

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 1 March 2016 (7:00 pm – 8:37 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Bicknell (Chairman); Councillors Bain, Irish, Mrs Sollitt, Sollitt, Thomas and Trenchard

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mann

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman had nothing to report.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none on this occasion.

3. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WITH EASTLEIGH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

The Chairman introduced PC Thomas who was part of the Eastleigh Safer Neighbourhood Team he advised that he had recently been involved in Operation Orange to combat retail theft, this operation had resulted on a 50% reduction in retail theft since the operation started.

He reported that violent crime in the area had increased, however this was due to the way violent crimes were now being recorded. He explained that if an incident involved three people it would have to be recorded once for each individual involved, therefore three times, whereas previously this would have been recorded only once. Therefore in real terms there had actually been a reduction in violent crime.

He advised that Operation Puma had been operating in the Chandler's Ford area where there had been a significant rise in dwelling break ins. Plain clothes officers had been patrolling the area which had now seen the effectiveness of the operation.

The Cop Car Project had been a very successful project that had helped young people in the area. It had been so successful that another 10 projects had been invested in across the Hampshire area. Once a kit car had been purchased it could be used again and again.

A member of the public asked whether there had been an increase in thefts from businesses. PC Thomas advised that Prysmian Cables at

Chickenhall had recently suffered some cable thefts. On investigating the site several security issues had been identified. The issues had been rectified and there had been no further thefts from the site.

Another member of the public advised that Kipling Road was for access only and this was completely ignored by motorists using it as a ratrun they often ignored the speed humps. PC Thomas offered to personally do some observation on Kipling Road.

Councillor Irish asked whether PC Thomas could advise about a leaflet that had been distributed to residents of Kipling Road about residents putting notices on cars. PC Thomas was unsure about the leaflet in question and asked for a copy to be handed to him so he could check it with Colleagues. A resident of Kipling Road confirmed that the leaflet had come from the Police.

Councillor Trenchard asked whether the Community Speedwatch scheme was still running and if it could be located in Kipling Road. PC Thomas advised he would pass the comments to PCSO McCarthy who dealt with the speedwatch scheme.

The Chairman thanked PC Thomas for attending the meeting and asked him to pass on the Committee's congratulations to the Cop Car team who were placed second in the race. He also asked that if PC Iain Wilson who ran the Cop Car scheme had any funding needs for the scheme to put a request in to the Committee via the Area Co-ordinator.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Councillor Thomas advised that the County had decided to close John Darling Mall (JDM) and he was pleased to report that the five permanent residents had all been found suitable alternative accommodation. He was unsure what would happen to all those that used JDM for respite care and advised that the building would close at the end of March when there would be 19 beds in a perfectly good caring environment that would be left unused.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Chris Thomas declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 8, Planning Application - Woodside Avenue Allotments, Woodside Avenue, Eastleigh, because he is a tenant of First Wessex.

Councillor Keith Trenchard declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 8, Planning Application - Woodside Avenue Allotments, Woodside Avenue, Eastleigh, because he is a tenant of First Wessex.

Councillor Paul Bicknell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 11, Financial Management Report, because he lives on the corner of Grantham Green.

6. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

Development Management staff gave a short presentation on guidelines that had to be taken into account when determining planning applications; in particular the issues that could, and could not, be taken into account. This was set against the broader policy framework.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION - WOODSIDE AVENUE ALLOTMENTS, WOODSIDE AVENUE, EASTLEIGH

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development Management (Agenda item 8) concerning reserved matters following outline permission O/13/73698 for construction of 94no. dwelling units with new access off Woodside Avenue and associated public open space, car parking, landscaping and access to allotments (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered) (Ref: R/15/77726).

The Committee was advised of the following updates: a) satisfactory amended plans had been received; b) an updated Noise report would be submitted for discharge of conditions application and was not essential for reserved matters; and c) the Parks and Open Spaces Manager confirmed his support for the application subject to a further condition/S106 discharge details.

RESOLVED –

That permission for reserved matters be APPROVED subject to the recommended conditions and reasons.

(NOTES: 1) Councillors Thomas and Trenchard declared an interest in the item but stayed in the room and voted thereon; 2) Two members of the public spoke in objection to the application; 3) Members requested the reptile fence be inspected and maintained throughout the development; and 4) That communication be held between the Council, the developers and the allotment holders regarding access, throughout the development.)

8. PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported:-

(a) that the following appeals had been allowed:-

Southampton Road Car Park, Eastleigh – Appeal against a failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for planning permission for the installation of an Armco barrier – F/15/75869.

98 Pitmore Road, Eastleigh – Appeal against a failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for planning permission for an extension to the roof of a bungalow and extension to annex – F/13/73563.

(b) that the following appeals had been dismissed:-

9 Ladywood, Eastleigh – Appeal against refusal to grant consent to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) – Ref T/15/76727 (Delegated decision).

140 Southampton Road, Eastleigh – Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission for a two storey extensions to side and rear with loft conversion to form four flats – F/15/76131 (Delegated decision).

1a Magpie Lane, Eastleigh – Appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of a new double garage – F/15/76492 (Delegated decision).

6 Windsor Gate, Eastleigh – Appeal against a grant of planning permission subject to conditions the condition in dispute being “the development hereby permitted shall be implemented in accordance with the following plans numbered P-1403-01 Rev A and P-1403-02”. The reason for condition “For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.” – F/15/75893 (Delegated decision).

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

(NOTE: A member of the public spoke with regard to the Planning Applications that had undetermined and asked why this was happening. The Chairman advised he would speak to the relevant Officers and give a response in writing.)

9. ALLOCATION OF DEVELOPER'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Head of Transportation & Engineering with the Head of Development Management and Chief Financial Officer (Agenda Item 10) that detailed the local highway priorities and the Developers' Contributions that had been matched with local transport schemes.

Following the approval and prioritisation of local highway priorities that had been previously agreed by this Committee and Member consultation at the Eastleigh Local Area Committee Members' Meetings, The Head of Transportation & Engineering and the Head of Development Management, in consultation with County officers, had matched Developers' Contributions with local transport schemes. These contributions consisted of those currently unallocated; residual amounts remaining from completed schemes; and the reallocation of contributions allocated to schemes found to be unfeasible at this stage.

Once all or part of the funding was identified, priority transport schemes could be progressed to feasibility and costed. Implementation would depend on successful detailed design and assembling sufficient capital contributions either from Eastleigh Borough Council or Hampshire County Council receipts and when schemes were below £25,000 in value they would proceed using delegated powers. The receipts against schemes would be monitored by The Chief Financial Officer.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Allocation of Developers' Contributions held within this Committee's Community Investment Programme (CIP) for feasibility and implementation of prioritised transport schemes, as listed in Appendix 1 be approved; and**
- (2) That the allocation of £33,325 towards Leigh Road cycle route (TSI 519), as listed in Appendix 1 to the report .**

10. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda item 11) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's capital and revenue budget.

Members were advised that the Chair and Vice-Chair had agreed that an additional recommendation in the Finance Report could be tabled. Members were advised that the Committee had previously approved £48,000 from developers' contributions to replace the existing play area at Allbrook Hill. Following two rounds of public consultation, a preferred design and supplier had been selected. During the second round of consultations residents asked if two variations could be included:

1. An increase in the area of rubber surface (a 30% increase over the original plan), leading to 100% coverage. While this removed the need to cut any grass it would be too little to deliver a realisable saving, however the time could be re-allocated to improving the surrounding public open space; and
2. An alteration to the current fence and gate layout, to make a straight side, rather than the current indented incursion into the play

area. This provided a small increase in practical play space and removed an obstacle.

A revised quote had been submitted and would lead to an additional £2,000 spend, increasing the project total to £50,000. This still allowed for £1,000 contingency.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That £160,000 be allocated for Grantham Green open space improvements from developer contributions;**
- (2) That £5,000 be allocated for the replacement of the Swan Centre Car Park lighting from the Revenue Reserve;**
- (3) That £40,000 be allocated for the Sports Pitch Relocation Project (Chestnut Avenue) from anticipated developer contributions;**
- (4) That £15,000 be allocated for the Market Street MUGA and play area from developer contributions;**
- (5) That £5,000 be allocated to the Leigh Road East Cycleway from developer contributions;**
- (6) That £1,900 be allocated for Monksbrook Estate public art from developer contributions; and**
- (7) That an additional £2,000 be allocated to the Allbrook Hill Play Area project from developers' contributions from OSF/10/68314, First Wessex, 6-15 Pitmore Close, Allbrook, Eastleigh.**

(NOTE: Councillor Bicknell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in recommendation (1) of the Finance Report, left the room and did not vote thereon.)

11. EASTLEIGH MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members considered the Minutes (Agenda Item 12) of the Eastleigh Museum Joint Management Committee Meetings held on 17 June 2015 and 10 November 2015.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 June and 10 November 2015 be noted.