

## **BRAMHALL & CHEADLE HULME SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 7 March 2024

At: 6.30 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Suzanne Wyatt (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Helen Foster-Grime, Keith Holloway, Dallas Jones, Mark Jones, Jeremy Meal and Alex Wynne.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interest which 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 residents of the following:-

- It was announced that a market was scheduled to take place in Cheadle Hulme precinct on Saturday, 16 March 2024.
- It was reported that Manchester Rugby Club had launched a crowdfunding campaign to support the cost of providing facilities for young girls to play rugby. Residents were encouraged to contact councillors, or the club, for more information.
- It was announced that Bramhall Day was scheduled to be held in Bramhall Village Square on Saturday, 9 March 2024.

#### (ii) Neighbourhood Policing

It was reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police was unable to attend the meeting due to operational commitments. It was noted that a written update had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The Chair informed the Committee that neighbourhood policing representatives would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Area Committee in April 2024, however welcomed any neighbourhood policing questions or issues to be raised.

Members highlighted the importance of communication with the neighbourhood policing team and requested that a representative of Greater Manchester Police attend the next meeting of the Area Committee.

(iii) 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.

Three public questions were submitted as follows:-

- Relating to the use of glyphosate pesticide in areas of Bramhall and requested that the council rethink the management of grass verges for the benefit of flowering plants and wildlife.

In response, Members expressed their support for the proposal and stated that Members and officers would work alongside local organisations to implement the proposals. It was hoped that a successful implementation could lead to the changes being adopted in the wider area.

- Regarding the re-instatement of a noticeboard on Ravenoak Road.

In response, it was advised that officers were in the process of procuring a new noticeboard.

- Requesting an update in relation to the feasibility study on Bramley Close.

In response, it was advised that further data gathering had been required by officers, which has caused delays to the study as extra consultation was required. Members hoped that an update would be brought to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

(iv) Petitions

No petitions were submitted.

(v) 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.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Housebound Too Scooting

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Housebound Too Scooting for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£50 from Bramhall North and £50 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of arranging a social gathering and fundraiser day to promote mental well-being and to raise the profile of the organisation.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Housebound Too Scooting for a grant of £100 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£50 from Bramhall North and £50 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of arranging a social gathering and fundraiser day to promote mental well-being and to raise the profile of the organisation.

(vii) Ward Flexibility Funding - The Cheadle Hulme Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

A representative of The Cheadle Hulme Afternoon Townswomen's Guild attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £1000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£200 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £800 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards rent costs and hiring speakers, to enhance welfare and social integration amongst women in the local community.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from The Cheadle Hulme Afternoon Townswomen's Guild for a grant of £700 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£200 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £500 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards rent costs and hiring speakers, to enhance welfare and social integration amongst women in the local community.

(viii) Ward Flexibility Funding - Tigers Basketball Club

A representative of Tigers Basketball Club attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 from Bramhall North, £50 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £150 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing basketball kits, training equipment and court hire.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Tigers Basketball Club for a grant of £200 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 from Bramhall North, £50 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £50 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of purchasing basketball kits, training equipment and court hire.

(ix) Ward Flexibility Funding - Samaritans of Stockport & District

A representative of the Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance submitted an application received on behalf of Samaritans of Stockport & District for a grant of £142.86 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£47.62 from Bramhall North, £47.62 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £47.62 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of advertisement and promotion, upgrading infrastructure and the purchase of publicity materials.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Samaritans of Stockport & District for a grant of £142.86 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£47.62 from Bramhall North, £47.62 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £47.62 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of advertisement and promotion, upgrading infrastructure and the purchase of publicity materials.

(x) Ward Flexibility Funding - Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO)

A representative of Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO) attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £300 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£100 from Bramhall North, £100 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £100 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of delivering an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day in the town centre.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Stockport Armed Forces Community Organisation (SAFCO) for a grant of £282.13 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£100 from Bramhall North, £100 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £82.13 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of delivering an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day in the town centre.

(xi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Friends of Bramall Hall & Park

A representative of Friends of Bramall Hall & Park attended the meeting and submitted an application for a grant of £1000 from the Ward Flexibility Budget (£350 from Bramhall North, £350 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £300 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of training and fastening of trees for a community orchard.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to an application from Friends of Bramall Hall & Park for a grant of £1,000 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (£350 from Bramhall North, £350 from Bramhall South & Woodford and £300 from Cheadle Hulme South ward allocations) towards the cost of training and fastening of trees for a community orchard, subject to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources giving approval to a virement from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget.

