

Time commenced : 6.00 pm  
Time finished : 8.20 pm

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN  
WARDS)**

**10 MARCH 2004**

Present: Councillor Liversedge (Chair)  
Councillors Blanksby, Chera, H S Dhamrait, Graves,  
J Hickson, Jackson, Turner, Willits and Wynn

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Gemma Barlow	-	Members Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Members Services Assistant
Peter Price	-	Transport Policy Manager
Bill Reed	-	Area Panel Manger
Inspector Thandi	-	Derbyshire Constabulary

121 members of the public were in attendance.

**53/03 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**54/03 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**55/03 Late Items Introduced By The Chair**

The Chair advised that a further petition and an Area Panel Budget Application had been received. The budget application for Alvaston Community Project was agreed as an urgent late item due to the vandalism occurring in the area.

**56/03 Minutes**

**Agreed that the Minutes of the Area Panel 2 meeting held on 14 January 2004, be confirmed as a correct record.**

## 57/03 Update Report

### **Environmental Issues, Raynesway**

A member of the public requested that this item was not closed, as a number of questions remained unanswered.

Councillor Graves offered to follow up any queries on a one-to-one basis.

### **Litter, Noel Baker School**

Councillor Jackson reported that the amount of litter in the area had decreased, but issues still needed to be combated. The Panel were advised that the Chair of Governors would speak to the Head Teacher with regard to a conversation with a member of the public.

### **Petition – Potholed condition of pavements, Wimbourne Close**

A member of the public asked what are the criteria for what constitutes a good or bad pavement?

Councillor Wynn advised that there were set criteria, and that could be forwarded to members of the public if they left their contact details.

Mr Lewis - a member of the public – asked if a complaint was made about potholes and condition of pavements, and no follow up had taken place, could people make a claim against the Council?

Councillor Wynn advised that if a fall was caused by a difference in levels of more than 25mm, compensation could be sought from the Council.

A member of the public asked whether an independent inspection of pavements could be undertaken?

It was advised that any independent inspections would not be paid for from Council funds.

A member of the public raised concerns about the state of repairs being completed, particularly on Newsbury Crescent, and asked who checked the repairs carried out.

It was noted that contractors carry out the repairs, then the Councils' Highways Inspector check the work carried out.

Councillor J Hickson reported that £400,000 was being spent on repairing pavements across the city, in order of priority and need.

### **Buses, Holbrook Road/Field Lane**

It was reported that a site visit took place on 18 February 2004. It was being considered that to prevent the buses mounting the pavements, timber posts could be installed. However, members of the public considered that timber posts would not be the best solution to the problems.

### **Petition - High volume of traffic using A514**

It was reported that the building of T12 would be fully appraised as part of its development, in terms of congestion reduction and any adverse impact on other roads.

A member of the public asked if there would be a full consultation before any work was undertaken? It was reported that consultation would be carried out over the next few weeks.

Councillor J Hickson advised that the development of the T12 would not begin for at least a couple of years and that no amount of lobbying would encourage the commencement. It was noted that resurfacing was currently being carried out on the A514.

A member of the public considered that a weight limit should be introduced on the A514 and that the bridges in Derby should be inspected and repaired, due to increased weights and volumes of traffic.

Councillor Wynn advised that regular inspections of bridges were undertaken.

Members of the public commented that they did not want the play equipment to be reinstalled, mainly due to the problems that the residents experience from anti-social behaviour.

### **58/03 Primary Care Trusts**

Agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Panel.

### **59/03 Public Question Time**

#### **Harrington Street**

Mr Ross – a member of the public – reported his thanks for the 2 lights erected in the disused car park, as these would help to alleviate anti-social behaviour problems. However, continuing concerns were raised about the amount of broken glass, graffiti and drug taking in the area. It was requested that the area was blocked off.

Councillor Jackson considered that the area was still having problems, but hoped that continued liaisons with the police, the housing department and residents, would help combat remaining issues.

### **Damage to Bus Shelters**

A member of the public raised concerns that a number of bus shelters and telephone boxes were being damaged, but not repaired. It was asked if a different material could be used to prevent the repeated damage?

