

Time commenced : 6.00 pm  
Time finished : 7.50 pm

**AREA PANEL 3 (ABBEY, ARBORETUM AND NORMANTON)  
22 MARCH 2006**

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

Derby City Council and other officers:

John Cadwallader	-	Chief Executive, Derby Cityscape
Lesley Walker	-	Area and Neighbourhood Manager
Purjinder Gill	-	Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Vickie Butler	-	Area Panel Support Officer
Sarah Dosunmu	-	Area Panel Manager
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Jody Kirkpatrick	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Rachel Levy	-	Constitutional Services Assistant
Phil Rees	-	Derby Homes

27 members of the public were in attendance.

**55/05 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**56/05 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**57/05 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**58/05 Minutes**

The minutes of the Area Panel 3 meeting held on 18 January 2006 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**59/05 Presentation on the Derby Cityscape Master Plan**

John Cadwallader gave a presentation on the Derby Cityscape Master Plan and responded to queries raised at the meeting.

**Resolved to note the content of the presentation.**

## 60/05 Petitions

**To receive new petitions**

### **Petition relating to problems with trees outside properties on Normanton Road**

A petition was received from businesses and shop owners on Normanton Road, relating to problems with the trees outside their properties. The petition requested that the trees be pruned, to stop the problem of leaves falling and to allow customers to see the shop frontages clearly.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Environmental Services to investigate and report back to the next meeting.**

## 61/05 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 Dhindsa reported that £400 was being spent on a gate to help address the problems of anti social behaviour in the area. Agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

### **Improvements to Stockbrook Street Area – Abbey**

It was reported that there have been a number of crime prevention interventions jointly made by the Police and Anti Social Behaviour Team resulting in a significant decrease in crime. Derby Homes will be spending £300,000 on improvements in the Stockbrook Street area. Improvements are to be made to Stockbrook Recreation Ground through funding from Derby Parks Department and Derby Homes. Agreed to provide a further update at the next meeting.

### **Crossing at Kings Highway – Abbey**

A resident considered that members of the public were still unable to cross the road at the Kings Highway as there was no pedestrian crossing. Sarah Dosunmu responded that the land was not owned by the Council and therefore the Council could not install a crossing on this road. The resident requested copies of plans outlining ownership details for that area.

### **Street lighting in Derby City Centre – Arboretum**

A member of the public stated that four out of the eight lights reported as being

out, had still not been repaired. He also reported that 18 lights on Uttoxeter Road were out and did not consider that lights in the city were checked every two weeks. Agreed to provide information on the frequency of inspections to lights and repairs to lights on Uttoxeter Road.

**Jitty Closure Empress Road/Mount Carmel Street - Arboretum**

Agreed to report back to the next meeting following planned works in April to include removal of graffiti and cleaning of the steps.

**Antisocial behaviour, St Chad's Road area – Arboretum**

Agreed to note the update and provide a further update at the next meeting.

**Green Lane Centre – Arboretum**

A member of the public asked how the night shelter fit the criteria for funding from the Urban II priority 1 funding programme.

Sarah Dosunmu said she would undertake to get a more detailed response.

**Fly tipping – Arboretum**

Agreed to note the update and provide a further update at the next meeting.

**Cameron Road Homezone improvements and wheelie bins – Normanton**

A member of the public stated that Councillor Dhindsa had agreed to visit to view the issues, but had sent a Council worker instead. Councillor Dhindsa responded that he had phoned several times to see if there was still an issue and as he could not get in touch had sent a member of staff instead.

A resident commented that fire engines were having difficulty getting down the road due to the levels of car parking.

A further issue was raised that there was not sufficient car parking spaces on the road for residents, even those who had lived there for 30 years.

A member of the public asked who had put the bollards on Cameron Road.

**Councillor Dhindsa agreed to look into the issues raised.**

**Tree Pruning, Village Street – Normanton**

A resident stated that their original question was why approaching streets had been pruned – Offerton Avenue, Castleton Avenue and Ashopton Avenue but not Village Street. Agreed to write to the resident.

**Payment Office, Village Street – Normanton**

A member of the public asked if the hours of the payment offices could be varied to allow people who work the opportunity to access the offices.

