

Decisions of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee

13 January 2016

Members Present:-

Councillor Stephen Sowerby (Chairman)
Councillor Caroline Stock (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Philip Cohen	Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis	Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor David Longstaff (substituting for Councillor Bridget Perry)	

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bridget Perry who was substituted for by Councillor David Longstaff.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A request to make a public comment had been received from David Carnac who addressed the Committee in relation to agenda item 10 (Proposals to introduce a CPZ near Totteridge and Whetstone Station). At the request of the Chairman Mr Carnac agreed to make his comments when the committee considered item 10.

A request to make a public comment had been received from Mr Massey in relation to items 9 (Progress report on approved schemes including budget update) and 11 (Chipping Barnet Town Centre – Review of Parking Bay Occupancy). At the request of the Chairman Mr Massey agreed to make his comments when the committee considered the items.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET RESIDENTS FORUM

None.

7. PETITIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CHIPPING BARNET AREA COMMITTEE

In relation to the petition 'For a keep clear box at junction of Oakleigh Road North by Kendal Close, N20 0SU', the lead petitioner was not in attendance at the meeting. The Chairman reported that Highways had agreed that a 'keep clear box' with appropriate markings could be implemented for £300. The committee agreed that the CIL element of the Area budget should be used to implement these works

In relation to the petition 'Parking Restrictions in Whitehouse Way', the lead petitioner was not in attendance at the meeting. Councillor Kathy Levine spoke in support of the petition. The Committee noted that the Environment Committee had at their meeting on 10 November 2015 included in the agenda a list of 71 roads where footway parking should be permitted. The item had subsequently been withdrawn from the agenda and was due to be considered at a future meeting of the Committee. Councillor Levine requested that Whitehouse Avenue be included in the list of 71 roads. Councillor Lisa Rutter requested that Lincoln Avenue also be included. Officers advised the Committee that there was currently no enforcement of pavement parking in these locations.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. the matter of Parking Restrictions in Whitehouse Way be referred to the Environment Committee.**
- 2. the Environment Committee be requested to consider the inclusion of Whitehouse Avenue and Lincoln Avenue in the Footway Parking Scheme Programme 2015/16.**
- 3. Officers consult with the local Ward Members.**

8. MEMBERS' ITEMS – REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE CHIPPING BARNET AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Committee considered a number of outline proposals for applications to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget. Members were requested to give consideration and support in principle to the outline proposals and indicate whether they wished to support a detailed application being developed for consideration at the next meeting on 30 March 2016.

8 (a) EAST BARNET FESTIVAL (COUNCILLOR PHILIP COHEN)

Councillor Philip Cohen tabled the outline proposal for funding of £1,600 for an addition to the East Barnet Festival programme (a circus).

The Committee were advised by Officers that the East Barnet Festival already received a top-up grant via the Corporate Grant Programme and as a consequence the extra circus event would not be eligible for funding via that channel.

The Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. Votes were recorded as follows:

RESOLVED that the Committee support Councillor Philip Cohen making a full application (using the Assessment Form attached at Appendix A to the report of officers) on behalf of the East Barnet Festival to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget at the next meeting of the Committee on 30 March 2016.

8 (b) VARIOUS FUNDING REQUESTS (COUNCILLOR PAULINE COKLEY WEBB)

The Committee considered five requests for funding proposed by Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb.

In relation to the proposed continuation of funding for ESOL classes at Friern Barnet Community Library for £1,440, the Committee:

RESOLVED Committee support Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb making a full application (using the Assessment Form attached at Appendix A to the report of officers) on behalf of the Friern Barnet Library to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget at the next meeting of the Committee on 30 March 2016 for the funding of ESOL courses.

In relation to the proposed request of £1,600 for the continuation of funding for computer skills courses at Friern Barnet Community Library, the Committee:

RESOLVED Committee support Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb making a full application (using the Assessment Form attached at Appendix A to the report of officers) on behalf of the Friern Barnet Library to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget at the next meeting of the Committee on 30 March 2016 for the funding of computer skills classes.

In relation to the proposal for funding of £1,140 to purchase furniture for Friern Barnet Community Library, the Committee:

RESOLVED to refer the proposal relating to furniture for the Friern Barnet Community Library to the Corporate Grants Programme for consideration.

In relation to the request for funding of £1,000 to fund a feasibility study to reduce social isolation in Coppetts, the Members noted that this issue had been subject to discussion at the Area Committee meeting on 21st October 2015 in relation to the Insight and Evidence Review agenda item. The Chairman advised that the Commissioning Director for Adults & Health had instructed an officer to develop an options paper on this issue which would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration. Councillor Coakley Webb was requested to contact Strategic Lead for Sports and

Physical Activity to discuss her proposals. It was noted that that this work should also link into on-going work being undertaken by the Health & Well-Being Board on social isolation to ensure that there was no duplication.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Consideration of the proposals for reducing social isolation in Coppetts be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.**

In relation to the proposal for £1,000 to fund Play Streets activities, some Members noted that the event was proposed to take place in closed streets rather than parks and open spaces which did not reflect community inclusivity. In addition, some Members considered that schemes such as these should be self-funding and were not an appropriate use of public funds. Following debate, the Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For: 4
Against: 3
Abstain: 0

RESOLVED Committee support Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb making a full application (using the Assessment Form attached at Appendix A to the report of officers) on behalf of Play Streets to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget at the next meeting of the Committee on 30 March 2016 for the funding of play workers, public liability insurance and associated resources.

