

BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 19 October 2023

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Suzanne Wyatt (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Ian Powney (Vice-Chair); Councillors Keith Holloway, Mark Hunter, Dallas Jones, Mark Jones, Jeremy Meal and Alex Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 14 September 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 which they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal & Prejudicial Interests

Councillor

Interest

Mark Hunter Agenda Item 4 (viii) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Friends of Bramall Hall and Park’ as a member of Friends of Bramall Hall and Park.

Councillor Hunter left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Mark Jones Agenda Item 9 – ‘Road Safety Around Schools – Queensgate Primary School’ as his grandchildren attended the school.

Councillor Jones left the meeting during the consideration of this item and took no part in the discussion or vote.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

The Chair on behalf of the Area Committee informed residents of the following:-

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- It was announced that a Food & Groove event was scheduled to take place in Bramhall Village Square on 22 October 2023. Furthermore, there was a Halloween event scheduled to take place on 28 October 2023 in Bramhall Village Square.
- Members announced that an Artisans Market was scheduled to take place on 21 October 2023 at Cheadle Hulme precinct.
- Residents were informed that various Christmas events were scheduled to take place during the festive season, including a Christmas light switch-on at Bramhall Hall on 28 November 2023, late-night shopping on 14 December 2023 and community events taking place in Cheadle Sainsbury's.
- It was noted that the Council had renewed the warm spaces initiative, with warm spaces available across the borough, during the winter months. Further information would be provided on the Council's website.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant Matt Delaney (Greater Manchester Police) attended the meeting to answer any questions from Councillors or members of the public in relation to Neighbourhood Policing issues within the area represented by the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- An update on crime statistics and trends in the area was provided. It was reported that residential burglaries were consistently low in the area and burglary crimes had decreased by 23% as a division. Residents were reminded to increase security measures as nights got shorter. In addition, it was reported that a number of successful drug warrants had taken place in the year to date. The team had seen success through targeting low level thefts, which were often linked to drug use. Residents were encouraged to report issues regarding drug and drug-related issues to members, police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. Finally, it was reported that continued work was taking place to tackle anti-social behaviour, with 275 reported incidents in Stockport and 12 in the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South area. It was noted that these figures were the lowest across the division.
- It was reported that a Community Speedwatch scheme was being rolled out across the borough as an effort to tackle on-going speeding issues. Off-road motorbikes continued to present an issue and hot spots were being monitored based on intelligence. It was noted that force review was being undertaken to tackle the situation from a more strategic level.
- It was reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team working with the local community to respond to any incidents, including vigils and rallies, as a result of the conflict between Israel and Hamas. It was stated that lawful and proportionate action would be taken against those who do break the law and any concerned residents should contact the police directly.
- An update was provided on the Right Care Right Person model, with the Police aiming to work effectively with partners to ensure that individuals received the right support from the right areas. It was hoped that this would mean that police could focus on core policing principles.
- Members thanked the local policing team for their work and for resuming the provision of regular updates to the committee and sought clarity on the reported success the police team had recently had with regard to illegal vapes. In response, the police

clarified that there had been a successful action taken against a shop in the town centre illegally supplying vapes. Whilst details could not be provided about ongoing action, there was expected to be further action in the near future with regard to shops selling illegal vapes.

- Members highlighted issues around traffic issues and speeding as areas of particular concern for residents. Members asked whether the police had any comments on the best way to combat the issue. In response, it was stated that Community Speedwatch worked effectively. Once hotspots were identified, officers could be sent to take enforcement action against offenders. Feedback from residents and Members was welcomed in addition to police data to identify areas of concern.
- Members sought clarity around issues around off-road bikes in Woodford Garden Village, with cross-boundary policing arrangements appearing to cause confusion between neighbouring police forces. It was reported that the local team had liaised with Cheshire East police and maintained communication with complainant, with no further instances of the issue being reported.

(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.

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) Open Forum

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance 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 - Cheadle Hulme Garden and Allotment Society

A representative from Cheadle Hulme Garden and Allotment Society attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing winter 2023 and summer 2024 bedding plants to be planted along the main street of Cheadle Hulme, to further strengthen ties with the local community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Cheadle Hulme Garden and Allotment Society for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (Cheadle Hulme South Ward allocation) towards the cost of purchasing winter 2023 and summer 2024 bedding plants to be planted along the main street of Cheadle Hulme, to further strengthen ties with the local community.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Chester's Croft Residents Association

A representative from Chester's Croft Residents Association attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £1000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£500 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £500 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of maintaining their defibrillator, by purchasing replacement pads and batteries.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Chester's Croft Residents Association for a reduced grant of £500 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£500 Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) towards the cost of maintaining their defibrillator, by purchasing replacement pads and batteries.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Bramall Hall and Park

A representative from Friends of Bramall Hall and Park attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £950 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£350 from Bramhall North, £500 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £250 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing new equipment, including vacuum shredders and a wheelbarrow to assist with the maintenance of the park.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Friends of Bramall Hall and Park for a reduced grant of £650 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£400 from Bramhall North and £250 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing new equipment, including vacuum shredders and a wheelbarrow to assist with the maintenance of the park.

