

Time Commenced: 6.40pm
Time Finished: 8.35pm

**AREA PANEL 4 (BLAGREAVES, LITTLEOVER AND MICKLEOVER
WARDS)
28 MARCH 2007**

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair)
Councillors Care, Carr, Hird, Jones, Marshall and Troup

Also Present: Councillor Wynn

Derby City Council and Other Officers:

Richard Smail	-	Area Panel Manager
Gemma Barlow	-	Constitutional Services Officer
Michelle Spamer	-	Area Coordination Officer
Cherry Hayes	-	Team Administrator
Inspector Shaun Skelton	-	Derbyshire Police

57/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Skelton and Winter.

58/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

59/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Troup declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 66/06 as he had submitted the application.

Councillor Care declared a personal interest in minute number 66/06 as she had previously been a member of the Live at Home Committee.

60/06 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to changing minute number 46/06 to read:

‘The Littleover Councillors declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 53/06 as they had submitted the application on behalf of their Ward.’

61/06 Chairs Report

The Panel considered a verbal report providing an update on current activities, progress on projects and successes in the Area Panel 4 area.

Resolved to note the report.

62/06 Petitions To Receive New Petitions

There were no new petitions.

To Consider Petitions Received Since the Last Meeting

- Petition relating to lighting around Vicarage Road Park

The Panel received a petition regarding the lack of lighting around Vicarage Road Park in Micklegate. The petition related to a Police Liaison meeting on 14 February 2007 at the pavilion. There was no lighting on the park pathways, making it difficult for people to see when getting to and from the meeting. The petition asked that the issue is dealt with as a matter of urgency.

A resident commented there was lighting around the pavilion but on the night of the meeting it had not been turned on, possibly because no one had arranged it when making the booking.

Councillor Wynn advised that the petition was being looked into by the Highways and Transportation section, although the responsibility may lie with the Parks department.

Agreed to investigate the request for additional lighting along the paths.

- Petition requesting a skatepark in Micklegate

The Panel received a petition that was requesting a skatepark in Micklegate for bicycles, skateboards and skates. The petitioners considered that a park would give young people a place to go, preventing them from getting into trouble.

A member of the public considered that, although the petition stated that young people had not been consulted when the Vicarage Park Pavilion was built, consultation had been carried out.

Councillor Allen highlighted that there had been a number of petitions of a similar nature for the area and asked that the previous demands be noted in the response.

Agreed to investigate the petition and provide a response to a future meeting.

To Consider Responses to Petitions Received

Stenson Road Parking Area, Sunny Hill

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation that detailed a response to a petition requesting a time limit on the length of parking in the car park adjacent to the Post Office.

Councillor Wynn reported that he wished to remove recommendation 2.1 from the report 'That the Area Panel agrees that waiting restrictions are not necessary' and that he intended to instruct Officers to conduct a further period of monitoring and would define what the monitoring would be. He advised that he had been to visit the lead petitioner and agreed that the issues were not as simple as he had first considered.

Resolved

- 1. to refer the petition back to the Cabinet Member so that monitoring of the parking situation can take place for a month and that a new report be brought back to a future meeting of the Panel**
- 2. to note that the carriageway markings have been relined at this location**
- 3. to advise the petitioners accordingly.**

Removal of Bollards in Chatsworth Drive

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation that detailed a response to a petition requesting the removal of 8 bollards located on road build out areas on the new section of Chatsworth Drive.

Resolved to note that the developer will remove 8 bollards before the highways are adopted and maintained at public expense.

63/06 2007/08 Programme of Highways and Transport Schemes

The Panel considered a report from the Assistant Director of Highways and Transport that detailed the 2007 programme of highways and transport schemes and the status of Area Panel Priorities in each ward within Area Panel 4.

It was reported that the final programme of highways and transport schemes was agreed by Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007.

