.

It was then

RESOLVED - That the Planning and Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission subject to conditions and a Section 106 Agreement.

(iii) DC082329 Rydal Avenue

In respect of plan no. DC082329 for outline planning permission with access and layout to be considered, all other matters reserved, for the erection of 2no. three-bedroom detached dwelling houses (Use Class C3(a)); including associated parking and incidental development at Railway Cottage, 7A Rydal Avenue, Hazel Grove,

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 impact of the development on the neighbouring properties.

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 Stepping Hill Area Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. BRAMHALL MOOR LANE, HAZEL GROVE

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which have been circulated) requesting approval for the cost for lining work (including traffic management) on part of Bramhall Moor Lane in Hazel Grove.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to give approval to the reprofiling of the double yellow lines and supply of SLOW markings Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove at a cost of £2,000 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Norbury and Woodsmoor ward allocation).

8. WOODSMOOR LANE, WOODSMOOR

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 an experimental order for No Waiting at Any time restrictions on Woodsmoor Lane.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the legal advertisement of the following Traffic Regulation Order 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 £760 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Norbury & Woodsmoor ward allocation):-

No Waiting at Any Time (Experimental):

Woodsmoor Lane

South East side, from a point 5 metres North East of the North Eastern kerb line of Claremont Road in a South Westerly direction to a point 5 metres South West of the South Western kerb line of Claremont Road.

North Western side, from a point 10 metres North East of the (projected) North Eastern kerb line of Claremont Road.

9. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 23 OFFERTON ROAD

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which have been circulated) detailing the objections to a Tree Preservation Order at 23 Offerton Road, Hazel Grove.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The tree in question had been evaluated for a Tree Preservation Order applying the council's approved evaluation method.
- The residents at numbers 23 and 25 Offerton Road had an open garden containing many trees and shrubs. The two trees in question were significant in size and had affected the driveway by lifting the bricks.
- It was stated that United Utilities had attended the property due to a blocked drain and had stated that the tree should be removed.
- It was confirmed that if it was found that the trees were impacting on drainage, it was possible for the Tree Preservation Order to be removed.

It was then

MOVED AND SECONDED – That consideration of this matter be deferred pending a report on whether the drainage at 23 Offerton Road was affected by the tree.

For the motion, 4, against 5.

MOTION NOT CARRIED.

It was then

RESOLVED (4 for, 3 against, 1 abstention) – That, notwithstanding the objections received, the Tree Preservation Order at 23 Offerton Road, Hazel Grove be made as advertised.

10. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - BOSDEN FARM FEST 27TH AUGUST 2023

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 application from Bosden Farm Community Group to hold event activities including a Dog Show and Colour Run as part of the larger 'Farm Fest' event at Poise Brook Park & Turnstone Road Play Area on Sunday, 27 August 20

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from Bosden Farm Community Group to hold event activities including a Dog Show and Colour Run as part of the larger 'Farm Fest' event at Poise Brook Park & Turnstone Road Play Area on Sunday, 27 August 2023, 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. WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET

The Assistant Director - Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the creation and administration of a Ward Discretionary Budget to provide each ward with an additional discretionary sum of £10,000 to spend on ward priorities.

The report also detailed the proposed governance arrangements for the making of allocations from the Ward Discretionary Budget and the delegation arrangements for the making of decisions with regard to those proposed allocations.

RESOLVED - (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That Members work with officers to draw up formal costed proposals that have the full support of all Members of the ward for submission to a future meeting of the area committee for recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources.

12. 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 details 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 9.01 am