Councillor Graves reported that it was hoped that the issues raised would be looked into, however, it was noted that the telephone boxes were not the Councils' responsibility to repair.

### **Volume of heavy goods traffic**

Mr Howarth – a member of the public – raised concerns about the volume of heavy goods traffic on the A514. A letter from Tara Nield, a Traffic and Parking Engineer, was quoted that advised that diverting heavy goods traffic from the A514 would be a long diversion onto roads that may have a higher volume of traffic.

### **West Chellaston Development**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders, that would be removed during development, despite public consultation that suggesting members of the public did not want them removed.

A member of the public considered the positioning of the proposed road to be fundamental, especially with the close proximity of Homefields Primary School, in order to prevent accidents.

Members of the public were advised that the West Chellaston development would be considered at the Planning Control Committee on 25 March 2004.

### **Traffic Calming - Jubilee Road**

A member of the public raised concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on Jubilee Road and requested that traffic calming measures were put in place.

Councillor Wynn advised that as the Chair of the Education Commission he would like the contact details of members of the public with concerns regarding schools.

### **Merrill College**

Mrs Carter - a member of the public – raised concerns about the future of Merrill College. Concerns were also raised about how close the school would be to Moorhead Primary School.

Ms Sandhu raised concerns that no public consultation had taken place regarding plans for the Lower School.

### **Parkway**

Mr Tengers- a member of the public – advised that he had been given assurances that the entrance to Homefields Primary School would not be the main access to the school.

## 60/03 Petitions

### **New Petitions**

#### a) Climbing Frame on Boulton Lane Park

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from residents of Boulton Lane, asking the Council to replace lost equipment from Boulton Lane Park. It was hoped that fencing would also be provided to prevent motorbikes from entering the park.

Councillor Jackson advised that the park was due to have a 'revamp' next year, and considered that replacing equipment may be a waste of money if this was the case.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to report back to the next meeting.**

#### b) Speed and Volume of Traffic - Jubilee Road

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from the residents of Jubilee Road, requesting that the Council make provision for speed calming features on the Road. It was requested that the speed calming was not in the form of speed humps, but possibly a chicane or speed camera.

#### c) Tree Pruning – Whitehouse Close

The Panel noted that a petition had been received from the residents of Whitehouse Close, Shelton Lock concerning a linear woodland on public open space to the rear of their properties. It was considered that the woodland was an infringement of amenity, blocked out the sunshine, unattractive and potentially dangerous.

Councillor J Hickson advised that the Tree Management Policy was being referred back to Council Cabinet for review. The current Tree Management Policy did not allow for particular trees to be lopped or felled.

**The Panel agreed to note the concerns of the petitioners and the policy background, but concluded that it was not appropriate to carry out tree works.**

#### d) Closure of Passage Way to the Rear of Properties on Waldorf Close and Baker Street

**Agreed to respond to the petition at the next meeting**

## **Responses to Petitions Received**

### e) High Volumes of Traffic using the A514

The Panel considered an update on the petition relating to the high volumes of traffic using the A514. It was reported that the building of T12 would be fully appraised as part of its development, in terms of congestion reduction and any adverse impact on other roads.

Councillor J Hickson advised that the development of the T12 would not begin for at least a couple of years and that no amount of lobbying would encourage the commencement. It was noted that resurfacing was currently being carried out on the A514.

### f) Pot-holed Condition of the Road and Poor Street-lighting in Carlton Gardens and Carlton Avenue

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management that set out a response to a petition received from residents of Carlton Gardens and Carlton Avenue that was asking the Council to repair and resurface the roads, which were in an unacceptably hazardous and unsafe condition for pedestrians. In addition, it was considered that the quality of street lighting in these two streets was of a very poor standard and required urgent replacement.

It was reported that Highway Maintenance staff were aware of the poor condition of the footways and it was hoped that they would be included on the approved list of footway reconstruction and resurfacing schemes for 2004/05. It was noted that no funds would be available for a new street lighting improvement scheme.

### **Agreed**

- **to note the proposed action for repair and resurfacing of the footways**
- **to note that no action would be taken on the quality of the street lighting**

### g) Public Right of Way on Canal Path

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management that set out a response to a petition received, requesting that the path which traverses from the canal to Chellaston, connecting Chestnut Avenue, South Avenue and Woodminton Drive, be surfaced to enable use from walkers, bicycles and disabled users.