## **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 Director for Place Management 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. 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 from the Place Directorate upon payment of the council's reasonable charges).

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance (Monitoring Officer) outlined the procedure for public speaking on planning applications.

(i) DC/088368: Land North of Stanley Green Retail Park, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport

In respect of plan no. DC/088368 for the construction of a restaurant (Use Class E/Sui Generis) with associated internal access, car parking, servicing, hard and soft

landscaping, and other associated works at Land North of Stanley Green Retail Park, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport

a member of public spoke against the application; and

a representative of the applicant spoke in support of the application.

It was then

RESOLVED – (1) (5 for, 2 abstentions) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to refuse planning permission in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to the public health risk given the proximity of the school to the site, as well as anti-social behaviour, planned parking capacity, and traffic management concerns.

(2) (5 for, 2 abstentions) That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to undertake a site visit in light of the Area Committee's concerns in relation to traffic management around the site at peak times, and to review the safety of the walking route from the nearby school to the site.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 8:40pm it was*

*RESOLVED - That the meeting be adjourned.*

*The meeting reconvened at 8:48pm.*

## **7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (CONTINUED)**

(i) DC/086006: Pavement O/S 15 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JN

In respect of plan no. DC/086006 for the proposed installation of 1no. new BT Street Hub, incorporating 2no. digital 75" LCD advert screens, plus the removal of 2no. associated BT kiosks at pavement O/S 15 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JN, it was

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(ii) DC/086007: Pavement O/S 15 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JN

In respect of plan no. DC/086007 for 2no. digital 75" LCD display screens, one on each side of the Street Hub unit at pavement O/S 15 Woodford Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1JN, it was

RESOLVED - That planning permission be granted.

(iii) DC/090550: 32 Eskdale Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1DU

In respect of plan no. DC/090550 for the proposed demolition of single-storey conservatory and construction of two-storey rear and side extensions and balcony to the rear with

elevational alterations (re-submission of DC/089930) at 32 Eskdale Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1DU, it was

RESOLVED – That planning permission be granted.

(iv) DC/088501: Land Adjacent To Hall Moss Lane, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1RB

In respect of plan no. DC/088501 for the proposed erection of two dwellings with landscaping and associated works at land adjacent to Hall Moss Lane, Woodford, Stockport, SK7 1RB, it was

RESOLVED – That the Planning & Highways Regulation Committee be recommended to grant planning permission, subject to conditions and the satisfactory completion of a Section 106 Agreement.

(v) DC/090433: Bramhall Golf Club, Ladythorn Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 2EY

In respect of plan no. DC/090433 for the extension to existing veranda and installation of new bicycle store at Bramhall Golf Club, Ladythorn Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 2EY, a representative of the applicant spoke in favour of the application.

It was then

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

## **8. PLANNING APPEALS, 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 Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **9. THE DELIVERY OF BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN THROUGH THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS**

A representative of the Assistant Director Place Making and Planning submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the activities relating to the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain through the Planning and Management process.

Members welcomed the report and commented that it was the aim of the Administration to achieve 100% biodiversity net gain.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **10. INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CHECKLIST FOR THE VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director (Corporate & Support Services) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the proposed re-adoption of the council's Application Validation Checklist (AVC) for the validation of planning applications.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **11. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND THE PLANNING PROTOCOL**

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which set out the proposed changes to the scheme of delegation for the determination of planning applications, alongside a review of the Planning Protocol to ensure that it accurately reflected the long-standing custom and practice in the exercising of planning powers.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was commented that as Area Committees would be relinquishing their involvement in household planning applications, members would like to see management information statistics on the number and nature of applications received and how they were currently processed.
- Members highlighted concerns regarding all residents that may be affected by a planning application being sufficiently notified. It was commented that more action could be taken to raise awareness and give residents the opportunity to comment, as the proposed changes would impact the number of objections required to bring an application before the Area Committee.
- In response, it was commented that the changes related specifically to scheme of delegation, rather than the notification process, however the comments from the Area Committee would be passed to Senior Managers in the team.
- Concerns were raised in relation to the increase in the call-in threshold which would require a minimum of two members under the proposed changes, particularly in wards where all members were not from the same political party.
- It was commented that members could not always provide good planning reasons for the call-up of an application having not had a sufficient level of training. Furthermore, it was highlighted that good planning reasons could take a variety of forms and should not require the member to reference the relevant elements of the policy.
- In response, it was stated that further and more detailed training for members would be considered.
- It was commented that any changes should reflect subsidiarity and must always bring decisions as close to residents as possible at the most local level.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

**12. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER RESIDENTS PARKING PERMIT SCHEME MOSS LANE, BRAMHALL FREE TO PAID PARKING PERMIT SCHEME**

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the findings of a consultation exercise and sought Cabinet Member approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order in the form of Residents Parking Permit Scheme on Moss Lane Bramhall.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services be recommended to give approval to the legal advertising 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 £2,050 to be funded from the general traffic budget:

**Revocation of existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule**

**Residents Permits Holders Only 8am – 7pm**

**Moss Lane – South Side**

From a point 18 metres east of the easterly kerb line of Lees Road for a distance of 71 metres in a north easterly direction.