8 (c) VARIOUS FUNDING REQUESTS (COUNCILLOR PAUL EDWARDS)

The Committee considered two requests for funding proposed by Councillor Paul Edwards one of which had been circulated as an urgent late item of business (Barnet Community Projects, Rainbow Centre Job Club).

In relation to the proposal relating to Barnet Community Projects, Rainbow Centre Job Club, requesting £9,816 towards running costs, Officers advised the Committee that they had consulted with the Corporate Grants Team regarding the project and had been advised that this was a request for re-funding after the (three-year) grant from the John Lyon's Charity expired in the autumn of 2015. As the job club was not a new venture, it would not qualify for assistance under the corporate grants scheme as there is an expectation that projects will become sustainable once they get off the ground. In response to a question from the Committee, Officers undertook to seek clarification regarding whether funding from the John Lyon's Charity was part of the corporate grants scheme or separate to it thereby enabling the Committee to understand whether this was a repeat request for grant funding from the council or not.

RESOLVED that consideration of the Barnet Community Projects, Rainbow Centre Job Club be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee to enable Officers to seek clarification regarding whether funding from the John Lyon's Charity is part of the corporate grants scheme or not and report back to Committee Members.

In relation to the proposals for a consultation on parking controls near Barnet Hospital, the Committee acknowledged the parking issues in the area citing a lack of available

parking on site and parking charges as factors contributing to staff and patients parking off-site. Members agreed that a review should be undertaken of parking in whole area around the hospital which included multiple wards.

RESOLVED that funding of up to £5,000 be allocated from the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Budget towards an informal consultation with residents and Ward Members on parking issues in the area surrounding Barnet Hospital with the findings being reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

9. PROGRESS UPDATE ON AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Members considered a report which provided an update on actions agreed by the Committee on 21 October 2015, on-going approved schemes and new requests.

Mr Massey addressed the Committee in relation to parking provision in Chipping Barnet Town Centre (CB002/2015, RE47) which was also subject to a full report at agenda item 11. Whilst Mr Massey thought the town centre parking occupancy survey was flawed for a number of reasons he did not think a further survey was necessary. Mr Massey concluded that a review of current parking arrangements in Chipping Barnet Town Centre was desirable.

The Chairman noted that this survey had actually been commissioned by the Environment Committee and had not been linked to any commitment for a parking review at this time. The Committee agreed that whilst the town centre parking occupancy survey had been flawed due to it being conducted over the Easter 2015 holiday period, a further survey was not necessary. The committee agreed not to spend £5,000 of its delegated budget on a further parking occupancy survey.

In relation to reducing speeding on Manor Drive, Whetstone (CB003/2015) the Committee noted that the Vehicle Activated Signs would be installed in February. Their installation has unfortunately been delayed due to stocking issues.

In relation to the Chipping Barnet High Street Kerb Buildouts feasibility study (CB005/2015, RE10) between Church Passage and St Albans Road, the Committee noted that the proposal would result in a loss of parking spaces. This was confirmed by the Highways Officer present. Responding to a question from Councillor Longstaff, Officers advised that the possibility of opening up the High Street with kerb build-outs had been identified in a survey of the town centre undertaken by the Mayor of London in 2011. After a debate on the merits of the proposal more generally, the Committee questioned how the estimated cost of the feasibility study was £20,000. The Committee all agreed that the £20,000 estimated cost for the study represented a considerable portion of the Area Committee Budget. Councillor Longstaff noted that a feasibility study had already been completed in 2011 and so questioned why the cost of the new study was this much. The Highways Officer present stated that new surveys would need to be conducted as the 2011 information was now out of date.

- 1. RESOLVED the committee refused to allocate £20,000 of the Area Committee budget to fund the feasibility study for the kerb build-outs.**
- 2. The Committee requested that Officers review the estimated cost of the study in light of the committee's comments. The Chairman noted that £5000 would**

perhaps be a more appropriate and acceptable level of spend for the committee.