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

(i) DC/083007: Land to Rear of 409 Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1QP

In respect of plan no. DC/083007 for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single dwelling with access from Chester Road (outline application with only landscaping reserved for future consideration) on Land to Rear of 409 Chester Road, Woodford, Stockport, it was

RESOLVED – (1) That the resolution of the Area Committee on 14 September 2023 in relation to plan no. DC/083007 to refuse planning permission be rescinded.

(2) That planning permission be refused for the reasons specified in the report.

(ii) DC/087714: Former Armadillo Self-storage, Earl Road, Cheadle Hulme

In respect of plan no. DC/087714 for Class B8 self-storage facility, pump house, sprinkler tank, parking area, landscaping and associated works at the former Armadillo Self-storage, Earl Road, Cheadle Hulme, it was

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 for 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. WOODFORD ROAD, BRAMHALL PETITION

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) which outlined a response to the petition received from residents and business' on Woodford Road, Bramhall with regards to speeding and requesting traffic calming measures.

Members commented that the criteria had not been met for imposing the measures as stated in the report. It was noted that there were other speeding measures being rolled out across the borough which could prove to be more effective.

RESOLVED- That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to take no further action.

8. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' AND NEW BUS CLEARWAY MARKING ON THORNFIELD GROVE/CHEADLE ROAD, CHEADLE HULME

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated), which detailed the findings of a consultation exercise and sought approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) No Waiting at Any Time and Bus Clearway marking on Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme.

RESOLVED- That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation

Orders 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 £1,200 to be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation):-

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schedule

Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme:

Southwest side from its intersection with the northwestern kerb line of Thornfield Grove for a distance of 8 metres in a north westerly direction.

Thornfield Grove, Cheadle Hulme:

Both sides from the intersection of the southwestern kerb line of Cheadle Road for a distance of 17 metres in a south westerly direction.

9. ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - QUEENSGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated), which detailed the findings of a consultation exercise for Road Safety Around Schools – Queensgate Primary School and sought approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and proposals as detailed in the report.

Members commented that as the report would return to committee for consideration in the event of objections from residents, then the report should be approved.

RESOLVED- That approval be given to the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders and, subject to the receipt of no objections within 21 days of the advertisement date, the subsequent making of the orders to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools 2023-24 programme budget allocation:-

'No Waiting at Any Time'

Albany Road (North Arm) / Meadway, (North East side): From a point 10 metres northwest of the projected northwesterly kerb line of Albany Road in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 30 metres.

Albany Road (North Arm)(South West side): From a point 10 metres northwest of its intersection with the northwesterly kerb line of Albany Road to a point 14 metres East of its intersection with the southeasterly kerb line of Albany Road onto Meadway

Albany Road, (Central Arm) (Both Sides): From its intersection with the Southwesterly kerb line of Albany Road and Meadway in a South-Westerly direction for a distance of 10 metres

'No Waiting At Any Time & No Loading' - Monday to Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Albany Road, (South Arm) (East side): From a point 6.8 metres East of its intersection with the Southern kerb line of Albany Road (Central Arm)in a South-Westerly, then Southerly direction for a distance of 40 metres.

'No Waiting & No Loading' - Monday to Friday

8:30 - 9:30am and 2:30 -3:30pm

Albany Road, (South Arm) (East side): From a point 40 metres South of its intersection with the Eastern kerb line of Albany Road (South Arm) in a Southerly direction to include the turning head and then continue in a Northerly direction for a distance of 88.1 metres.

Oakfield Close, (South end) (South-West side): From a point 29 metres South West of its intersection of the Western kerb line of Oakfield Close (West Arm) in a South-Westerly direction including the turning head and continuing in a Northerly direction for a distance of 67 metres.

'No Stopping' - Monday to Friday 8:00am – 5.00pm on School Entrance Markings

Albany Road, (South Arm) (North side): From its intersection with the Northern kerb line of Albany Road (Central Arm) in a North-Westerly direction for a distance of 25.56 metres.

Albany Road, (South Arm)(West side): From the projected Northern kerb (Central Arm) line of Albany Road in a Southerly direction for a distance of 31.56 metres.

Revocation of Existing TRO's

There are some discrepancies between on-site measurements and the measurements within the Consolidation Orders. Where this is the case, the measurement within the Consolidation Order has been provided for all revocations.

REVOCAION of existing static Regulation Orders Albany Road both sides full length.

10. PARK USE APPLICATION - CAROLS IN THE COURTYARD - BRAMHALL PARK

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application from Bramhall Hall to hold their annual Carols in the Courtyard event on Friday, 15 December 2023, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 9:30 pm, with access required from 12:00 pm until 10:30 pm to set up and close down the event.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

11. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO LAY WREATHS AT REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to nominate Councillors to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council at Remembrance Day Services at Bramhall, Cheadle Hulme and Woodford War Memorials on 12 November 2023.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed to lay wreaths on behalf of the Council on Sunday, 12 November 2023:-

Cheadle Hulme War Memorial – Councillor Keith Holloway
Woodford War Memorial – Councillor Jeremy Meal
Bramhall War Memorial – Councillor Alex Wynne

12. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating members on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and detailed the current position on ward flexibility funding and delegated budget.

It was noted that a report on the Ward Discretionary Budget was scheduled to be submitted to next meeting of the Area Committee.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm