

Time commenced : 6.30 pm
Time finished : 8.45 pm

**AREA PANEL 4 (LITTLEOVER, MICKLEOVER and BLAGREAVES
WARDS)
29 SEPTEMBER 2004**

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair)
Councillors, Care, Carr, Hird Jones, Marshall, Troup and
Winter

Derby City Council and Derby Homes Officers:

Gemma Barlow	Members Services Officer
Faye Brown	Local Manager, Derby Homes
Jody Kirkpatrick	Members Services Assistant
Rachel Levy	Members Services Assistant
Richard Smail	Area Panel Manager

90 members of the public were in attendance.

11/04 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Skelton.

12/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jones and Councillor Hird declared personal interests in minute number 17/04 – a) Petition opposing ball games on Weavers Green, Mickleover, as they knew one of the petitioners. Councillor Jones also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute number 20/04 Area Panel Budget Application for Littleover Community School as her daughter was in the school year being discussed.

Councillor Winter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute number 17/04 - a) Petition opposing ball games on Weavers Green, Mickleover, as her daughter was one of the petitioners.

13/04 Late Items Introduced By The Chair

There were no late items.

14/04 Minutes

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 4 held on 21 July 2004 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

Minute Number 05/04 - Update Report - Speeding, Blagreaves Lane/Stenson Road

Add the words 'non injury' to the last sentence of the second paragraph so that it reads, " She also noted that there was no legal requirement to report non injury incidents to the Police."

Minute Number 09/04 – Outturn Report Area Panel 4 Budget 2003/04

Delete the second sentence - "The Panel had agreed to divide this equally between the four wards."

15/04 Update on Progress Regarding Community Issues Raised at the Area Panel Meeting

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

Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover campus

It was reported that the University was still awaiting an outcome of the report of the Inspector who conducted the City of Derby Local Plan Review. It was noted that it was unlikely that there would be a response regarding the provision of football pitches until April 2005. The Council have no powers to make the University retain or replace the pitches.

A member of the public thanked Richard Smail for correspondence relating to the placement of the football pitches. He reported that there are currently football pitches on both sides of the beck. Those on the southern side fall within the development site proposed in the draft City of Derby Local Plan Review. Current policy would permit their development. The draft plan also requires their replacement on the other side of the beck on land that it is envisaged would be dedicated and laid out as public open space.

Parking and traffic at local schools

Mr Turner commented that the update should refer to Maple Avenue not Maple Drive. He also considered that the update should read 'A low level junction entry treatment means that the road is raised by a maximum of 60mm...' not 6mm.

High Kerb on City Hospital Island

A member of the Mickleover Action Group informed the Panel that he had received a response from the Highways Agency that confirmed that the Derby City General Hospital would pick up the cost for further work to be completed. He considered that it was taking a long time to rectify work that should have been a small job.

Councillor Care agreed that further pressure should be put on the Highways Agency to complete the work.

Skateboard Park Request, Littleover

A member of public asked if the work that was anticipated to take between 12 and 18 months was just to investigate the scheme or to complete it?

Richard Smail responded that it would take between 12 and 18 months to investigate and have a scheme in place and further time would be required to build.

Bendall Green Play Area

It was reported that local Councillors had visited Bendall Green, and in response to the local views and the petition, the Council have now reconsidered its proposals for Bendall Green, and it has been decided to install:

- a new younger children's playground and litter bin
- a pathway from Grovebury Drive to Bendall Green
- a dual-purpose dog and litter bin.

A member of the public considered that only 40 letters of notification had been sent out despite there being over 200 names on the petition. Councillor Care agreed to check with officers that planning guidance had been followed.

It was requested that plans be made available in libraries, not just at Roman House, so that people who work could have access.

It was considered that funding for Bendall Green had been reduced and funding that was solely for Bendall Green had now been split between other areas. It was reported that a letter had been sent to the Director of Commercial Services, Councillors West, Troup and Skelton requesting information on how the Section 106 funding was being spent, but no response had been received.

A member of the public raised concerns that the footpath would not have safety features installed such as street lighting. Councillor Troup responded that there was not currently any funding to install lighting along the path.

Agreed to present information of funding to the next meeting of Area Panel 4.

16/04 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Anti-Social Behaviour – Mickleover

A member of the public reported anti-social behaviour from a property on West Drive in Mickleover. He asked what could be done about the family and the landlord who was renting the property? It was reported that residents in the area were working with the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

Councillor Care responded that the Derby Mediation Service may be able to help with some of the conflict.

Councillor Allen suggested that residents should contact the Area Panel Manager to identify Council Officers that may be able to help with the problems.

Royal British Legion - Station Road, Mickleover

Andrew Templer – acting group Scout Leader for the 124th Derby (Mickleover) Scout Group – asked the Council to organise a public meeting with the British Legion Club and their developers, so that public could ask questions about the plans. It was reported that British Legion had not approached anyone who used the Memorial Playing Fields and were imposing conditions that could not be accepted.

Councillor Allen considered that whilst it was unacceptable that interested parties had not been consulted, there was nothing that the Council could do until an application had been submitted.

Councillor Care suggested looking at the City of Derby Local Plan, the one currently adopted and the Review, to see what it says about community facilities and quote.