- 3. The Committee agreed that Highways could provide their response to issues raised via the Chipping Barnet Area Committee Works Programme Update.**

In relation to the Walksafe N14 Zebra Crossing (RE14), Councillor Levine addressed the Committee in her capacity as a local Ward Member and requested that the siting of the zebra crossing be reconsidered as there would be a detrimental impact on the owners of number 199. Officers reported that this was raised as part of the formal consultation on the scheme and it was expected that the location would be amended. It was noted that residents supported the principle of the crossing, but not in the proposed location. The detailed design of the scheme would be reported to the Committee on 30 March 2016. The Highways Officer present stated that they would liaise separately with Cllr Levine about the matter.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. In the matter of introducing parking controls in Colney Hatch Lane and Friern Village Estate to overcome the reported inconsiderate parking:
 - ii. That the Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.**
 - iii. The Committee noted that, as agreed at the 21 October 2015 meeting, that where objections were received and Officers were able to resolve the objection(s), that officers have been authorised to implement the measures through the relevant Traffic Management Orders.****
- 2. In the matter of assessing parking provision in Chipping Barnet Town Centre (Parking Bay Occupancy) to assess if it is adequate:
 - i. The Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.**
 - ii. That the Committee noted that a survey to assess parking capacity was undertaken in March 2015, the results of which were reported to the Area Committee agenda item 11.****
- 3. In the matter of taking steps to reduce speed on Manor Drive, Whetstone raised by Councillor Lisa Rutter the Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.**
- 4. In the matter of the request from The Avenue EN5 / Alston Road – Pedestrian Improvement:
 - i. The Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.**
 - ii. Requested that a report detailing options for a pedestrian crossing in this location be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.****
- 5. In the matter of the request from the High Barnet Town Team to build out the pavement to create a more welcoming public realm the Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1 and requested a re-assessment of the £20,000**

estimated cost of the study to be given to the 30 March 2016 committee via the works programme update.

6. In the matter of the request from Councillor Stock for improved safety at the access to Waitrose on Totteridge Lane, N20:
 - i. The Committee noted the update provided in Appendix 1.
 - ii. The Committee agreed to expenditure of £2,500 to undertake a feasibility study.
 - iii. The Committee noted that Officers would provide a report of the findings to a future meeting of this Area Committee in 2016.
7. Officers be requested to provide clarification to the Committee regarding whether Community Infrastructure Levy funding can be used for feasibility studies.
8. Officers be requested to provide an on-going total of funding commitments against the Chipping Barnet Area Committee budget (devided between CIL and non CIL allocations) for reporting to future meetings of the Committee when progress reports on approved schemes were considered.
9. Officers be requested to consult with Ward Members on the detailed design of the following schemes:
 - i. Walksafe N14 Zebra Crossing (RE14).
 - ii. Osidge Lane Zebra Crossing (RE29).
10. **OUTCOME OF THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE A CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) NEAR TOTTERIDGE AND WHETSTONE STATION**

The Chairman invited David Carnac to speak on the item. In the event he declined to address the Committee.

RESOLVED that:

1. The Committee noted the outcome of the statutory consultation as detailed in paragraph 2 of the report.
2. Officers be delegated authority to introduce the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ as originally consulted, through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders, with the exception of the modification outlined in (a) below, and as shown on Drawing Number 22014_002; at an estimated cost of £23,000 to be funded from the 2015/16 LIP allocation for Parking Review:
 - (a) That property numbers 12 to 26 Totteridge Lane should be made eligible for permits and vouchers to park in the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ.

3. Subject to the decision made in 2 above, Officers be authorised to undertake a statutory consultation on a proposal to include Ridgeview Road, Charnwood Place and Elkanette Mews within the boundary of the proposed Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ at an additional cost of £6,000 to be funded from the Area Committee Budget.
4. Any objections received as a result of the statutory consultation, referred to in resolution 3, are reported to a future meeting of this Committee to consider and determine whether Ridgeview Road, Charnwood Place and Elkanette Mews should be included in the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ.
5. Subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultation, referred to in resolution 3, officers introduce the CPZ measures in Ridgeview Road, Charnwood Place and Elkanette Mews.
6. The Totteridge & Whetstone CPZ is introduced in Naylor Road, Birley Road and Hayward Road as soon as practicable.
7. Subject to the outcome of the statutory consultation in relation to resolution 3 above, the proposed extension of the CPZ to include Ridgeview Road at an estimated cost of £15,000 is assessed along with all other CPZ requests for LIP funding in 2016/17 using a prioritisation tool. Should the extension proposal fail to meet the prioritisation criteria, the Committee would then be asked to agree that the implementation cost to be funded from the 2016/17 Area Committee Budget allocation.

11. CHIPPING BARNET TOWN CENTRE SURVEYS – MARCH / APRIL 2015

The Committee noted the discussion that had taken place in relation to this issue at minute item 9.

RESOLVED that the recommendation that a further parking survey is undertaken is not supported.

11. VICTORIA ROAD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

RESOLVED that:

1. The Committee noted the outcome of the public consultation of the proposals as outlined in the report.
2. The Committee instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to proceed to the implementation stage of the Victoria Road traffic management scheme.

12. CHIPPING BARNET AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the work programme be agreed subject to the addition of the various items referred to in the minute items above.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm