

# ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.30pm  
Time finished : 8.50pm

## **AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN WARDS) 9 NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: Councillor Wynn (Chair)  
Councillors Bayliss, Blanksby, Chera, Dhamrait, Graves,  
Jackson, Leeming, Liversedge, Tittley, Turner and Willitts

Derby City Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service:

Inspector Adrian Gascoigne	-	Derbyshire Constabulary
Sue Glithero	-	Director of Policy
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Pam Stretton	-	Derby Homes
Sarah Turner	-	Constitutional Services Officer

70 members of the public were in attendance.

### **30/05 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **31/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

### **32/05 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **33/05 Minutes**

**Agreed that the minutes of the Area Panel 2 Meeting held on 21 September 2005 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:**

**Minute number 22/05 Public Question Time – To include the following issue raised in Public Question Time:**

#### **Councillors Surgeries**

A member of the public commented that the Area Panel news letter did not give the names of all the Councillors for Bolton Ward and did not include all Bolton Ward Councillor's Surgery details.

## 34/05 Petitions

### **New Petitions**

#### **a) Petition requesting the re-routing of bus services 68 and 68a – Chellaston**

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Chellaston asking that the City Council and Arriva re-route the bus services 68 and 68a away from Crown Way, Duchess Way and Courtway Crescent to go along Homeleigh Way. Councillor Tittley advised the Panel that as currently routed, residents felt that the bus services caused unnecessary traffic and environmental problems. If the service was re-routed along Homeleigh Way, these problems would not occur. Crown Way was not suitable for buses whereas Homeleigh Way was a main service road and was capable of carrying buses. Residents had not been consulted about the change in the bus service. Residents did not object to the bus service, just it travelling along these unsuitable roads. Councillor Willitts added that Councillor's had not been aware of these changes until the Councillor's surgery and could not believe that Arriva wanted to calve up through the estate to link up on Park Way. Homeleigh Way was a much more suitable route.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

### **Petitions received since the last meeting**

#### **b) Petition requesting the closure of the alley way between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close, Alvaston**

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from the Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch asking that the jitty between Coronation Avenue and Kynance Close be closed. The jitty was currently being used for anti-social behaviour and as a rat run for criminal behaviour.

The Panel also noted that a counter petition had been received from residents of Kynance Close, Holbrook Road and Coronation Avenue asking that the jitty remain open, as this was a public footpath and was used by a number of residents in the area who suffered with infirmity and was also used for the school run.

People that had signed the counter petition had not been consulted when the petition for the closure went round.

**Resolved to ask the Community Safety Partnership to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

#### **c) Petition requesting the pruning of trees on Church Close, Chellaston**

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of St Peter's Road, High Street and Derby Road, Chellaston asking that trees on Church Close be pruned. Sue Glithero, Director of Policy, reported that the Arborecultural Officer had investigated this petition and pruning work would be completed in the next eight to ten weeks. The lead petitioner responded that he had met with the Arboricultural Officer who had deemed that the roots were not an issue. The Arborecultural Officer had agreed to prune only four of these trees. Other trees further along the road had been pruned right back. Councillor Tittley added that he supported the petitioners in this issue and felt that the Council were not taking a sympathetic view. Councillor Willitts commented that if trees were impinging on the lives of people, they should be removed. A member of the public suggested that the Arboricultural Officer attend a future meeting to hear the views of the public on these issues.

## 35/05 Neighbourhood Policing

**Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting of the panel.**

## 36/05 Public Question Time

The public raised the following issues during public question time:

### **Road markings at Brackens Lane / Crayford Road Junction**

A member of the public expressed concern about the way the junction at Brackens Lane and Crayford Road had been marked out. He felt that the junction was dangerous and asked why the road was marked in this way.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

### **Bird Flu**

A member of the public advised the Panel that people did not need to panic about the bird flu epidemic that had been widely publicised. People only needed to be concerned if they had an avian and it was suggested that they keep this covered next year. It was suggested that if any members of the public were concerned, or had questions regarding birds to speak to Mrs White at the Bird Line.

### **Parking problems outside Alvaston Junior Community School**

A member of the public expressed concern about parking outside Alvaston Junior Community School. She advised that the school have been working on travel plans with the Council to try and alleviate this problem but they were not sure what to do now. Ambulances and fire engines would not be able to get through at certain times in the day. Cars were also blocking entrances to other premises along the road. Councillor Wynn commented that there was a lot of selfish parking around all schools in the city and that it would be useful to join forces with other residents who are campaigning against this, including Kevin Winston from the Neighbourhood Watch and the local Police.

Councillor Bayliss advised that the police were able to enforce parking on the lines outside of Alvaston Junior Community School and suggested that the school speak with parents again stressing the problem that their parking causes. On previous occasions where this had been highlighted as an issue the school had taken the numbers of cars parked on the lines outside the school. The police were advised and fines were issued. Inspector Gascoigne added that the police would take action as and when they found cars causing an offence. He added that the biggest issue was the education of the parents.

