

NORTH & WEST 2 – NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
(Werrington North, Werrington South, Paston & Walton Wards)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday 15 October 2009

Present:

Cllr P Nash (Chairman)

Werrington North: Cllr JA Fox, Cllr JR Fox & Cllr S Lane

Werrington South: Cllr C Burton, Cllr D Fower & Cllr P Thacker

Also present:

John Harrison, Executive Director, Strategic Resources

Paul Phillipson, Executive Director, Operations

Adrian Chapman, Head of Neighbourhood Services

Julie Rivett, Neighbourhoods and Community Engagement Strategic Manager

Lisa Emmanuel, Neighbourhood Manager (South)

Peter Heath-Brown, Planning Policy Manager

Claire Boyd, Legal Services

Sally Crawford, Community Governance Manager

12 members of the public attended including representatives from the Police and Werrington Neighbourhood Council.

1. Apologies

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest

3. Overview of the Neighbourhood Council Model

3.1 The Chairman referred to the information document that had been distributed and presented an overview of the Neighbourhood Council model to elected members and the public.

3.2 The Neighbourhood Manager asked members of the neighbourhood council and public present to put forward suggestions to name the neighbourhood council that would be easily identifiable with the area. A form was provided for suggestions to be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and decision.

Elected members agreed that the name 'Neighbourhood Council' was confusing as this implied that the committee was a separate body although it was a committee of the council and also because Werrington already had a neighbourhood council.

3.3 Following a recommendation from the neighbourhood manager that the following be given standing invitations to future meetings of this neighbourhood council:

Core Group:

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service

Cambridgeshire Police

Children Services

Station Manager

Sector Inspector

Locality Manager

Cross Keys Homes	Area Manager
NHS Peterborough	Neighbourhood Lead
PCC Neighbourhood Management Team	Neighbourhood Manager
Community Safety Officer (PCC and Cambs Police)	TBC
Parish Council	
Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services	TBC
Youth Council	TBC

Additional Considerations

Street Leader
Werrington Neighbourhood Council
Brookfield Home Residents' Association
Walton Neighbourhood Panel
Paston Residents' Association

It was AGREED to consider the above list and approach the relevant people above along with any other suggestions from elected members or the public.

4. Community Action Planning and Baseline Information for Central and North

Elected members and the public received a presentation from the Neighbourhood Manager on the proposed community action plan and statistical information that related to Werrington North, Werrington South, Paston and Walton wards including population, methods of travel, education standards, fly tipping, crime and anti social behaviour.

It was explained that the plan would provide an opportunity to identify priorities for local communities and seek to make a difference by focussing upon action. However, objectives would have to be realistic as there was no additional money allocated to support the Neighbourhood Councils but there was an opportunity to use existing resources more effectively through a better targeted approach and the development of strong relationships between the Neighbourhood Management Team and local people.

5. Core Strategy

Elected members and the public received a presentation on the Core Strategy from the Planning Policy Manager. It was explained that the core strategy was an important planning policy document that would identify the proposed areas of development for the city up until 2026. Significant consultation had been undertaken already but the Neighbourhood Council meetings provided a further opportunity for local people to become involved in the process prior to a final decision being taken at the meeting of the full Council on Wednesday, 2 December, 2009. Attention was drawn to the Paston Reserve.

Members of the public and elected members asked questions and made comments in relation to:

- Not all councillors supported high housing targets
- It was more important to build sustainable communities
- In the current poor economic climate where would funding come from?
- More housing can lead to more flooding and food shortages
- How would the public be made aware of the outcome of consultation
- Would any data be adjusted in the core strategy as this was a 20 year vision started 3 years ago?
- How long would the plans for the Sue Ryder development take?

The Planning Policy Manager responded:

- We were now in recession but most development would be funded by the private sector

- The core strategy was a long term view and vital to assist the authority to bid for S106 funding
- The statutory consultation would start in the New Year
- Everyone who had written in at the preferred option stage would be contacted, along with councillors and parish councils
- Information would be put into Libraries, on the Website and via the media
- Other suggestions put forward relating to publicity would be considered
- People must say specifically what they like about the strategy or what they would like changed and must refer to the item in the document.
- There would be a form available online
- The core strategy would be submitted along with comments to the government for a decision to be made about the document, this would be binding on the council
- Adoption of the strategy would take approximately 12 months
- The document is an overall 20 year strategy with a long term vision, and the data on which it is based is as up to date as possible.
- Peterborough City Council could grant planning permission for the Sue Ryder Home development, but it would be up to the developer when it was started

6. Open Session

The Chairman invited members of the public and elected members to raise any matters affecting their communities. The main issues raised during this part of the meeting were as follows:

- Relationship between neighbourhood councils and parish councils
- Disappointment at the attendance which was not representative of the community
- Parish councils were not supportive of the new neighbourhood councils
- Funding for neighbourhood councils was crucial
- £100K was needed for a new cricket pitch

The Head of Neighbourhood Services responded that neighbourhood councils would not supersede parish councils, they would widen the opportunity for engagement with the public and only look at strategic planning applications. The planning department would continue to liaise and consult parish councils. Neighbourhood managers would meet and work between the quarterly meetings to provide a joined up, cohesive way of working to solve issues.

The Executive Director of Strategic Resources confirmed that maximum funding for neighbourhood councils was being explored and members already had control of the community leadership fund.

The neighbourhood manager confirmed that existing budgets must be used efficiently for short term and long term solutions.

The neighbourhood team would actively engage with residents in between meetings to encourage attendance and participation.

7. Next Meeting

Following a request from a member of the public it was **AGREED** that the next meeting scheduled for Monday 14 December should start at **7.30pm** to allow the public more time to get home from work. It was suggested that the next meeting should be held at Honeyhill School or the Voyager.

CHAIRMAN
7.00pm – 8.50pm

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