

Time commenced : 6.05 pm
Time finished : 8.50 pm

AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON)
18 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Burgess (Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Dhindsa, Hussain, Khan, Lowe, Nath,
Rehman and Williamson

Derby City Council and other officers:

Isabella Stone	-	Assistant Director, Community Policy
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Adam Hind	-	Station Manager, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service
Sergeant Bria	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Philip Walker	-	Assistant Director – Corporate Finance
Jonathan Guest	-	Corporate Director – Regeneration and Community
Pat Hill	-	Derbyshire Primary Care Trust
Lesley Walker	-	Area and Neighbourhood Manager
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer

28 members of the public were in attendance.

41/05 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

42/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

43/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

44/05 Minutes

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 16 November 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

45/05 Corporate Budget

Councillor Williamson gave a presentation on the Council's Corporate Budget proposals for 2006/07 to 2008/09.

Resolved to note the content of the presentation.

46/05 Petitions

Responses to Petitions Received

Petition seeking improvements to Meynell Street, Normanton

A Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management and the Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services detailing a response to a petition that had been received from residents of Meynell Street requesting that action be taken regarding:

- the state of their garden walls
- blocked drains
- the state of the pavements
- why was it not part of any local area renewal programme
- the need for speed ramps to slow traffic

Agreed that Meynell Street pavements could be included in the slurry-sealing programme. A report back would be provided as part of the next meeting's update report.

47/05 Area Panel Update

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of the issues raised, proposed actions, progress to date and the City Council officer responsible.

Rebuilding of railings, north end of Gladstone Street - Abbey

Councillor Afzal informed residents that he had been actively working with agencies to resolve this issue. Work with the Police and Street Care had seen a reduction in drug dealing. He stated that he had met with the parks department, and expressed his disappointment with the reasons for not replacing the gates. He confirmed that he had drafted a letter to Steve Meynell asking that the issue be revisited.

Street Lighting in Derby City Centre – Arboretum

A resident complained to the panel that there were eight lights which had been

out for a long time at the following locations:

- Field Sports
- News Kiosk
- Corals Bookmakers
- Charlie Browns Menswear
- Evans
- Debenhams - low level
- Boots
- Revolution.

Jonathan Guest agreed to look into the locations.

Petition – Antisocial behaviour, St Chads Road area - Arboretum

A resident informed the panel that his car had been broken into three times in the last year, with the most recent taking place on the previous Sunday. His 11 year old son had also found a used needle by the telephone box. He asked the panel for clarification on what type of area was required for a CCTV camera.

Sergeant Bria confirmed that he was aware of the problems on the street, and reported that the area is regularly patrolled. He explained that they were currently looking at the feasibility of getting a camera in the area, but the pylons on the street were not suitable for housing one. Consultation with the Antisocial Behaviour Team was ongoing to obtain funding for a CCTV camera near to Cromwell Street.

Councillor Khan thanked the resident for raising this, and encouraged people to report all incidents to the police.

Another resident asked the panel to look at the feasibility of removing the telephone boxes.

Tree pruning, Village Street – Normanton

A local resident asked why the trees could not be cut back, when trees on other streets had been pruned. He suggested that half of the work be done during this financial year, and the remaining done during the next financial year.

Alcohol free Zones – All wards

A local resident asked the panel who decides where the signs are put. She confirmed that there were still none outside Centenary House.

Fire Resistant Standards in Wheelie Bins

A resident asked the panel if the Fire Safety Officers have any enforcement rights over people leaving their bins out, and attracting fires to be set.

Another resident commented that there was a high turnover of tenants, and therefore they are not aware that they have to bring their bins in. She suggested putting sticky information labels on the bins giving information on what they should do with their bins, once emptied.

48/05 Public Question Time

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

Crossing at Kings Highway island

A resident asked the panel what progress had been made at this crossing as it was extremely dangerous.

Councillor Burgess confirmed that as discussed previously, the slip road is private property and belongs to Onyx, so there was very little the Council could do.

To look at previous notes when issue was originally raised, and look at the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing on the access road to Kingsway Retail Park.

