

EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 16 November 2021 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Bourne (Chair); Councillors Campbell, Bicknell, Irish, Mann and Tyson-Payne

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke and Doguie

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting(s) held on 14 September 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident spoke in respect of the Eastleigh town centre market. He expressed that markets are an important part of the community and that he was disappointed that the town centre market has not returned. He questioned whether there was financial allocation to host markets in Eastleigh town centre following the creation of the Market Management Board.

This resident also raised concern in respect of the following matters:

- (a) Bins being left in back alleys;
- (b) Leaves not being cleaned across two locations; and
- (c) The volume of vehicles at Chickenhall Lane.

The Chair was able to respond to the local resident and set out the following:

- (a) The Council is utilising the Covid Recovery Fund to facilitate the return of the Eastleigh town centre market. Discussions are ongoing and will continue.
- (b) The Chair will follow up in respect of the bin issue.
- (c) The Chair stated that leaves are being cleared and the Council has allocated the sum of five thousand for clearance. The Chair will revert in respect of the two locations mentioned.

(d) The Chickenhall Lane issue is a matter for full Council.

14. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair gave the following report:

He had the honour of laying a wreath on Remembrance day on behalf of this Committee and saw the unveiling of the memorial benches in honour of the Royal British Legions 100th birthday. Thank you to the Vice Chair Cllr Paul Bicknell who represented this committee at the service of remembrance on Sunday.

Eastleigh Christmas Light Switch-On

He was pleased to welcome the return of our fabulous Switch-on event, between 11.00am - 7.00pm this coming Saturday. It comes with a difference this time around, as we need to allow for more social distancing, so we are not holding the parade or fireworks this year. Instead, we are able to have more fair rides, for longer through the day and evening, and a new laser light show at 6.00pm to mark the switch-on itself. As usual we will have the community stalls, a Christmas Market, The Sorting Office Open Studios, a variety of musical acts and of course Santa's Grotto (though I'm afraid the appointments with Santa are now sold out). The performers from Happy's Circus will also be showing off their skills through the day to promote a new exciting circus event in December.

Happy's circus

As just mentioned, we are again trying something different, as we welcome Happy's Circus to the Recreation Ground for their Spirit of Christmas circus and Fun Zone. The shows will be on Fridays, Saturday and Sundays from the 3 December until the 16 Decemver, when it moves to seven-days-a-week throughout the rest school holidays, until the 2 January (except Christmas Day itself). Four small children's s rides will be available alongside the booking office on the Rec, from 25 November to 2 January to add to the Christmas feel through the day.

North Stoneham Park (NSP) Christmas lights Switch-On

NSP has it very own local Christmas lights switch-on the 3 December, between 6pm and 8pm. There will be lots of stalls, entertainment and fun competitions. And for residents of North Stoneham there is also a competition to see who has the best lit home.

Lawn Road Play Area

After several delays to due Covid and supply chain problems, Greenspan, our main contractor is now on site and is progressing well. We are now on-track for opening the improved play area by the 20 December (weather-permitting of course).

River Itchen bank repairs

Following three weeks of hard work by our contractors, the breaches in the Itchen River banks have now been repaired. This should now protect this beautiful stretch of the navigation footpath and reduce the likelihood of flooding of the Bishopstoke Recreation Ground.

Stoneham Lane Football Complex

Our new £9m facility is becoming ever more popular and the new venue has recently passed a significant threshold, with over 40,000 registered users making use of this amazing facility. I just hope that Hampshire County Council will hurry up and put in a pedestrian crossing to allow safe passage to the overflow car park.

Autumn leaf clearance

In a bid to get ahead of issues caused by falling leaves, this Committee set aside an extra £5,000 each year, which pays for an additional member of staff to help clear the autumn leaves and prevent the flooding that often results. If you see any leaf hotspots around the town, do please let us know by reporting through Council's website.

Market Street Community Garden

Last Saturday around 30 people joined Cllrs Irish and Campbell at the Community garden project, Men's shed made a planter and sign which children painted. Thank you to the Salvation army who provided soup and a roll which Cllr Irish particularly enjoyed. The next event will be in December where Christmas decorations will be the order of the day and a carol service.

15. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

The Senior Planning Officer 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.

16. PLANNING APPLICATION - LAND AT TOYNBEE ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 9DN - F/20/89489

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Head of Planning and Economy (Agenda item 7) concerning an application for the construction of 105 dwellings together with access from Toynbee Road, associated parking public open space and landscaping following the demolition of existing buildings (amended plans). (Ref: F/20/89489).

The Committee received the following updates:

- Members were advised of a correction to paragraphs relating to the consideration of the application of the previous Eastleigh Local Area Committee. It was confirmed that the relevant date was the 14 September and not the 23 September as suggested in the report.

RESOLVED –

To advise the Planning Inspectorate that were The Local Planning Authority to determine the application it would have **Permitted** the application subject to the conditions in the committee report in Annex 1 as well as additional conditions for the matters below:

1. Asbestos Conditions Survey.
2. Noise and Mechanical Ventilation and Heat Recovery
3. Vibration

And agreement of a section 106 agreement to secure:

- Transport infrastructure
- Community infrastructure projects
- New Forest Recreational pressure
- Nitrate mitigation
- Secondary Education
- Public open space/play on and off-site
- Public Art
- Air Quality monitoring
- Affordable housing

A recorded vote was proposed and seconded:

FOR: Councillors Bourne, Bicknell, Mann and Park

AGAINST: Councillors Campbell, Irish and Tyson-Payne

(FOR: 4; AGAINST: 3)

17. **FEES AND CHARGES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda item8) that contained recommendations for fees and charges in the area.

RESOLVED –

That the Committee approved:

- (1) That the fees and charges set out in the Appendices A-D of the committee report to come into effect between 1 January 2022 and 1 April 2022, as specified in Appendices A to D of said report.**

- (2) **To keep the charges for car parking unchanged for 2022/23, in line with the emerging corporate recommendation, subject to Cabinet approval.**

18. PLANNING APPEALS

The Legal Services Manager reported:

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

9 Selwyn Gardens, Eastleigh, SO50 4PX

Appeal against the Council's refusal of planning permission for a 6-foot fence around the perimeters of garden.

This was a delegated decision.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.