It was reported that a petition with 800 signatures opposing the development would be presented at the next Area Panel.

Post Office Closure – Normanton Lane

Sue Christian – member of the public – asked why does the post box outside Normanton Lane post office have to be removed if the post office closes? She also wanted to know what would happen to 2.00pm Sunday collections.

Councillor Carr responded that there was no justification for the removal of the post box.

Councillor Allen reported that at a recent Full Council meeting all Councillors had voted unanimously on what to do about the post office closures.

Councillor Troup reported that the Scrutiny Management Commission would be considering the post office closures at its meeting on 1 October 2004.

Road Safety – Havenbault Lane

Elizabeth von Westernhagen – member of the public – reported that a road safety campaign group had been set up for the Havenbault Lane area to help address the issue of speeding. It was considered that the traffic moved at 50mph for most of the day, unless at peak times when it was at a standstill. Concerns were also raised about the number of heavy goods vehicles using the

Road, as the 7.5 tonne signs were no longer in place.

Councillor Allen reported that the Police had agreed to send more regular patrol vehicles to try to combat speeding, but acknowledged that a more long term solution was needed.

Councillor Care noted that there was increasing concern about the amount of traffic on secondary roads. She reported that the weight signs had been removed as it was considered that heavy goods vehicles should be using the ring round and the A38.

Agreed to ask the highways department and Sergeant Daines for a response on issues raised.

Phone Mast – Moorway Lane/Blagreaves Lane

Several members of the public raised concerns about the proposed mast at the junction of Moorway Lane/Blagreaves Lane. It was considered that the siting of the mast was inappropriate as the base would obscure the view of oncoming traffic and could prove hazardous for school children. It was reported that a letter had been received from Paul Clarke – Development Control and Land Searches – that confirmed the Council only had limited powers to control phone masts and the only factors that could be taken into account were siting and design issues.

Councillor Carr reported that only developments over 15 metres needed planning permission and considered that this mast was only 12.5 metres so was permitted development.

17/04 Petitions

To receive new petitions

Petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Station Road in Mickleover

A new petition was presented requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Station Road in Mickleover.

Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting.

Having declared a personal prejudicial interest in the following item Councillor Winter left the meeting

To consider responses to petitions received since the last Meeting

Petition opposing ball games on Weavers Green, Mickleover

The Panel noted that a petition had been received requesting that a 'no ball games' sign be erected on Weavers Green in Mickleover. It had been signed by 18 of the 20 households that lived around the area.

Richard Smail reported that it was no Council policy to erect 'no ball games', but it could be considered to install a 'no hard ball games' sign. It had been arranged for a ranger to visit the area on a regular basis. It was suggested that shrubs or flowers could be planted on the green to make it less attractive for games playing.

Agreed

- 1. to note the receipt of the petition**
- 2. to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate the petition and report back to a future meeting.**

18/04 Planning and Environment Commission Work Plan Topic Review 2004/5 –Enforcement of the Dog Fouling Legislation and the Council's Tree Policy

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which gave details of two topic reviews, which would be carried out by the Planning and Environment Commission during the current year. The reviews included the way in which the Council enforced the national legislation relating to the control of dog fouling and a review of the Council's tree policy and the way in which it was applied.

Agreed to note the report.

19/04 New Criteria and Application Procedures for Area Panel Funding

A report of the Director of Policy was considered, which gave details about the new criteria and procedures for making an application for Area Panel funding as agreed by Council at its meeting on 21 April 2004. Sarah Edwards, the Area Panel Manager, explained that the new criteria and procedure would be introduced from September 2004 onwards. In future, Area Panel Grants Appraisal Panels would appraise all applications for funding and make a clear recommendation to the area panel to approve or reject each application. The appraisal panels would meet a maximum of four times a year and they would appraise all applications for area panel funding. The appraisal panels would be made up of a range of funding experts from the Council and partner agencies. The schedule of meetings and the deadlines for applications for the next financial year are:

Date of Area Panel Grant Appraisal Panel	Deadline for applications for area panel funding for all area panels
Week commencing 4 October 2004	Friday 17 September 2004
Week commencing 6 December 2004	Friday 19 November 2004
Week commencing 7 February 2005	Friday 21 January 2005
Week commencing 16 May 2005	Friday 29 April 2005

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item Councillor Jones left the meeting.

20/04 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

A report of the Director of Policy was considered which set out details of two applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from the Littleover Grange Hall Community Association for funding for external repair and decoration. Grant requested - £1432.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from Littleover Community School for funding to contribute to the transport costs for a Black History Month Project. Grant requested - £1000.

Options Considered

The Panel assessed the applications for funding against the agreed criteria and assessed the applications for funding against priorities.

KEY DECISIONS

To award funding to the following applications:

Littleover Grange Hall Community Association – Grant £1432

Reasons

1. The application met the criteria for Area Panel funding.
2. The application showed evidence of need.
3. The application promoted strong and positive neighbourhoods.

Littleover Community School – Grant £500

The Panel suggested that parents be asked to contribute to the event.

The Panel stressed that this would be a one off funding.

Reasons

1. The application promoted a strong and positive neighbourhood.
2. The application showed evidence of need.
3. The application would promote education.

21/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at Littleover Methodist Church on Wednesday 17 November 2004 at 6.30pm