

DARLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2010 at West End Bowls Club, Markeaton Street, Derby

Present:	Councillor Martin Repton	- Chair
	Councillor Finbar Richards	- DCC
	Councillor John-Paul Keane	- DCC
	Lorraine Radford	- Resident
	Brian Perry	- Resident
	David Ling	- Darley Abbey Society
	John Brittain	- Resident
	Andrew Meahan	- Chester Green Residents Ass'n
	Chris Wynn	- FoDOS
	Andrew Waterhouse	- Planning, DCC
	Richard Carruthers	- Planning, DCC
	Roy Hartle	- Darley Abbey History Group
	Chris Morris	- DCC, Youth Service
	Jude King	- Strutts Park Residents Association
	Neville Wells	- University of Derby
	Inspector Keene	- Police
	Zoe Nettleship	- Neighbourhood Manager, CSP
	Stephanie Morley	- Minute Taker
Apologies:	Beverley Ann Hunter	- Chester Green Residents Ass'n
	Dot Webster	- Resident
	Patrick Ahearne	- Resident

1,	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies were noted.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND / OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Wynn & Andrew Meahan: Item 6 – Application for funding, Friends of Darley Open Spaces. • David Ling: Item 6 – Application for funding, Darley & Nutwood Nature Reserve Management Group. 	
3.	LATE ITEMS None	
4.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	
4.1	Accuracy Items 1: Darley Abbey Historical Society to be amended to Darley Abbey	

<p>4.2</p>	<p>Historical Group Bottom of Page 5: HNT to be amended to read “Highways and Transport” Top of Page 3, Line 4: “Struts” to be amended to read “Strutts”.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Item 6: Strutts Park Residents Association have been liaising with Traffic but have opted not to proceed with an origin and destination study until works were completed.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>CORE STRATEGY OPTIONS CONSULTATION</p> <p>Andrew Waterhouse and Richard Carruthers from Planning & Policy reported. It was explained their responsibility was to plan where new development should take place in Derby in terms of housing, employment, etc and with this in mind, work is currently being undertaken on the City’s Core Strategy. Public consultation is under way on this, which will replace Derby’s existing Local Plan and will set out a vision for Derby in 2026 and will be a delivery mechanism for the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Whilst drawing up the Strategy, the Council have to work within national and regional policy, the latter of which specifies that 14,400 new homes are required in the area between 2006 and 2026. 2,500 of these have been delivered to date.</p> <p>The Council is also working in partnership with South Derbyshire District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council as a proportion of their new housing requirements are required to be adjacent to Derby City.</p> <p>Two possible Options have been drawn up and details of these were circulated for members’ information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option A proposes a concentration of new development within existing urban areas in order to preserve green spaces. • Option B proposes less development within existing urban areas but would still see development within the city centre and Osmaston, and would see the release of some land within the green wedges in the city. <p>Topic papers on areas such as housing, retail, employment, etc have been prepared as well as neighbourhood overviews for all 17 Wards and these may be accessed via the Council’s Website. http://www.derby.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/2BCD02AF-6BFD-4F4B-9D65-D8E1B78CC865/0/DarleyDraft.pdf</p> <p>Consultation will run until 31.03.10 and comments and feedback are welcomed from all. Once the consultation period closes all such responses will be considered and a draft Core Strategy document produced.</p> <p>Upon enquiry it was confirmed parking restrictions would not be</p>	

	<p>considered at this level, such consideration being too detailed at Core Strategy stage.</p> <p>Concern was expressed re lack of consultation within Darley Ward re past schemes and it was asked what consultation would take place this time. Zoe explained the Board had responsibility for ensuring others within the Ward took part in the consultation process and encouraged members to disseminate the above information to others.</p> <p>The idea of combining elements of Options A and B together was raised and Andrew agreed a possible “Option C” may ultimately emerge as the way forward.</p> <p>Chris Wynn felt Option B to be preferable as this did not impact as much on transport links and school provision and Neville went on to enquiry if there was a link between the development of the Core Strategy with the Local Transport Plan. This was confirmed and it was added the 2 departments were working closely together.</p> <p>Neville stated South Derbyshire and Amber Valley’s development of new housing on the city’s boundaries would influence transport links coming into Derby and the Chair agreed, adding that such development on the border of Mackworth could determine plans for an underpass at Markeaton Island.</p> <p>Roy enquired whether green belt on the edges of the city would be projected but no definitive answer was possible, although it was added the original Plan states the green belt to the East and North of the city should remain.</p> <p>Jude stated she had attended a workshop last July where participants had expressed a desire to see brown field sites within the city being developed in the first instance.</p> <p>Questionnaires were circulated and members were invited to complete these or to feed back their further comments via Council’s website. Chris Wynn additionally enquired whether Richard would be willing to meet with the Board’s Transport Sub-group to discuss matters further but reluctantly, Richard felt this may not be possible to resource. Finally, members were informed a further consultation event was scheduled on Saturday 6 February in the foyer at the Guildhall.</p> <p><i>(Richard Carruthers and Andrew Waterhouse left the meeting at 7.05 pm.)</i></p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BUDGET</p> <p>A copy of the Neighbourhood Budget 2009/10 report had been pre-circulated with the Agenda and was duly noted by those present. 5 applications for funding were additionally attached and considered by</p>	

	members.	
6.1	<p>Darley & Nutwood Nature Reserve Management Group An application for £300 for the supply and erection of 3 wooden notice boards. The application had been submitted to the last Board meeting at which further details had been requested. Zoe confirmed the £300 requested was for material recommended by Beverley Rhodes for the pin boards, labour being free of charge. Recommended to fund in full.</p>	
6.2	<p>Darley Abbey Royal British Legion An application for £1,000 to allow the installation of a monitored fire alarm system in the British Legion building. The total cost of the system is £2,487 and the Board is therefore requested to fund part of this only. Upon enquiry it was stated membership at the Legion was circa 300. It was suggestion the £1,000 be taken from the Board's Reward Reserve Budget and this was duly agreed. Recommended to fund in full (£1,000) from the Board's Reward Reserve Budget.</p>	
6.3	<p>River Street Community Group (RSCG) An application for £2,000 to fund the commissioning of a CAFE or space shaper survey. Zoe had some reservations re the application stating the space saver survey would be provided by a commercial organisation at a high cost and would involve them speaking to a relatively small amount of people (circa 20 to 25) and as such Zoe felt £1,500 was a high price to pay and therefore recommended looking into the possibility of training others to undertake the surveys to ensure that skills were at least brought back into the community. Zoe added she had no reservations re the £500 requested for an event notice board.</p> <p>Brian felt there were better options for undertaking the work than a space shaper survey and Zoe pointed out RSCG could explore alternatives with Parks, who had facilitated similar work in the past. The Chair agreed Parks should be approached. Members additionally noted an award of £700 had been made to RSCG in the past. Recommended to fund the event notice board at £500, to defer the remainder of the application with the recommendation that RSCG speak with Parks re alternatives to a space shaper survey.</p>	
6.4	<p>Friends of Darley Open Spaces (FoDOS) Chris Wynn and Andrew Meahan declared an interest. An application for £1,620 to fund adventure activities on 4.6.10, a ½ day of environmental training, Autumn 2010 and a series of 6 musical events throughout the Spring / Summer 2010. These activities are planned to increase the participation of young people with the Group.</p> <p>The Chair request members of FoDOS contact local schools to encourage their involvement in the musical events (Ecclesbourne having already committed to involvement) but Zoe stated she would be happy to</p>	

	<p>pass on the school contacts as part of the recommendations.</p> <p>Members additionally noted the cost of the climbing frame for 4.6.10 could be deducted from the application as Derby Homes had agreed to provide this free of charge.</p> <p>Upon enquiry, Zoe confirmed no match funding was being provided. The Chair therefore felt FoDOS should approach Derby Youth Service and local schools in this respect.</p> <p>Zoe recommended the application be funded from the Board's Reserve Award Budget: Youth Provision.</p> <p>Recommended to fund £1,170 - the sum of £450 for the climbing frame being deducted from the original requested sum – from the Reserve Award Budget.</p> <p>Zoe recommended the Board held an extraordinary meeting to consider funding applications only, prior to the end of the Financial Year, and this was duly agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to arrange Extraordinary Board Meeting to consider further funding applications before Financial Year End.</p> <p>Derbyshire Police</p> <p>6.5 An application by Darley PCSOs for £163.81 to fund the "PCSO Primary Challenge".</p> <p>Recommended to fund in full.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillors to consider above recommendations at their Councillor's Ward Meeting at the end of this meeting.</p> <p>6.6 Additional Suggestions for Budget Underspend</p> <p>Jude suggested the provision of grit bins at Strutts Park and following discussion, Zoe agreed to investigate with Highways, the possibility of match funding from them to provide these. (The cost of one grit bin, duly fitted, is £175.)</p> <p>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to liaise with Highways re match funding for grit bins, Strutts Park.</p> <p>Chris felt consideration of funding some youth outreach work could be made, adding that similar work in Alvaston had resulted in a reduction in crime. Councillor Jean-Paul Keane felt consideration should be given to those items listed in the last Minutes at Page 4. and members agreed with his suggestion. Jude pointed out the Arthur Street ramp was now being done by the Council and this item was therefore deleted from the list.</p> <p>City Road Garage Improvements – Tree Pruning</p> <p>£2,000 to be funded from Community Budget. The Chair additionally</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>
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	<p>requested Zoe e-mail the appropriate person and convey the Neighbourhood Forum's disappointment these trees had not been dealt with via their budget.</p> <p>Darley Park Entrance from North Parade Improvements Roy stated the entrance was very untidy and it was agreed the Neighbourhood Manager would contact Alf Bousie to request it be tidied up. If this is not possible, to contact Youth Offending Team to request offenders undertake this work.</p> <p>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to contact Alf Bousie re clearing up entrance to Darley Park from North Parade / to contact Youth Offending Team.</p> <p>Agreement was made to carry over the repairs of the Italianate fountain to 2010/11.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: UPDATE ON SUB-GROUP MEETINGS</p> <p>Neighbourhood Sub-group The group has not met since the last Board meeting. However, it was agreed it should consider the city's Core Strategy, the Kedleston Road bus lane at its next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair requested Zoe e-mail all Board members to remind them which sub-group/s they sit on so that groups may meet prior to the next Board meeting in order to drive priorities forward.</p> <p>ACTION: Neighbourhood Manager to circulate Board Sub-group membership details.</p> <p>Zoe stated Board member applications would be required prior to the AGM and nomination forms would be circulated in the near future.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Manager</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD REPORTS</p> <p>Community Issues Update A copy of the report was pre-circulated with the Agenda. Few issues were raised at last week's Forum meeting. John however, expressed concern re parking issues on the side streets off Kedleston Road and Neville stated the University's Parking Group would be consulting once the new parking restrictions had been in place for a year.</p> <p>Zoe informed members of the draft Section 106 protocol being developed, which will enable Neighbourhood Boards to influence where these monies were spent, and added this item would become a standard agenda item in future.</p> <p><i>(Inspector Keene entered the meeting at 8.00pm.)</i></p>	

8.2	<p>Police Update</p> <p>Recent work has included target hardening of 40 properties in the area and liaison with students re the recent spate of robberies. Insecure vehicle thefts have been a problem and the Police are therefore checking the doors of parked vehicles and contacting the owners of those found to be unlocked.</p>	
	<p>The ASB in Walter Street has now subsided following the confiscation of stereo equipment and the Police are continuing to tackle ASB in the area via Operation Pennsylvania which has resulted in one offender being detained.</p> <p>Work has been done within the local schools re internet bullying and the Church Watch is now up and running. A large cannabis find has been detected at a house in Duffield Road and Inspector Keene asked those renting properties to be aware of this problem when vetting tenants.</p> <p>Overall crime statistics are 9.9% down when compared with the same time last year, a decrease for the seventh year in succession. Assault is up by 16.3% with 30 additional assaults in the area but this could be linked to the targeting of students in the hot spot area towards Five Lamps. Theft from vehicle is up with 26 cars stolen in 10 months. Robbery is down by 12%, dwelling burglaries down by 32% and non-dwelling burglaries are down by 14%. Damage and arson is down by 23% and drugs offences are up, but this is positive as it means the detection rate has increased. One in 3 crimes are now being detected.</p>	
9.	<p>DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Wednesday 19 May 2010, 7.00pm to 8.30pm, to be held at West End Bowls Club.</p>	

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

1. **Neighbourhood Manager to arrange Extraordinary Board Meeting to consider further funding applications before Financial Year End.**
2. **Councillors to consider above recommendations at their Councillor's Ward Meeting at the end of this meeting.**
3. **Neighbourhood Manager to liaise with Highways re match funding for grit bins, Strutts Park.**
4. **Neighbourhood Manager to contact Alf Bousie re clearing up entrance to Darley Park from North Parade / to contact Youth Offending Team.**
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