

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 22 March 2021 (7:00 pm – 9:31 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Campbell (Chairman); Councillors Bourne, Bicknell, Clarke, Doguie, Irish, Mann and Tyson-Payne

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

161. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

162. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Bob Everett addressed the Committee on behalf of the Gym Improvement Group (GIG) with regards to the proposed redevelopment of the Samson's Gym site. Concerns were raised with the suggested name of 'The Parlour', preservation of the trees surrounding the site and the size of the development.

The Chair thanked Mr Everett for his participation in the meeting and explained that Member's were not able to comment at this stage as the planning application would be going to a future meeting.

Councillor Gin Tidridge addressed the Committee with regards to access of the toilet block at The Hub. It was requested that the opening of the toilets be reviewed as it is an important facility for the local residents.

The Chair thanked Councillor Tidridge for her comments and explained that the toilets had previously been vandalised and were subject to anti-social activity. Removal of block was to take place in the next year. Consultation was currently under way with centre users to explore how to improve building. The project was put on hold due to COVID but it will recommence at the end of spring/summer.

163. CHAIR'S REPORT

Airport

The Chair announced that on Thursday 25 March commencing at 10 am, the Committee will be determining the Southampton Airport planning application. The officer's recommendation is to permit the application subject to a number of conditions outlined in the report. Should the Committee be minded to go against officer advice and refuse the application then the application would need to be referred to full council in accordance with standing orders 4-25 F (ii). The following categories of development applications shall remain for determination by the Council:

- (i) Development constituting a substantial departure from any approved statutory or non-statutory plan where the Local Area Committee wishes to take a decision contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Housing & Development;
- (ii) Development which has a borough-wide significance where the Local Area Committee wishes to take a decision contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Housing & Development Lead.

Election

The Chair explained that the pre-election period had commenced, formerly referred to as purdah, for the election on the 6 May and wished all Councillors standing in the election the very best of luck for their re-election.

Residents were reminded that the deadline for registering for a postal vote was 5pm on 20 April.

Easing of Lockdown an Eastleigh Road Map (subject of course to regular government reviews)

On 12 April, non-essential retail together with indoor sports and leisure facilities (for individuals) and outdoor hospitality will re-open. On the 17th May, pubs and restaurants can open indoors and leisure centres and gyms for classes and outdoor events. If all things go well at the earliest on 21 June things will return as close to normal as possible.

Funds had been set aside to help celebrating each stage with a range of events and promotions to encourage a safe return to the town centre and the fantastic facilities.

Wildflowers

The previous trial plots, at the top end of Twyford Road, proved to be very popular. The Chair was pleased to confirm that this would be expanding

further to three new sites: on Chestnut Avenue opposite the Colleges, Passfield Avenue south of Nightingale Avenue, and Woodside Avenue near the northern Bosville junction. This year a perennial meadow seed mix alongside the annual mix which was used last year will be trialled. The perennial mix takes longer to establish but will keep going for years to come and is better for bio-diversity.

Garden Tree Scheme

200 patio fruit trees had been purchased from Brambridge Garden Centre and were being offered at a 50% discount price of only £10. They will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and limited to one per household (for households within the Local Area) and can be purchased via Eastleigh Borough Council's website. This is just a small part of the wider Climate Emergency plan to increase trees in urban areas, as well as countryside sites. The scheme should go live within the next two weeks.

164. **PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES**

The Head of Housing and Development 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.

165. **PLANNING APPLICATION - LAND WEST OF ALLBROOK WAY, KNOWLE HILL, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4LZ**

The Committee considered the report of Principal Planning Officer (Agenda item 7) concerning a planning application for up to 53no. residential dwellings (C3 use) with associated landscaping, infrastructure and access from Knowle Hill (all matters reserved except for access). (AMENDED DESCRIPTION) (Ref: O/19/86980).

RESOLVED -

Members resolved to DEFER the application to allow for consideration to be given as to whether children's play provision could be provided on site in lieu of the proposed contribution towards improvements to existing off-site play areas.

(Note: (A) One resident and Councillor David Betts on behalf of Allbook Parish Council submitted written statements in objection citing concerns with regards to the lack of provision on site for informal play, parking, access issues, poor transport links, site drainage and increase in traffic. (B) The applicant's agent submitted a written statement in support of the application stating that the proposed development adequately reflects the woodland setting of the site and its relationship to the surrounding area. (C) Councillor Clarke left the meeting at 21:10.)

166. PLANNING APPLICATION - 3 NEWTOWN ROAD, EASTLEIGH

The Committee considered the report of Principal Planning Officer (Agenda item 8) concerning a Single storey side / rear extension (Ref: H/21/89681).

RESOLVED –

PERMIT subject to the conditions as set out in the agenda.

167. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report by the Local Area Manager (Agenda Item 9) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's capital and revenue budget.

RESOLVED –

- (1) £250,000 to be allocated to support an Eastleigh Town Centre improvement programme from developers' contributions;**
- (2) £164,903 to be allocated for the provision of a new community building for Allbrook Parish from developers' contributions;**
- (3) £156,964.11 to be allocated for improvements to local health care facilities from developers' contributions;**
- (4) £97,000 to be allocated for a three-year bus subsidy for the diversion and evening extension of the existing Bluestar 2 bus route to the North Stoneham Park development from developers' contributions;**
- (5) £77,363 to be allocated to the Freespace Skatepark project from developers' contributions;**
- (6) £50,000 to be allocated to Fleming Park Play Area and Paddling Pool improvements from developers' contributions;**
- (7) £45,000 to be allocated flood management measures for Fleming Park from developers' contributions;**
- (8) £40,000 to be allocated for the extension of the Wells Place event space from developers' contributions**
- (9) £8,000 to be allocated for a vehicle access at Allbrook Meadow from developers' contributions; and**

(10) £1,050 to be allocated for The Local Area Community Grants from the Revenue Budget.

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