

Time commenced – 6.30pm  
Time finished – 9.10pm

**AREA PANEL 1  
(CHADDESSEN, DERWENT, OAKWOOD AND SPONDON WARDS)  
27 OCTOBER 2004**

Present: Councillors Ahern, E Berry, P Berry, Bolton, Brown, Latham,  
MacDonald, Redfern, Roberts, Smalley and West

Derby City Council and Derbyshire Constabulary Officers:

Richard Smail – Area Panel Manager  
Peter Matthews – Derby Homes  
Graeme Walton – Derby Homes  
Inspector Graham McLaughlin – Derbyshire Constabulary

32 members of the public were in attendance.

## **27/04 Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gupta.

## **28/04 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair**

In accordance with Section 100 (B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to introduce an application for funding as a late item, as a decision on the funding needed to be made before the next scheduled meeting.

## **29/04 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors E Berry and P Berry declared personal interests in minute no 33/04 as they were members of the Spondon Youth Initiative who had applied for funding for the new facilities. Councillor Redfern declared a personal interest in minute no 34/04 as she was a governor at Beaufort Primary School and appointed by the Council to Derwent Community Partnership. Councillor Roberts declared a personal interest in minute no 34/04 as he was appointed by the Council to Derwent Community Partnership.

## **30/04 Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of Area Panel 1, held on 1 September 2004, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 31/04 Update on Progress regarding Community Issues raised at the Area Panel meeting

The Panel considered an update report on progress of community issues raised at the last meeting. The report included details of issues raised and various progress to date and details of which Council Officer was responsible for these issues.

**Agreed to note the report.**

## 32/04 Specific Issues

### **Anti-Social Behaviour – Oakwood**

Inspector MacLaughlin reported that the police base at Oakwood Community Centre was not yet open, as they were still awaiting works from contractors. He reported that two new beat officers, Wendy Smith and Anita Phipps, had been appointed and that the Panel would be informed once the police base was open.

### **Speed Limit on Mansfield Road – Derwent**

Councillor Roberts reported that there was a continued concern that the Director of Development and Cultural Services had confirmed the 40 mile per hour speed limit. He reported that the Councillors for Derwent ward had not been consulted and were therefore not in a position to provide a response.

**Agreed to ask an officer from Development and Cultural Services to attend the next meeting to discuss this issue.**

### **Pedestrian Crossing on Mansfield Road – Derwent**

It was reported that a new survey was being undertaken.

### **Litter – Oakwood District Centre, Oakwood**

A member of the public was concerned that no timetable for action had been set. He reported that early in 2003, a Scrutiny Commission had considered 'social inclusion and the physical environment' and recommendations and actions had been drawn up. Part of these recommendations was that litter wardens be employed. Council Cabinet had requested that this to be considered as part of the budget round and had referred the issue to the Planning and Environment Commission for consideration.

### **Community Facilities – Breadsall Hilltop, Derwent**

Councillor Roberts was concerned about the £47,000 held by the Council since the development of Crest site. He was concerned that the money was being held when improvements were required and all because the area had not been adopted. Councillor Redfern requested that at the next meeting, a report be presented on what had happened to the £47,000. Councillor West reported that the area could not be laid out until it had been adopted as open space.

**Agreed to request the Landscape And Development Officer to attend the next meeting.**

### **Provision of Litter Bins – Derwent Ward**

It was reported that the litter bin which had recently been installed on Mansfield Road had been vandalised already.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to investigate and report back.**

### **Lighting on Jitty between Mansfield Road and Suffolk Avenue, Derwent**

It was reported that the lighting was now working.

### **Parking on Sitwell Street, Spondon**

It was reported that the double yellow lines had been reinstated but the problems with cars were still getting worse. There had been a purge by traffic wardens a while ago, but there still needed a be a regular turnaround of traffic wardens on an irregular basis. There was a continued problem with parking on pavements and whether this amounted to an obstruction or not. Inspector MacLaughlin gave an explanation of what constituted an obstruction. There was concern about frequency of deliveries to small shops.

**Agreed that Inspector MacLaughlin investigate the issue of traffic wardens patrolling the area.**

### **Dog Waste Bins at Chaddesden Park – Chaddesden**

A member of the public reported that at a meeting of the Chaddesden Park Friendly Group, complaints had been received about the playground in front of the café and that dog waste was being put into bins, which were also used for food waste. She suggested that the committee be consulted about dog waste and the provision of litter bins. Another member of the public was concerned that signs needed to be put up to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. The Chair reported that the Planning and Environment Commission were considering dog waste as part of its topic review in the new year and that this would be a city wide issue. A member of the public was concerned that dog waste was infectious during the first three days and this was when it needed to be removed. Councillor West assured the member of the public that bins were emptied on a daily basis.

## **32/04 Public Question Time**

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

### **Noise Nuisance**

A member of the public reported that gangs of youths were playing and banging doors at the Maryland Road Garages.

**Agreed to ask Derby Homes to keep the situation under observation.**

### **Inconsiderate Dog Owners**

A member of the public reported that there was a problem with someone who let her dog out unaccompanied which then chased children and prevented them from playing games.

**Agreed to ask Derby Homes and Derbyshire Police to investigate and report back.**

### **Logs in Woods**

A member of the public reported that youths were setting fire to and vandalising logs in the woods in Chaddesden.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Commercial Services to arrange for the logs to be removed.**

### **Chesapeake Road Pavement**

A member of the public asked when the repair work on the pavement would be completed.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate.**

### **Parking along Reginald Road South**

A member of the public reported that no parking was required along Reginald Road South from Nottingham Road, to its first junction on the left, by the Oaktree Nursery. There was a dangerous puddle on the corner of Reginald Road South and Reginald Road North, which was often four inches deep. He thought that the drain was blocked and that this had been a situation for a few years.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to consider restricting parking along Reginald Road South from Nottingham Road and to consider what action could be taken to alleviate the large puddle on the corner of Reginald Road South and Reginald Road North.**

### **145<sup>th</sup> Scout Hut, Coniston Crescent – Derwent**

The Scout Leader referred to a meeting which had been held at the Scout Headquarters to discuss ways of protecting the building from vandalism. She was concerned that the vandalism was still occurring and reported that the scouts themselves did not cause any problems. Richard Smail, Area Panel Manager, reported that the detached youth service were checking the area and the community watch were treating it as a hot spot.

**Agreed that the Area Panel Manager would give the scout leader guidance on accessing funding to provide some fencing around the scout hut.**

### **Resurfacing at Worcester Crescent**

A member of the public asked what constituted resurfacing of roads. She referred to Reginald Road South which had been resurfaced, where the old tarmac had been taken off and a new layer put on. Worcester Crescent had received a thin layer of tarmac sprayed over the road and then chippings put down. No pot holes had been filled or grass removed from the pot holes or the sides of the roads.

**Agreed to ask the Director of Development and Cultural Services to investigate and report back.**

### **Kerb Side Recycling Scheme**

A member of the public asked why the kerb side recycling scheme did not include recycling of cardboard and whether this could be introduced in the near future.

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

### **Grass on Pavement by Taddington Road Surgery**

A member of the public reported that an elderly person had slipped on grass on the pavement by Taddington Road Surgery. Fortunately, she did not injure herself but was concerned that the grass should be moved before anyone does hurt themselves.

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

### **The Number 9 Bus, Spondon**

A member of the public reported that the number 9 bus service from Derby to Chaddesden and Spondon, no longer ran after 6pm, but shops including Asda and doctors and chemists still operated after this time. He also reported that some buses had been reduced from hourly to two hourly and with the closure of post offices more buses would be needed. The Chair of the Chaddesden links Community Panel, which includes Waterford Drive also reported that bus services were being reduced, the post office was being taken away, the local housing office may close and telephone boxes were also being removed.

The Chair reported that the Council continued to argue for the reintroduction of buses. Councillor P Berry reported that the issue relating to post office closures, had brought to light many other issues. Councillor Roberts reported that frequent meetings were being held between Highways and the local bus companies and that the 101 and 102 bus service was funded through New Deal. He explained that he had asked if they would consider servicing Asda, and go through the Waterford Drive estate. This would provide at least an hourly service. He agreed to provide an update of this at the next meeting.

Councillor Bolton reported that the possible closure of the Local Housing Office at Roosevelt Avenue was still out for consultation.

### **Chaddesden Park Allotments**

A member of the public requested an update on the railings around Chaddesden Park Allotments. Councillor Bolton reported that the issue needed addressing, particularly in relation to vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The results of a meeting with the Chair and secretary of the Chaddesden Park Committee would be reported to the next meeting.

### **Area Panel Agendas**

A member of the public reported that he had called at the Council House to see the agenda for the meeting and was told that there would be a charge of £2.50, which he believed to be undemocratic. He requested that the decision to charge for agendas be reviewed, and that he receive the agendas through the post. It was reported that

a letter had been sent out to everybody who received agendas through the post, explaining the new procedure – a copy of which had been sent to all Councillors. Councillors present at the Area Panel reported that they had not received the letter.

**Agreed to request the Director of Corporate Services to review the policy for charging for agendas.**

### **Road Works due to Sewers**

A member of the public referred to the disturbance caused by road works to replace sewers. He asked if there would be any further urban sprawl beyond Oakwood, as he was concerned that the new sewers being laid needed to take into account, future developments. It was reported that the area he was referring to was beyond the city boundary and fell within the Erewash Borough Council area.

## **33/04      Petitions**

### **No new petitions**

#### **Petition relating to new facilities – Cambridge Street / Willowcroft Recreation ground**

A report of the Director of Commercial Services was considered which set out the proposals for new facilities – Cambridge Street / Willowcroft Road recreation ground.

Agreed:

1. To note the report.
2. To agree that a sports wall be installed, the old playground removed and replaced with a new one in central location and the football pitch moved slightly to allow the construction of the new play area and that no wheeled sports facilities be located on Cambridge Street / Willowcroft recreation ground. To carry out further consultation with residents around Gravel Pit Lane recreation ground, with a view to installing a sports wall on that side.
3. To note that it was proposed that parks would look at the provision of wheeled sports facilities as part of the strategic provision of outdoor use facilities in the City to be presented as a report to Council Cabinet.
4. A letter be sent to the lead petitioner and all the people who had contributed to the consultation, to provide an update and confirmation of a decision taken in 2 above.

## **34/04      Area Panel Budget Proposals 2004/05**

A report of the Assistant Director - Community Policy was considered which set out details of six applications for funding which had been received.

It was reported that the first application was from the Derwent Luncheon Club. They were seeking a grant of £500 towards transport costs.

The second application was from Beaufort Community Primary School. They were seeking a grant of £1,788 towards a breakfast club.

The third application was from Derbyshire Constabulary. They were seeking £1,000 towards security improvements around Croft Wood.

The fourth application was from Derwent Community Team. They were seeking £3,500 towards Cowsley Road Visions Consultation.

The fifth application was from the Council's Youth Service with Spondon Guides and Brownies and Connexions. They were seeking £2,000 towards the purchase of tables and chairs.

The sixth application was a late item for funding from Councillor Bolton. She was seeking £1,450 towards lighting at Chapel Lane, Chaddesden.

### **Options considered**

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

### **Decision**

- 1 To award a grant of £500 to the Derwent Luncheon Club to support transport cost.
- 2 To reduce the request by £200 because recruitment costs were no longer needed. To award a grant of up to £1,588 to Beaufort Community Primary School towards the breakfast club on a pro rata basis subject to the project starting as a legal entity and based on the number of weeks the project requires the funding prior to January 2005.
- 3 To award a grant of £1,000 to Derbyshire Constabulary towards security improvements around Croft Wood.
- 4 To award a grant of £3,500 to Derwent Community Team towards Cowsley Road Visions Consultation.
- 5 To award a grant of £2,000 to the Youth Service with Spondon Guides and Brownies and Connexions towards the purchase of chairs and tables.
- 6 To award a grant of £1,450 to Councillor Bolton towards lighting on Chapel Lane, Chaddesden.

## **Reasons**

- 1 the applications meet the criteria for Area Panel funding
- 2 the applications provided evidence of needs, both in terms of enabling residents to participate in activities within their community and providing a service in response to the needs of local residents and which would provide a benefit to all residents.

(Councillors Redfern and Roberts left the meeting during the discussion and voting on the items relating to Beaufort Primary School and Derwent Community Team).

## **35/04 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held in the Derwent Ward at the Gateway, off St Mark's Road, Chaddesden on Wednesday 12 January 2005 at 6.30pm.

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