Resolved

- 1. to note the schemes that will be undertaken in the Area Panel 4 wards**

2. to note that a further report will be presented to the **September/October 2007 Area Panel meeting to commence consultation on the highways and transport work programme for 2008/09.**
3. to request that the Panel would like to receive a report after July 2007 on progress of the **Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative in the City .**

64/06 Updates

Petition, Car Parking on Uttoxeter Road, Littleover

Councillor Care raised concerns that blue badge holders were parking illegally on Kings Drive. Inspector Skelton noted the concerns.

A resident commented that at the Panel meeting in November 2006 Councillor Wynn said that the Traffic Regulation Order –TRO, process could be progressed early and that the legal section had recently indicated it would only take two months to progress the Order, so asked why they were being told it would still take at least six months.

Councillor Wynn apologised for providing misleading information and explained that he had now been informed by Officers that it was not possible to progress the TRO any more quickly. He confirmed that a residents meeting was being arranged for April 2007 but that the venue still needed to be confirmed.

A resident requested that the hospital erect signage informing people of where they can park. Councillor Marshall responded that the Adult Services and Health Commission had looked into the signage inside the hospital and said he would raise the issues of signs outside.

Agreed to note the report and report back to a future meeting.

Traffic on Stenson Road

A resident expressed their disappointment that no consideration was being given to installing a mini roundabout at the junction of Stenson Road and Oaklands Avenue. Agreed to close.

Redevelopment of University of Derby Mickleover Campus

A resident asked if the Council could provide an indication of the anticipated timing of a transfer to the swimming pools long term owners. He also asked about the extent of any likely major refurbishment and therefore the implications for the continuity of service. He suggested a Steering Committee for pool users as a place to discuss issues.

Agreed to note the report and report back to a future meeting.

65/06 Public Question Time

Traffic on Littleover Lane, Blagreaves

A resident raised concerns that Littleover Lane was being used as a rat run and that when she conducted her own survey there was over 500 vehicle movements between 8am and 9am. She also raised the issue of speeding vehicles on the Lane. Another resident echoed her concerns and asked if traffic calming measures could be considered.

Councillor Wynn responded that no resources had been allocated in the 2007/08 highways and transport programme to investigate or address the issue, although there could be a possibility to look at if there was an underspend during the year.

Agreed to investigate what action could be taken in response to the request for traffic calming and for the Police to investigate the issue of speeding.

Highways Improvements on Church Street/Shepherd Street, Littleover

A member of the public asked if improvements could be made to Church Street and Shepherd Street to make it safer, for example by widening the pavement or introducing a one way street.

Councillor Care responded that the area had been looked into as a Safer Routes to School. Changes to road layouts had already been introduced and a plateau installed to slow down traffic. She explained that one way street options had been considered in both directions but neither were anymore satisfactory than what was currently in place due to the impact on other roads.

Inspection of Highways Repairs, all wards

A member of the public raised concerns about the standard of highways repairs in the City, particularly highlighting an area on Carlisle Avenue where kerbs were not completed and the surface was crumbling. He asked if the Council inspects work before it is completed.

Councillor Wynn responded that work was inspected, however there were a number of issues with the current contractor whose contract was ending later this year. He advised that the contractor was not paid for any work that was not up to the required standard. He explained that the Council was unable to terminate the contract whilst the majority of the work being completed met the required specification.

66/06 Area Panel Budget Proposals 2006/07

Derby Live at Home

The Panel considered an application for £1650 from the Derby Live at Home Project for transport costs.

Resolved to approve the application for £1650

Councillors Skelton and Troup

The Panel received an application for £1686 for three dual waste bins in the Blagreaves Ward.

Resolved to approve the application for £1686.

Haven Christian Church

The Panel received an application for £600 from the Haven Christian Church for furniture replacement for the Community Room.

Resolved to approve the application for £600.

67/06 Health Briefing Primary Care Trust

The Panel received information about health services.

Resolved to note the report.

68/06 Diary of Events

The Panel received information about the events taking place in the Area Panel 4 Area.

Resolved to note the report

69/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held at Silverhill Primary School on Wednesday 27 June 2007 at 6.30pm and would be chaired by Councillor Winter.

MINUTES END