

Decisions of the Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee

15 January 2014

Cllr John Hart (Chairman)

Cllr Joan Scannell (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Geoffrey Johnson

Cllr Julie Johnson

1. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2013 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Brian Gordon, Councillor Maureen Braun and Councillor Charlie O'Macauley.

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

5. MEMBERS ITEMS

The sub-Committee heard oral representation from Ward Member Councillor Joan Scannell who highlighted concerns of highways issues within Edgware Ward. Councillor Scannell noted that residents in Broadfields Avenue and Hale Lane were experiencing road traffic problems.

Following discussion and consideration of this item the Sub-Committee:

Resolved:

- The Sub-Committee requested that the appropriate officer investigate the location and consider proposals to address the Member's Item.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM HENDON RESIDENTS FORUM

The Sub-Committee received the below items, which had been referred to the Sub-Committee by the Vice Chairman of the Hendon Residents Forum, Councillor Sury Khatri.

Item 1 – Extract from Hendon Residents Forum Agenda – 15 January 2014

Burtonhole Lane NW7 - speeding vehicles causing danger to the public

Burtonhole Lane is a narrow, residential and semi rural lane that leads to three sports grounds and a stables which are in regular and welcome use, mainly, but not only, at weekends. It also leads to public footpaths that are well used by ramblers. The visitors using these facilities tend to be unfamiliar with the local roads and traffic patterns. This has resulted in a number of (very) near misses recently involving both vehicles and pedestrians.

Car drivers, especially those using the the sports grounds tend to speed excessively along Burtonhole Lane mainly at the semi-blind crossroads with Hillview Road. Local residents report to me regularly of incidents where they have had to take emergency avoiding actions resulting in burst tyres and kerb/verge mountings caused by visitors driving recklessly fast.

May I request your involvement in implementing speed restrictions in Burtonhole Lane in the same way that they have been installed in Partingdale Lane (the next road along) for the same reason. A speed limit of 20mph and some passive limiters (e.g. width restrictors or "sleeping policemen") are sorely needed to protect the residents and road users from harm.

The Sub-Committee noted the referred issue and raised concerns which related to the road traffic and the potential need for traffic calming measures.

Following discussion and consideration of this issue the Sub-Committee:

Resolved:

- The Sub-Committee requested that the appropriate officer investigate the site and consider proposals to enhance road safety.
- That Ward Members be notified of any developments.

Item 3 – Extract from Hendon Residents Forum Agenda – 15 January 2014

The residents of Ajax Avenue, Colindale NW9, ask Barnet Council to extend the hours of Controlled Parking Zone from 7am to 7pm from Monday through to Saturday for the following reasons-

- 1) We have very limited parking on Ajax Avenue.
- 2) Not all Ajax Avenue residents have a drive way nor can get they a parking space and have no other options i.e. no where else to park
- 3) The residents of Brent Works / Chain Court have a dedicated car park and other parking on around the flats. There are enough spaces for them to park yet they choose to park on Ajax Avenue (5 in total).
- 4) Residents of Colindale Avenue also use Ajax Avenue for parking - why do they have permits?
- 5) People park on Ajax Avenue when they want to go to the dentist / Colindale tube station / local shops
- 6) Several residents of Ajax Avenue have had their cars damaged since June 2013 when the new flats started to be occupied. I've had my car damaged.

- 7) Most residents of Ajax Avenue have young children and cannot park close to their own homes this causes distress and inconvenience.
- 8) Ambulances cannot get close to homes when called because of parking congestion.
- 9) Carers for elderly residents / other community / Council services cannot get close to residents homes to visit / pick up / drop off
- 10) Taxi drivers use Ajax Avenue to park while they wait for a call
- 11) Increased traffic on Ajax Avenue during busy times (4-7pm weekdays and all day Saturdays) is noisy and dangerous.
- 12) At weekends none of the actual residents of Ajax Avenue who do not have a drive way can get a parking space.
- 13) The residents of Ajax Court have only 8 parking places. There are 16 flats and we have no where else to park.

The Sub-Committee noted the referred issue and raised concerns which related to the parking. The Sub-Committee noted the request for an extension to the Central Parking Zone.

Following discussion and consideration of this issue the Sub-Committee:

Resolved:

- The Sub-Committee requested that the appropriate officer to investigate the site and consider proposals to enhance road safety.
- That Ward Members are notified of any developments.

Item 12 – Extract from Hendon Residents Forum Agenda – 15 January 2014

Further to Question 16 by Mr Gerard Roots at the March 2013 Residents Forum. In Answer to his question the Council stated “*Currently the council are hoping to conclude a solution for the future use of the building and grounds shortly.*” – Has a long term conclusion been reached as anticipated? If so, what does the Council envisage the building to be used for in the long term?

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s7968/Issues%20List%20-%202013%20March%202013.pdf>

The Chairman invited Mr Roots to make representation to the Sub-Committee. He stated that he was disappointed that the management of the site had no direction. Mr Roots commented that the future of the building was unclear and requested that a long term solution was needed.

The Sub-Committee noted the referred issue and raised concerns which related to the site and its maintenance.

Following discussion and consideration of this issue the Sub-Committee:

Resolved:

- The Sub-Committee request that the appropriate Officer inform Mr Roots and Mr Langleben of any developments that relate to the maintenance and the lease arrangements of Church Farm House.

- That the Sub-Committee receive a report at the next meeting that outlines the position of the above.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT (Agenda Item 7):

There were no urgent items.

The meeting finished at 8.54 pm