

Time commenced – 6.30pm
Time finished – 7.55pm

**AREA PANEL 1
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)
5 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Present: Councillor Williams (Chair)
Councillors Ahern, Berry, Bolton, Grimadell, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern,
Roberts, Smalley and Wood

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager
Sgt Jo Butler – Derbyshire Constabulary
Ruth Hardy – Youth Service

23 Members of the public were in attendance.

15/07 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Latham.

16/07 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

17/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal and prejudicial in minute 25/07 Health Briefing because she was a non executive director of Derby City PCT.

18/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2007 were confirmed as a correct record with an amendment to Item 08/07 within section on Chaddesden Park with the removal of the words 'on Tudor Road' and signed by the Chair.

19/07 Chairs Report

The Chair provided a verbal report on current activities, progress on projects and successes in Area Panel 1. The Chair thanked all those present and others who had supported Area Panel 1 over the last 5 years and confirmed this was to be the last Area Panel 1 meeting.

It was agreed to note the report.

20/07 Petitions

To receive new petitions

There were no new petitions

To consider petitions received since the last meeting

Parking Problems Lenton Avenue and Oakleigh Avenue Chaddesden

Ms Perkins presented a petition in relation to parking problems at Lenton Avenue and Oakleigh Avenue Chaddesden. There was particular concern about access for emergency vehicles and road safety of children attending St Albans school. Parents parked on junctions and were abusive to local residents which was distressing to the many elderly residents.

Councillor Bolton indicated that the issue had been on going for a number of years and work was being undertaken on a school travel plan. Councillor Bolton referred to action that had already been taken including meetings with the Headteacher, Police officers visiting the roads and surveys being done by Council Officers as part of the current investigation.

Agreed to investigate the petition and provide a response to the Neighbourhood Board for Chaddesden

Closure of the Jitty between Nottingham Road and Vancouver Avenue Spondon

Mr Hawksworth presented a petition in relation to a request to close the jitty between Nottingham Road and Vancouver Avenue Spondon to non residents by the use of gates. He proposed that the gates would need to be open in the daytime to allow legitimate use of the jitty by local residents. He explained that the problems were mainly after dark had the Police had visited 19 times in the last 8 weeks. Councillor Poulter responded and confirmed that Vancouver Avenue was a lovely place and the behaviour being experienced was unacceptable. He confirmed that the Spondon Councillors were working with the Anti Social behaviour team and the response to the investigation would come back to the Spondon Neighbourhood Forum. He confirmed that the Forum meeting on 4 October would focus on Anti Social behaviour.

Agreed to investigate the petition and provide a response to the Neighbourhood Board for Spondon

Inconsiderate Parking Vestry Road Oakwood

A petition was received relating to inconsiderate parking at Vestry Road Oakwood.

Agreed to investigate the petition and provide a response to the Neighbourhood Board for Oakwood.

Responses to petitions received

There were no responses to petitions received.

21/07 From Areas to Neighbourhoods

A report from the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit was considered which set out an update on the decision and actions agreed at Full Council on 18 July 2007 to approve in principle the transformation from Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums.

Resolved to note the report.

22/07 Area Panel Updates

The Panel considered an update report on the progress of community issues raised at previous meetings. The report included details of the issues raised, the proposed actions and the progress to date. The following decisions were made for each issue in the report:

Croft Wood Railway Line Improvements, Derwent

Councillor Rawson reported that this was a good example of partnership working.

Agreed to note and close.

Petition – Purchase of land on Kinross Avenue, Derwent

Agreed to refer the petition to the Neighbourhood Board for Derwent.

Petition – Damage to Tiled Kerbs on Charterhouse Close, Oakwood

Agreed to refer the petition to the Neighbourhood Board for Oakwood.

Derbyshire Blocks, Spondon

It was noted that demolition was expected to start in December 2007 and that buses would be rerouted during the demolition. Members of the public asked if it was known what would replace the blocks and how high the new proposed flats would be. It was reported that it would not be known until a planning application had been received.

Agreed to refer to the Neighbourhood Board for Spondon.

Spondon Cemetery

It was noted that surviving relatives of Colonel Lilly had been contacted and that they were keen for the headstone to be stood again but they did not want to maintain the grave as they were happy with the service provided by the City Council.

Agreed to note and close.

Sitwell Street and Chapel Street Feasibility Study, Spondon

It was noted that the plans would be available at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

Agreed to refer to the Neighbourhood Board for Spondon.

Car Parking at Spondon Village Hall, Spondon

It was noted that the 'waste land' referred to in the minutes was not waste land as such as it was managed by the City Council.

Agreed to refer to the Neighbourhood Board for Spondon.

**Road Surfacing Worcester Crescent
Agreed to note and close.**

23/07 Public Question Time

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

Signs on Perth Street/St Andrew's View

A member of the public asked about posters which had appeared on Perth Street and St Andrew's View relating to cycling. She was unsure about their value and was concerned about the obvious cost of putting them up. It was noted that the posters were related to the road safety campaign which the City Council runs each September to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk or cycle to school or take public transport. The posters were mainly placed around schools. Councillor Roberts considered it was a worthwhile campaign as it helped reduce the carbon footprint as well as encouraged use of public transport. The member of the public suggested that the signs had coincided with Arrive Buses not picking people up on Perth Street.

Agreed to consider the size of the poster for future years and make sure they were removed promptly at then end of the campaign.

Utilities on Lodge Lane

A member of the public raised concern about bricks stacked on Lodge Lane by the bridge, he was concerned they would be thrown at cars. Councillor Williams reported that the Council were pressing the utility companies to make sure they were removed.

White Lines on Willowcroft Road/Sitwell Street/Church Street/Nottingham Road Spondon

A member of the public asked if the worn out and missing white lines could be repainted on Willowcroft Road, Sitwell Street, Church Street and Nottingham Road in Spondon.

Agreed to request that the white lines be reinstated.

Anti Social Behaviour Brunswood Park

A member of the public from Brunswick Close was concerned about anti social behaviour taking place in the area, often up to 3am. Cars had been damaged, windows broken and bottles smashed. Bikes were screaming around the fields and there was a lot of shouting. She asked if the entrances to the playing fields could be blocked off.

It was noted that Anti Social Behaviour and facilities for young people would be considered at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting for Spondon on 4 October 2007. The Head of the Anti Social Behaviour Team was looking at the issue with the police. Members of the public were encouraged to report incidents to the police.

Sgt Butler reported that Police Community Support Officers were looking at hotspots and were travelling the Spondon Flyer at weekends to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour.

Agreed to refer to the Spondon Neighbourhood Board

Parking

A member of the public raised concern about parking in Brunswick Close and Chapel Lane that prevented residents from using their drives. Councillor Poulter explained that the issue would be addressed in the feasibility study for the area. He explained that last year when there was a similar problem he arranged for the barriers to be removed allowing footballers to park on the playing fields. He agreed to arrange for the barrier at the park to be taken down again on match days so that parents of the football team could park away from Chapel Lane. He would get the football team to raise the issue with parents.

Chaddesden Park

A member of the public asked if there was any news on the demolition of the building at the entrance to the park. Councillor Bolton reported that there was agreement to demolish the building but that there was an issue with ownership which needed to be resolved. Friends of Chaddesden Park requested that the access to the park be improved to assist people with mobility issues.

24/07 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2007/08

A report of the Head of the Stronger and Safer Communities Unit was considered which set out details of seven applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from Derby Live at Home. They were seeking a grant of £1,380 towards transport costs.

The second application was from 27th Derby (Chaddesden) Scout Group. They were seeking a grant of £3,500 towards disabled access improvements.

The third application was from Oakwood Community Association. They were seeking a grant of £5,563 towards the cost of improvements to the Community Centre.

The fourth application was from Derwent into Gardening. They were seeking a grant of £182 towards workstation expenses.

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

Decision

1. To award a grant of £1,380 to Derwent Live at Home towards transport costs.
2. To award a grant of £2,000 to 27th Derby (Chaddesden) Scout Group towards disabled access improvements.
3. To award a grant of £5,563 to Oakwood Community Association towards the cost of improvements to the Community Centre.

4. To award a grant of £182 to Derwent into Gardening towards workstation expenses.

25/07 Health Briefing from Greater Derby and Central Derby Primary Care Trusts

A 'Briefing on Health Services' paper was considered.

Resolved to note the information about health services contained in the briefing paper.

26/07 Diary of Events

A diary of events in the Area Panel 1 area was considered.

Resolved to note the events diary.

27/07 Close of the Meeting

Resolved to note the arrangements for meetings of Neighbourhood Forums.

Chair of the next ensuing meeting
at which these minutes were signed