### **Cycle Lane from High Street, Chellaston to Mitre Island**

A member of the public commented that if the press was to be believed the bus lane at Allenton was being removed, if this was the case was there a possibility that a cycle lane could be put in from High Street, Chellaston to the Mitre Island.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

### **BP Garage, Raynesway**

A member of the public asked whether cars accessing the BP garage at the bottom of Raynesway should cross over Raynesway to enter the site from London Road. Councillor Wynn responded that this was a dangerous location.

### **Mullion Green, Alvaston**

A member of the public advised that he would be submitted a funding request to the next meeting and a petition requesting lighting along Mullion Green. He advised that this site had been visited under the previous administration but lighting had not been recommended for funding. Councillor Jackson added that three years ago it was agreed that three lights would be installed by the previous administration but then this was removed from the list and she hoped that now this would be re-instated.

### **Review of grounds maintenance**

A member of the public advised that they understood that the Council was undertaking a review of the grounds maintenance and asked that the issue of grass cuttings, particularly around sheltered housing, be taken on board as they could be very dangerous.

### **The traffic system to Homefields Primary School**

A member of the public expressed concern over new traffic system to the school along Park Way, Chellaston. The road was a driving test route and the driving test centre did not seem to take on board the fact that this was now a feeder route to 2,500 houses. The area was congested at school times with cars and buses. The entrance outside the school was an accident waiting to happen. Could Arriva consider relocate the bus stop so it was not so near to the school and could the Council let the driving test centre know that this was not now a dead end. Councillor Wynn responded that he would investigate this issue and report back to the next meeting.

### **Cycle provision**

A member of the public asked how the money for cycle provision be provided

and spent and would the public be consulted.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to respond to the next meeting.**

#### **Raynesway tip**

A member of the public advised that they recently went to the tip on Raynesway in their car and received assistance in getting their rubbish out of the car and disposed of. They were advised that they would be unable to do this again. There was a sign on the site which said that hardcore would only be taken in car boots, repeat users would not be allowed and surely this encouraged fly-tipping. Councillor Tittley commented that this was a very un-pragmatic approach to take, that elderly people would not be allowed to take more than one bag to the tip. He would continue pushing this issue as it certainly encouraged fly-tipping.

#### **Drains on Boulton Lane**

A member of the public advised that drains on Boulton Lane were very smelly.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

#### **Shopping Centre, Alvaston**

A member of the public advised that cars constantly queued on the highway, waiting to access the parking area outside the shops on London Road, Alvaston at busy times. He asked that a sign be erected to stop people doing this.

### **37/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/6**

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

1. to consider whether to support the application received from Boulton Lane Park Baby and Toddler Group – Boulton Ward, funding for toys and equipment, grant requested £1,000
2. to consider whether the support the application received from Chellaston Bowls Club – Chellaston Ward, funding for a volunteer development programme, grant requested, £5,000.
3. to consider whether to support the application received from Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living – all wards, grant requested £1,922
4. to consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60's Social and Welfare Club – Sinfin Ward, funding for health, social and cultural projects, grant requested £4,830.

**The Panel agreed to award Area Panel funding to the applications in the following way:**

1. **Boulton Lane Park Baby and Toddler Group – toys and equipment, granted £1,000.**
2. **Chellaston Bowls Club – building renewal, granted £2,000.**
3. **Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living – volunteer development programme – rejected. The project was not sustainable and no evidence had been supplied in the latest application to suggest any action had been taken to address the sustainability issue. Councillor Graves added that although this project was worth while it should be funded through Social Services or the Council directly.**
4. **Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asians Over 60's Social and Welfare Club –health, social and cultural project – rejected. This group had been funded by the Area Panel for several years and was also well funded from other sources. The Area Panel budget was not supposed to provide continuous funding and the group needed to find ways to be self sustaining.**

## **38/05 Proposed Operation for Trial Cosmetic Work to Trees**

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered, which stated that the Council's Tree Management Policy allowed cosmetic work to trees, such as pruning, of no more than 15% of the crown, usually when the tree was blocking light. The existing base budget was inadequate to accommodate cosmetic work and was fully committed to works addressing health and safety risks. Councillors had become frustrated that there was no means of appealing against the decisions of the Arborecultural Officers to carry out work. It was recognised that the Arborecultural Officer's decisions were influenced by the availability of budget, as well as the tree management issues. To address the concerns, a budget virement of £5,000 had been made available from the grounds maintenance budget allocated to Area Panels for cosmetic work to trees. People wishing to appeal against the decision of the Arborecultural Officer would be advised of their right to do so and that they should contact their ward councillor. If the ward Councillor believed the appeal was merited, the Area Panel Manager would be advised accordingly and he would request an estimate from the Arborecultural Officer for cosmetic work to trees. No estimate for work outside that permitted under the tree management policy would be provided. The appeal would be heard by the Area Panel meeting. Once the budget was being committed no further cosmetic work would be commissioned.

The Panel were advised that the £5,000 had been split equally between the Area Panels which meant that Area Panel 2 would have £1,000 to spend on cosmetic work to trees.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## 39/05      Cosmetic Work to Trees

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

1. Tree outside 1 Hubert Shaw Close, Shelton Lock – Chellaston Ward – prune back overhanging branches. Cost of work would be £100.
2. White House Close – removal of 25% of trees within a line of trees. This will provide some relief to restriction of light and would provide sufficient room for the remainder of the trees to grow. The cost of the work would be £800.

**Resolved to approve the requests for cosmetic work to trees as follows:**

1. a tree outside 1 Hubert Shaw Close, Shelton Lock, grant £100
2. White House Close, grant £800.

## 40/05      Update Report

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, proposed actions, progress to date and City Council officer responsible.

### **Jitty between Waldorf Road and Baker Street and Shardlow Road**

A member of the public expressed concern about anti-social behaviour in the jitty between Waldorf Road, Baker Street and Shardlow Road. This issue had been raised at previous Area Panel meetings. The police had advised that they would be happy for the jitty to close. Councillor Graves responded that they would be able to start taking action in April 2006 when the new gating orders came into affect.

### **Jitty – Beech Avenue to Rayneway, Alvaston**

A member of the public advised that he had lived in this area for 23 years and wanted something to be done as soon as possible. Councillor Bayliss responded that the issue could not be looked at in a serious way until the law changed in April 2006.

### **Petition – Installation of lighting, improve surfacing and drainage to Green Lane, Alvaston**

A member of the public advised that the lights had been switched on on 28 October then on 4 November three of the lights had gone out and had been out ever since. Councillor Bayliss responded that he would chase this issue up to ensure that the lighting was replaced.

**Petition – installation of crossing on London Road – Burnaby Street / Meadow Lane, Alvaston**

Councillor Wynn commented that this was a very dangerous part of London Road and requested that an Area Panel funding application be submitted to the January meeting.

**De-trunking of Shardlow Road, Alvaston**

Councillor Bayliss advised that this would be completed by 28 November and that a 30 mile per hour limit would be extended to the county boundary.

**Petition – parking outside Moorhead Primary School, Boulton ward**

A representative of concerned parents, staff and members of the governing body of Moorhead Primary School asked for improvement in safety in the area before the situation got worse with the building of Merrill College next door. The children attending the school needed protecting before someone was seriously hurt or even killed. They asked that a road sign marking a school safety zone be situated on Brackens Lane with flashing lights at school opening and closing times. They also asked that a 20 mile per hour speed limit be enforced. They asked that double yellow lines and speed bumps be placed between the school gates, that a second lollipop person be situated on Stanley Road. There was already one for Oakwood Junior School at the Field Lane cross roads as well as on the front gate. They stated that parking was already an issue and if it was this bad now what would it be like in 2006 when the Merrill College building opened. The Panel were advised that a meeting had been arranged for 29 November between the school and Andy Culshaw, Safety Officer. Councillor Jackson commented that she had spoken with officers and was under the impression that there would be a shared car park between Moorhead Primary School and Merrill College so there would still be an issue with parking. Councillor Wynn asked that this be a separate agenda item for a future meeting.

**Resolved to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services and the Director of Education to respond to a future meeting.**

**Temporary Bus Lane, Allenton – Boulton Ward**

The Panel were advised that Council Cabinet would be considering the recommendation made by Area Panel 2 at its meeting on 29 November. The response of Council Cabinet would be considered by Area Panel 2 at the next meeting.

**Vandalism, Field Lane Community Centre – Boulton Ward**

Councillor Jackson reported that upgraded lighting and a column for CCTV cameras had been ordered. The youth service were active in the area and it had been indicated that they would provide services two nights per week. A further update would be given at the next meeting.

**Parking restrictions, High Street, school lane – Chellaston ward**

Councillor Tittley advised that he had spoken to David Gartside and they were about to conduct the second stage of the consultation process.



**Petition – fenced off outdoor facility to Chellaston Community Centre – Chellaston ward**

A member of the public advised that the Council wanted another £265 from the Community Centre to re-submit their planning application. As 12 months had now lapsed since the original plan was submitted, he believed that this charge would be doubled. The children in the area were suffering and he asked whether a request for Area Panel funding could be submitted for the planning application cost. Councillor Tittley commented that this was an important issue and it was wrong for the Council to ask for this money again. The Parks department should be under an obligation to pay this money. Sue Glithero advised that these comments would be fed back to the Parks department.

**41/05 Integrating Children's Services**

**Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.**

**42/05 Health Briefing from the Primary Care Trusts**

A briefing paper on health services was considered.

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

**43/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

**It was advised that the next meeting would be held in the Boulton Ward on Wednesday 11 January 2006 at 6.30pm, at Oakwood Junior School, Holbrook Road, Alvaston. Councillor Jackson would be the Chair.**

MINUTES END