

STEPPING HILL AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting: 18 June 2024

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillors Jake Austin, Grace Baynham, Will Dawson, Jake Austin, Grace Baynham, Dominic Hardwick, Helen Hibbert, Wendy Meikle and Dan Oliver and Pete West.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jake Austin be appointed 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 16 April 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. 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 Interests

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Jake Austin, Dominic Hardwick and Helen Hibbert	Agenda Item 6(iv) – ‘Ward Flexibility Funding – Hazel Grove Royal British Legion’ as members of Hazel Grove Royal British Legion.
Grace Baynham	Agenda Item 12 – ‘Progress on Area Committee Decisions’ as an employee of Stepping Hill Hospital.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) **Chair's Announcements**

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The Chair announced, with regret, that former councillor, Julian Lewis-Booth had passed away over the weekend. Councillor Lewis-Booth served on the Council between 2015 and 2019 as a member for the Hazel Grove ward, representing the Conservative Party. The Committee held a minute's silence for Councillor Lewis-Booth.

The Chair announced that Council was in the pre-election publicity period up to and including the General Election on 4 July 2024 and reminded the Area Committee that, during that time, the Council cannot be seen to be supporting any political campaigning of any political group or party.

The Chair reminded residents that the deadline to register to vote in the upcoming General Election was midnight on 18 June 2024, and the deadline to apply for a postal vote was 5 pm on 19 June 2024.

The Chair announced that Stockport Armed Forces Day was scheduled to take place in Stockport Town Centre on Saturday, 29 June 2024.

The Chair also announced that Hazel Grove Carnival was scheduled to take place on Saturday, 13 July 2024.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance reported that a representative of Greater Manchester Police had been unable to attend the meeting and a written update had not been circulated in advance of the meeting.

(iii) Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

(iv) Petitions

Members of the public and community groups were invited to submit any petitions.

One petition was submitted by Richard Adams with seven signatures in relation to 'permit parking at 51 to 61 Diamond Street, Heaviley'.

RESOLVED – That the petition be referred to the Director of Place Management for investigation and response.

(v) Open Forum

In accordance with the Code of Practice no organisation indicated that they wished to address the Area Committee as part of the Open Forum arrangements.

(vi) Ward Flexibility Funding - Hazel Grove Royal British Legion

Representatives of Hazel Grove Royal British Legion attended the meeting and submitted an application received on behalf Hazel Grove Royal British Legion for a grant of £983.72

from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of purchasing two Feather Flags to display outside on the day of the Breakfast Club and other promotional events and purchase two Pull-up Banners to display inside the pub and any promotional events and to purchase a portable PA System to use at the Breakfast Club and other RBL events.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application from Hazel Grove – Royal British Legion for a grant of £983.72 from the Ward Flexibility Funding Budget towards the cost of purchasing two Feather Flags to display outside on the day of the Breakfast Club and other promotional events and purchase two Pull-up Banners to display inside the pub and any promotional events and to purchase a portable PA System to use at the Breakfast Club and other RBL events.

7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no development applications to consider.

8. 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; lists current planning appeals and dates for local enquiries; informal hearings for planning appeals, and enforcement action within the Stepping Hill Area Committee area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. PARKS EVENT APPLICATION - KIDS ADVENTURE KINGDOM INFLATABLE WORLD & CHILDRENS RIDES - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 2024

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 the 4 Seasons Event Group to hold a Kids Adventure Kingdom Inflatable World & Childrens Rides at Torkington Park on 24 to 26 August 2024.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an application received from 4 Seasons Event Group to hold a Kids Adventure Kingdom Inflatable World & Childrens Rides at Torkington Park on 24 to 26 August 2024, 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. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Area Committee to appoint representatives of the Council to local Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED – that the following representatives of the Council be appointed to outside bodies for 2024/25

Hazel Grove Community Association

Councillor Jake Austin

Councillor Frankie Singleton

Councillor Dominic Hardwick

11. AREA COMMITTEE WARD HIGHWAYS SPOKESPERSON

The Area Committee was invited to nominate Ward Spokespersons with whom the Director of Development & Regeneration (Place) can consult on highway maintenance and traffic management matters.

RESOLVED – That the following Councillors be appointed as Ward Spokespersons for highways and traffic issues:-

Hazel Grove Ward - Councillor Wendy Meikle

Offerton Ward - Councillors Dan Oliver and Helen Hibbert

Norbury & Woodsmoor Ward - Councillor Grace Baynham

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 the Area Committee on progress since the last meeting on decisions taken by the Area Committee and the current position on Area Flexibility Funding.

The representative of the Assistant Director for Legal & Democratic Governance stated that there were some errors in the published figures for the Delegated Budget 2024-25 and corrected the figures as follows:

Ward	Balance b/fwd from 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Present to next Committee schemes	Approved Schemes	Balance
Hazel Grove	19,059	10,750	0.00	350	29,459
Offerton	13,749	10,750	0.00	750	23,749
Norbury & Woodsmoor	4,456	10,750	1,750.00		13,456
Area Committee Totals	37,264	32,250	1,750	1,100	66,664

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

13. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DELEGATED BUDGET REPORT - CHATSWORTH ROAD, HAZEL GROVE

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 a proposed highway scheme for carriageway repairs at Chatsworth Road, Hazel Grove.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to carriageway repairs at Chatsworth Road, Hazel Grove at a cost of £1,750 to be funded from the Area Committee’s Delegated Budget (Norbury & Woodsmoor ward allocation).

The meeting closed at 6.36pm.