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**

**Resident Permit Holders Only (Properties 174 – 198 even side only)**

**Moss Lane – South Side**

From a point 18 metres east of the easterly kerb line of Lees Road for a distance of 71 metres in a north easterly direction.

**13. THORN GROVE - ACCESS RESURFACING**

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Governance submitted a report on behalf of the Director of Place Management (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the allocation of £5,800 in Delegated Ward Budget from the Cheadle Hulme South ward to improve accessibility to Thorn Grove Bowling Green.

Members highlighted previous efforts to support Thorn Grove Bowling Green, and praised the great work done by volunteers at the organisation.

RESOLVED – That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to give approval to the use of £5,800 from the Delegated Ward Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation) to allow for the works to resurface the access road to Thorn Grove Bowling Club to proceed.



#### **14. VIREMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE WARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET TO THE WARD FLEXIBILITY FUNDING BUDGET**

A representative of the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining a proposal for the virement of funds from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget.

RESOLVED - That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be recommended to give approval to:-

- (1) A virement of £350 from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Bramhall South & Woodford ward allocation).
- (2) A virement of £350 from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Bramhall North ward allocation).
- (3) A virement of £300 from the Ward Discretionary Budget to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget (Cheadle Hulme South ward allocation).

#### **15. APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARKS**

- (i) Park Use Application - Lumb Lane Mountfield Rovers JFC Funday 13th July 2024

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 Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club to hold their annual Funday on Saturday 13 July 2024 starting at 10:00 until 17:00.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Mountfield Rovers Junior Football Club to hold their annual Funday on Saturday 13 July 2024 starting at 10:00 until 17:00, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

- (ii) Park Use Application - Bramhall Park - Plant Hunters Fair 17 April 2024

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 Friends of Bramhall Park to hold the Plant Hunter Fair in Bramhall Park on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 10:00 until 16:00, with access required from 7:00 to 18:00.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Friends of Bramhall Park to hold their successful Plant Hunter Fair in Bramhall Park on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 10:00 until 16:00, with access required from 7:00 to 18:00, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(iii) Park Use Application - Bramhall Park - Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliette - 30th June 2024

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 Bramall Hall to hold an Open-Air Theatre Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliette event on Sunday 30 June 2024 at 16:00 until 21:00, with access required from 12:00 until 22:00.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Bramall Hall to hold an Open Air Theatre – Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliette on Sunday 30 June 2024 at 16:00 until 21:00, with access required from 12:00 until 22:00, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(iv) Park Use Application - Bramhall Park Duck Race 19/05/2024

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 Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club have to hold their annual Duck Race and Family Fun Day at Bramhall Park on Sunday 19 May 2024 starting at 11:00 until 16:00, with access required from 7:00 until 18:00.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Bramhall and Woodford Rotary Club have to hold their annual Duck Race and Family Fun Day at Bramhall Park on Sunday 19 May 2024 starting at 11:00 until 16:00, with access required from 7:00 until 18:00, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

(v) Park Use Application - Bramhall Park Outdoor Theatre - The secret life of Henry VIII 31/08/2024

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 Bramall Hall to hold their annual Outdoor Theatre – The secret life of Henry VIII event on Saturday 31 August 2024 at 16:00 until 21:00, with access required from 12:00 until 22:00.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Bramall Hall to hold their annual Outdoor Theatre – The secret life of Henry VIII on Saturday 31 August 2024 at 16:00 until 21:00, with access required from 12:00 until 22:00, subject to the event organiser obtaining and providing the relevant paperwork at least 2 weeks prior to the event, including any necessary licences, health and safety documentation, insurance certificates, a satisfactory traffic management plan and the payment of agreed fees and charges.

**16. PROGRESS ON AREA COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

A representative of the Assistant Director – 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 detailing the current position in relation to the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget, Ward Discretionary Budget and Delegated Budget.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm