

**PETERBOROUGH WEST
 NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
 (NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL N&W3)**

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20 DECEMBER 2010, 7.00 p.m.

Members Present:

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| Chairman | Councillor Nash |
| Bretton South | Councillor Fletcher |
| Bretton North | Councillors Nash (as Chairman) and Fitzgerald |
| Ravensthorpe | Councillors Newton and Nawaz |
| West | Councillors M Dalton, S Dalton & Arculus |

Officers Present:

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| Julie Rivett | Neighbourhood Manager, PCC |
| Alex Daynes | Democratic Services, PCC |
| Sharon Malia | Renewals and Fuel Poverty Team Leader, PCC |
| Ed Moss | Digital Switchover |
| Angela Broekhuizen | Peterborough City Hospital |

Others Present:

15 members of the public attended including representatives from Street Leaders, Cross Keys Homes, Safer Peterborough Partnership, the Evening Telegraph, Peterborough Civic Society, 8-19 Service (PCC) and Thorpe Meadows.

| ITEM | DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS | ACTION |
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| 1. Apologies | None. | |
| 2. Declarations of Interest | There were no declarations of interest. | |
| 3. Minutes from the previous meeting | Cllr Arculus – clarified that his query re parking restrictions around Peterborough District Hospital site related to residential areas around the old site, not on roads adjacent to the old site. Minutes Agreed. | |
| 4. Open Session | Attendees were given the opportunity to ask any questions or to make any comments in relation to the area in which they lived. Issues and observations which were highlighted included: Ed Moss, Digital Switchover questions and responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The analogue signal switches off at the end of March 2011; • Central and Anglia begin to change from April 2011. But when changing aerial in March, can turn aerial back to eastern region transmitter if currently facing Central; • Chair – if on benefits, age qualification too? EM - age is over 75 then disability allowances etc come in to qualify for free assistance; • Cllr S Dalton – what if changing house? EM - Older digital | |

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| | <p>boxes don't always work as other technologies upgraded but should all work following full signal switchover. Can go to page 284 on teletext to test current signal strength. Don't always need new aerial depending where signal is coming from.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Worthing, Longthorpe – Longthorpe School development, proposal for a security fence around school field open space. Nearby houses have covenants re fencing-off open space around them, council is now going to enclose the school open space so why not residents too? The school field has been used by local people for over 35 years for all sorts of sports and activities – security fence would stop this by annexing a large part of the space. Urge elected members to look at the proposed enclosure plans as would destroy open aspect of the area and be detrimental to whole area. • Ed Murphy – West Town Primary School, expected new school news as current school is full. Any update? Also, Mayor's Walk cycle route still not re-instated. Any update on Copeland centre carpark? Midland Road fire, buildings looks very rundown and derelict, anything can be done? Julie Rivett: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will investigate status of West Town School. - Re Mayor's Walk, have looked at with planning dept and reinstatements and improvements are being worked on. Councillor S Dalton is also working with planning colleagues on this to get the cycle path reinstated; - Re Copeland, information is on update sheet; Cllrs Fletcher and Arculus working to resolve this, waiting for land value to move work forward. - Re Midland Road, last week meeting with local relevant partners, security on site to improve. Will begin to enforce security obligations on private company if not upheld. • Street Leader North Bretton – development on Crossfield Site, what is this? Near Thomas Cook site. Julie Rivett – to investigate as no planning applications received. • Sandra Wilson, Streetleader Ravensthorpe – parking on verges, any update? Julie Rivett – all relevant people will be coming together to seek to resolve as previous actions have not worked; • Sandra Wilson - motor homes have been there for over a year, no contact since last meeting on this issue. Chair – by next meeting will have development, officers will contact you to take further; • MJ Ladha – raised this issue three years ago. Who is responsible for the verges? What penalty? • Ed Murphy - local authority used to charge residents for repairs and it subsequently stopped. • Cllr Fitzgerald – homeless day centre at Church in Bretton. There is no planning obstruction to run a day centre there | <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p> |
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| | <p>and therefore difficult to object to the centre being there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Nawaz – street signs missing from Ravensthorpe for over 7 months. Julie Rivett - is on the updates list to be resolved in January 2011. <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate purpose of initial works on Crossfield site in North Bretton. 2. Provide update on verge parking in Ravensthorpe. | <p>Julie Rivett</p> |
| <p>5. Peterborough West Budget</p> | <p>Chair introduces item.</p> <p>Julie Rivett clarified that the Outdoor Gym equipment for Bretton Park proposals should be one for Bretton Wards and one for West Ward. Cllr Fitzgerald clarified that it would need to be decided where in the two Bretton Wards it would be placed and this would be discussed with officers for most suitable locations. Cllr Newton – clarified the equipment would be similar to that in Westwood.</p> <p>Those in attendance discussed the funding proposals in the report.</p> <p>A representative from Cross Keys Homes confirmed that some gym equipment had been installed in Ravensthorpe with funding from Cross Keys. Julie Rivett confirmed that if Cross Keys match-fund then that aspect of the money could be spent after the March deadline. Cross Keys rep – would take the proposal to Western Area panel for decision as should also benefit Cross Keys Homes' residents.</p> <p>Further discussion followed and votes were taken for each proposal; results as follows:</p> <p><u>Purchasing a Youth Shelter</u> APPROVED (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).</p> <p><u>Resolving flooding issues Bretton / Whitecross Underpass</u> APPROVED (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).</p> <p><u>1 site of Outdoor Gym equipment for Bretton Wards</u> Cllr Fletcher advised that £6k of Community Leadership Fund remained for South Bretton ward and could therefore contribute towards some to the gym equipment for South Bretton. Cllr Fitzgerald advised that funds from other sources could also be put together to top this up.</p> <p>APPROVED (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions)</p> <p><u>1 site of Outdoor Gym Equipment for West Ward</u> Cllr M Dalton noted that the estimated total figure of £31k total was confusing as it appeared there was a commitment to spend more than was available.</p> <p>Julie Rivett advised that funds listed were indications and could change but the money must be spent before the end of the financial year.</p> | |

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| | APPROVED (7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions). | |
| 6. Peterborough City Hospital | <p>Angela Broekhuizen discussed the new hospital development including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current bus stop was a temporary measure as cannot yet get to the main entrance. Will stop at several places on a loop once whole site completed in July-August; • Pedestrian access to the footbridge would be connected eventually; • Have had to open extra bed space as lots of emergency inpatients. City Care Centre beds currently closed and therefore that extra capacity was not available; • There had been lots of demand for outpatients in the maternity unit. There was a local waiting area and also could use the Foyer area; • There would be an official opening and have enquired about a royal presence; <p><u>Travel and car parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Hopper (City 7) bus started in November, 6.34am earliest from City Centre and 8pm latest return; • Only shiftworkers can park on site at moment. Night shift and weekend workers able to park at weekends and during the week; • Traffic lights - have been re-set and timings increased for busiest route from 35 seconds to 50 seconds. City Council now trying to synchronise hospital traffic lights to A47 lights; • Park and ride from City Centre for staff remains until August 2011 and will reduce and remove when parking increases on site; • Disabled parking has 90 spaces near front entrance. Hospital Traffic warden monitoring that area. <p>Responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous traffic lights and road system was a city council system, not a hospital one. Need to wait for 6 months before adjustments to be made to road system around the hospital; • Nearby residents could contact the parking office to search for registration numbers to identify staff who were parking in residential areas. Buckland Close agreed to have parking permits but not further widespread. About 200 staff an hour at peak times arrive by bus. • Currently only one access route to the hospital but there was potential for another but only if a major incident. | |
| 7. Saving Money on Your Energy Bills | <p>Sharon Malia discussed Fuel Poverty and ways to tackle it including the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was means testing and funding available for free loft and cavity wall insulation, also, if household income was less than £25k could also qualify for assistance; • Looking to assist owner occupier and private rented housing; | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Carbon Emissions Reduction Target funding if already 100mm of loft insulation; • Does not cover needs such as new boilers. | |
| 8. Peterborough City Council Budget | <p>Julie Rivett advised that on 8 November consultation opened on the draft budget. Local government finance settlement was not known until 13 December and Cabinet had now approved a revised draft budget. Consultation for the N&W area was scheduled for 25 January 2011 at Ken Stimpson school for a 7.30pm start.</p> <p>Ed Murphy – would like this Neighbourhood Council to discuss it separately as very important to this area.</p> | |
| 9. Next Meeting | The next meeting of the Peterborough West Neighbourhood Council will be on 1 st March 2011 at the Ramada Hotel, Thorpe Meadows at 7pm | |

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

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