Agreed to note that, despite the route forming a good link for cyclist, it was not of sufficient priority to warrant conversion with the limited funds available.

- h) Need for Dog Waste Bins – Morningside Close, Shelton Lock

It was reported that the results of the last Derby Pointer survey indicated that the provision of dog bins was a priority issue. Financial provision was being considered for additional dog waste bins to be installed across the city.

- i) Petition Regarding Trees, Football Playing on Square and Need for Additional Lighting on Spencer Avenue, Darwin Avenue and Morningside Close, Shelton Lock

**It was reported that the budget allocation for lighting improvements had been allocated. It was noted that that if further funding became available, the site would be considered along with other requests.**

- j) Petition Regarding High Volumes of Traffic Along St Peters' Road, Chellaston

The Panel noted that no further action was proposed.

- k) High Volumes of Traffic – Intersection of High Street and Derby Road/Swarkestone Road

It was reported that traffic signals, at the time of installation, were considered to be the most effective way of combating issues on this junction. The signals aimed to reduce road casualties and improve pedestrian facilities. It was considered that the Council would prefer to prioritise safety over congestion problems.

Mr Tittley – a member of the public – considered that Councillors should be lobbying for the development of the T2 and T12 roads, to reduce the volume of traffic on the A514.

Another member of the public considered that, due to the congestion problems, local traders were losing business and shops were closing.

- l) Chellaston West Affordable Accommodation Petition

It was reported that the petition would be considered as part of the report on the planning application being presented to the Planning Control Committee on 15 March 2004; the outcome would be reported at a future Area Panel meeting.

Mr Barber considered that Chellaston and the A514 was under threat of being overwhelmed by the proposed land development. It was considered vital that the T12 relief road was completed before the housing development commenced and the needs of the community should be considered.

Councillor Blanksby commented that the Community Regeneration Commission had recommended that the affordable housing should be distributed throughout the site.

m) Objection to the Six Proposed Bypass Extension Schemes Under the Title of Alvaston and Environmental Improvements

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management that set out a response to a petition received objecting to the six proposed schemes for the Alvaston bypass extension.

Peter Price reported that when deciding on developments, consideration had to be given, not only to expense but also to the benefit that the development would have.

It was reported that the Council was progressing with elements of the scheme including:

- the implementation of a package of measures, as outlined in the consultation process for Shardlow Road
- the implementation of a package of measures, based upon the results of the consultation exercise, for Alvaston District Centre
- carrying out further public consultation during the development of integrated transport options for Alvaston as part of the preparation of LTP2

**Agreed to note that the Council was now progressing with the recommendations endorsed by Council Cabinet.**

n) Need for a Drivers Mirror to be Placed at the Intersection of Green Avenue and High Street, Chellaston

It was reported that the Department for Transport no longer authorise the use of mirrors within the highway, as they can give a misleading and distorted image and could prove counter productive as a safety measure.

o) Newbridge Crescent Condition of the Pavements

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director – Highways, Transportation and Waste Management that set out a response to a petition requesting that the Council reconsider the decision not to take any action to resurface the pavements on Newbridge Crescent.

It was agreed that no further action was proposed other than to consider Newbridge Crescent if additional funding became available.

p) Newly Created West Chellaston Children's Play Area

It was reported that Miller Homes had agreed, pending a decision on the new location, to remove all the Junior play equipment from the site. The equipment would be replaced following consultation with local residents.



## 61/03 Planning and Environment Commission Age Restricted Sales Review

A report of the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission was considered, which stated that the Commission was carrying out a review of the sale of age restricted items, such as alcohol and tobacco to young people. One objective of the review was to find out whether there were any ways in which sale of age restricted items might be better controlled. The Commission also wanted to investigate what might be done to help to resolve proof of age problems for retailers and young people. One possibility might be to offer all young people in the City a nationally recognised proof of age card.