Green Lane centre

A resident asked the panel for clarification of the criteria for Urban II funding; in particular the criteria quoted relating to the community and hostels. As a resident of Mount Street near Centenary House, they felt that a further 30 bedroom hostel establishment at Green Lane was not appropriate at this location.

Fly Tipping – Arboretum

A local resident raised his concern over the persistent fly tipping in the area, and asked that CCTV be installed in the area to find out who is doing this. Councillor Hussain confirmed that he was aware of fly tipping issues in the Arboretum ward, but did not think that CCTV would help in this area.

Agreed to look at the CCTV evidence on Normanton Road/Oak Street, and refer to Regeneration and Community.

Payment Office, Village Street - Normanton

A resident raised concern over the closure of the payment office in Normanton. Councillor Williamson informed residents that there are a variety of ways in which residents can make payments.

Mr Reese, Derby Homes, confirmed that they have a list of all local facilities, and agreed to send the resident information, and make the information available in the next report. For rent payments, these can be made at local housing offices or Cardinal Square, and Council Tax payments can be made at the Council House.

Mud on Village Street – Normanton

A resident raised concern over the amount of mud on the speed bumps on Village Street, and asked if there was anything that could be done to ensure that the Contractors clear the bumps.

Agreed to raise this issue directly with the Contractors.

Car vandalism, St Clares Close – Abbey

A resident raised concern about the ongoing issue of vandalism to residents vehicles, and burnt out cars in St Clares Close. He asked the panel to consider installing bollards to prevent burnt out cars being rolled down into the car park.

He also asked for a camera to be installed in the car park to stop the ongoing vandalism to residents vehicles. He stated that there were dummy cameras installed a few years before.

He also raised concern over the state of the paving slabs, reporting that they were very uneven and could cause injury to disabled residents of the close.

The resident was asked to speak to the Derby Homes representative after the meeting to discuss these issues further.

49/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06

A report of the Assistant Director Community Policy was considered which set out details of six applications for funding, which had been received:

- To consider whether to support the application received from the Aasra Project for transport costs. Amount requested £3000
- To consider whether to support the application received from the ACE Neighbourhood Base for furniture for the multifunction room. Amount requested £7571
- To consider whether to support the application received from Derby Women's Centre for a personal development programme. Amount requested £4182
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Sahakar Group for running costs. Amount requested £4000
- To consider an application received from the Ikhlas Foundation for a Saturday/Sunday school. Amount requested £3060
- To consider an application received from the Derby West Indian Association Credit Union for a central heating boiler. Amount requested £1674

Agreed to award funding to the applications in the following way:

- 1. Aasra Project – granted £2000**
- 2. ACE Neighbourhood Base – agreed to defer consideration of this application to the next meeting for further information**
- 3. Derby Women's Centre – granted £1400**
- 4. Sahakar Group – granted £880**
- 5. Ikhlas Foundation – granted £2000**
- 6. Derby West Indian Association Credit Union– granted £1674**

50/05 Provision of Dual Waste Bins

The Panel considered a report of the Director of Commercial Services regarding the provision of dual waste bins. The existing provision of dual waste bins capable of holding dog waste did not meet the demands of Councillors, Area Panels or the public. As part of the budget for 2005/06, funding was provided to enable each Area Panel to have three additional dual waste bins for each ward. The priority locations identified for the 9 new dual waste bins in Area Panel 3 were listed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Agreed to note the locations of the new dual waste bins in Area Panel 3

51/05 Cosmetic Work to Trees

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Commercial Services which set out details of requests for an application for Cosmetic Work to Trees:

1. Tree outside 27/53 St Clares Close - Abbey Ward – prune the tree that is restricting light. Cost of work would be £252.

52/05 Area Panel Review Progress Report

The panel considered a report of the Assistant Director – Community Policy giving a progress on the Area Panel Review.

Resolved to note the report

53/05 Health Briefing From Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A briefing paper on Health Services was considered.

Agreed to note the contents of the briefing paper.

54/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 March 2006 at Pear Tree Community Junior School, Derby. Councillor Rehman will be the Chair.

MINUTES END