**Mud on Village Street – Normanton**

A resident asked if it was illegal to park on speed humps as this was causing problems along Village Street. Agreed to report back to the next meeting.

### **Alcohol Free Zones – All Wards**

Members of the public suggested sites for alcohol free zone signs, including:

- Steps on Mount Carmel Street
- Outside Centenary House on Mount Street
- Byron Street
- Great Northern Road
- Sudbury Street
- Arboretum park (made specially for the Conservation Area)

Agreed to present proposals to the next meeting.

### **Cityscape Masterplan – All wards**

Agreed to note and close following the earlier presentation.

### **62/05 Public Question Time**

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

#### **Police investigation into a theft from a business and home address**

A member of the public reported that a theft from his business premises and home address was not being investigated by the police. It was noted that the question relates to a personal matter and will be dealt with outside of the meeting. It was agreed that the matter would be followed up and the resident contacted within a week.

#### **Housing Renewal Area – Leopold Street**

A member of the public reported that several weeks ago, a serious fire related incident happened on Leopold Street at premises believed to be owned by DCC. This also happened about 2 years ago and the 2 homes had been bricked up ever since. It was noted that Leopold Street was part of a regeneration neighbourhood and it was asked when a difference would be noticed.

#### **Bonfires**

A member of the public asked if bonfires could be banned expect for in November. The panel requested information is provided to the resident on regulations relating to bonfires.

#### **Babington Lane Post Office**

A member of the public asked why hoardings been left in places outside the old post office on Babington Lane, as there was only 2 ½ feet of space between the hoardings and pillar box. Work started some months ago but seems to have stopped. He informed the meeting that the estate agent was Salloways.

#### **Left Turn – Newdigate Street/Balaclava Road**

A member of the public reported that at least once a day a vehicle turned left from Newdigate Street into Balaclava Road and considered that another 'no left turn' sign was required.

#### **Land at Kenilworth Avenue**

A member of the public asked who owned the piece of land at the corner of Sackville street and Kenilworth Avenue and what was it going to be used for?

### **Pigeons**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the plague of pigeons in the Pear Tree and Normanton area. He noted the particular problem with the increasing population, limitations regarding the culling of the population and residents feeding pigeons in the area which contributes to their increasing number.

### **Highways in the City Centre**

A member of the public raised concerns about the state of the highways in the city centre and considered them unsuitable for pedestrians, cyclists and prams.

## **63/05 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2005/06**

A report of the Director of Derby Community Safety Partnership 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 Asian Advisory Service for a central heating boiler. Amount requested £1293.
- To consider whether to support the application received from the Austin Community Enterprise Neighbourhood Base for furniture for the function room. Amount requested £7571.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Bramblebrook Community Centre for the refurbishment of their venue. Amount requested £3500.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Karma Nirvana for their volunteer programme. Amount requested £2000.
- To consider whether to support the application received from St Thomas' Road Methodist Church for Saturday tea and activities for older people. Amount requested £1600.
- To consider whether to support the application received from Upbeat Communities Limited for the Beat Café enhancement project. Amount requested £2000.

**Agreed to award funding to the applications in the following way;**

- 1. Asian Advisory Service – agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting for further information.**
- 2. Austin Community Enterprise Neighbourhood Base – agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting for further information.**

3. **Bramblebrook Community Centre – agreed to defer consideration of the application, as Abbey Ward was overspent for the financial year.**
4. **Karma Nirvana – agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting for further information.**
5. **St Thomas' Road Methodist Church – agreed to defer consideration of the application to the next meeting for further information.**
6. **Upbeat Communities Limited – granted £1000 from Normanton and Arboretum ward allocations.**

### 64/05 Financial Outturn Report for Cosmetic Work to Trees for Area Panel 3

The Panel considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services which set out the financial outturn for cosmetic work to trees budget for Area Panel 3.

It was reported that in the 2005/06 financial year Area Panel 3 had agreed works to the tree outside 27/53 St Clare's Close. £747.95 remained unspent and would be returned to the Parks budget.

**Resolved to note the report.**

### 65/05 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.**

### 66/05 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 June 2006 at Dale Community Primary School, Derby. Councillor Dhindsa will be the Chair.

MINUTES END