As part of its review the Commission was gathering evidence of witnesses, which included Police and Trading Standards Officers, young people and representatives of proof of age card companies. The evidence was being used in preparing the Commissions recommendations to Council Cabinet. Councillor E Berry reported that the Youth Forum was anxious to have the proof of age cards introduced.

**Agreed to note that views needed to be submitted to Councillor Bolton as Chair of the Commission or David Romaine the Commission's Co-ordination Officer by 9 April 2004.**

## 62/03 Area Panel Profiles and Area Planning

A report of the Assistant Director - Community Policy was considered, which stated that one of the key functions of the Area Panels set out in their terms of reference was to draw up, implement and monitor action plans for the area based on the community strategy and other local initiatives. The process of developing the action plans for each of the 5 areas of the city had now started. Partner organisations of the Derby City Partnership agreed a timetable for area profiles and area plans in January 2004. The Area and Neighbourhood Unit would produce a draft area profile for each area by April 2004, as the first step towards the Area Plans. The draft profiles would be discussed at Area Panels in May or June 2004. Each draft profile would provide baseline information about the services already offered in each area by a range of public service providers. The draft profiles would also reflect public opinion about services provided, including the issues raised at Area Panels.

Derby City Partnership had approved the development of integrated service development networks at both city wide and area levels. The networks would comprise of representatives from the service providers, including Council Departments and they would play a crucial role in developing and implementing the plans. The area planning process would encourage services to become more integrated to ensure a joined-up collective approach to service requests, rather than responses developed in isolation. As the planning process develops over the next two years, Area Panels would receive further reports and draft documents.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## 63/03 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2003/04

A report of the Assistant Director of Community Policy was considered which set out details of 10 applications for funding which had been received. These were:

1. To consider whether to support the application received from the Asian Over 60's Social and Welfare Club Sinfin and Stenson Fields for funding for the members of the club to improve their and others' health. Grant requested - £4654.
2. To consider whether to support the application received from 39<sup>th</sup> Derby (Sinfin Moor) Guides requesting funding for the purchase of tents and camping equipment. Grant requested – £1612.
3. To consider whether to support the application received from Boulton St Mary's Parochial Church Hall for funding for a replacement flat roof. Grant requested – £2000.
4. To consider whether to support the application received from Derby Millennium Network for funds in order to develop youth participation within the black and culturally diverse community at area panel meetings. Grant requested – £670.
5. To consider whether to support the application received from Sinfin Moor Church Parent and Toddler Group requesting funding for toys and equipment. Grant requested - £445
6. To consider whether to support the application received from Councillor Paul Bayliss requesting street lights for the path from Wilkins Drive to Canal footway. Grant requested - £1450

7. To consider whether to support the application received from the Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch for funding for litter bins on Holbrook Road. Grant requested - £700
8. To consider whether to support the application received from St Peter's Church Hall Committee requesting funding for car park resurfacing. Grant requested - £7000
9. To consider whether to support the application received from Boulton Lane Community Centre requesting funding for security lighting and window grilles. Grant requested - £500
10. To consider whether to support the application received from Alvaston Community Project requesting funding for security improvements. Grant requested - £320

### **Options Considered**

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

### **Decision**

To award funding to the following application:

- Derby Millennium Network - Grant £670.
- Sinfin Moor Church Parent and Toddler Group – Grant £445
- Commercial Services – Grant £1450
- Cornishman Neighbourhood Watch – Grant £700
- Boulton Lane Community Centre – Grant £500
- Alvaston Community Project – Grant £320

To defer decision on the following application:

- St Peter's Church Hall Committee, Chellaston.
  - The Panel wanted more information about who used the Hall and wanted to know the proportion of religious activities that took place there.

## **KEY DECISIONS**

To award funding to the following applications:

- Asian Over 60's Social and Welfare Club Sinfin and Stenson Fields – Grant £2500
- 39<sup>th</sup> Derby (Sinfin Moor) Guides – Grant £1612
- Boulton St Mary's Parochial Church Hall – Grant £2000

## **64/03 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel would be held in the Alvaston Ward on Wednesday 5 May 2004 at Southgate Youth Centre, Brighton Road, Alvaston, Derby.

**Agreed that Councillor Graves be appointed Chair for the next meeting.**

MINUTES END