

**DOGSTHORPE, EAST AND PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL  
(NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL C&E2)**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29 MARCH 2011, 7.00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Park Cllrs Lowndes (chairman), Peach and Kreling  
East Cllr Todd  
Dogsthorpe Cllrs Miners, Saltmarsh and Ash

**Officers Present:**

Cate Harding Neighbourhood Manager, PCC  
Alex Daynes Democratic Services, PCC  
Mike Heath Enterprise  
Steve Ward Enterprise  
Peter Gell Strategic Regulatory Services Manager, PCC  
Christine Cunningham Innova Development Trust

**Others Present:**

34 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives from Old Dogsthorpe Residents Association, MANERP, Victoria Park Residents Association, Innova, Cambs Constabulary, Olive Branch Garden and the Pavilions.

ITEM	MINUTES	ACTION
1. Apologies	Received from Cllrs Goldspink and Collins.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None received.	
3. Minutes of previous meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2010 were agreed to be accurate subject to Cllr Kreling be noted as attending.	
4. Open Session	<p><u>Parking on footpaths</u></p> <p>George Bradley - junctions of Alexandra Road near the old garage, parking on footpath all the time causing obstruction.</p> <p><u>Budget for Young people</u></p> <p>Re the provision/allocation of budget for young people from previous meeting, how has it been spent and by what age group? Mostly aimed at one group of young people, how would it address the needs of a wide range of ages? Cate Harding – Ward Cllrs worked with youth service and youth workers and took suggestions through that service for spending. Also will be looking at more ways to involve more young people at meetings to ensure new initiatives can be influenced by as many people as possible. Young Person –</p>	

I am a member of the local youth council and didn't know about it. Not everyone is being engaged as not all go to hang out in parks etc where Youth Workers focus their attention. Inspector Dominic Glazebrook – could refer to Parnwell Delivery Group.

#### Central Avenue

George Bradley – consultants were brought in to get views of refurbishment of Central Avenue some months ago, is there an update? Cate Harding – work has not stopped but postponed pending new legislation i.e. Localism Bill, which will encourage more neighbourhood plans to be developed to influence spending and area plans. Some schemes will be for the year ahead but it is a large project so must ensure funding is available first.

#### Youth Facilities

Matt Reardon, Pavilions – youth functions, Accent Nene 'One' group is very good. But there is nowhere to go for young people. Need a provision in the community for sports, leisure etc. Lots of places not used in evenings which could help get young people off the streets in evenings; community centres seem to close at 5pm. Why not set up some sort of evening youth group? Could have one to begin with as a trial. Cate Harding – Park Ward does not have a statutory youth provision but lots of work from Outreach workers being done in Park Ward along with housing associations which will hopefully be sustained for a longer period. John Shearman – massive lack of provision in Park Ward. There is a church building in St Martin's street which has now closed; could be used as a youth centre if bought by PCC instead of a developer turning it into housing.

#### Parking on Verges

- April 2010, spoke about toolkit for parking on verges, no action from that seen yet. There is new legislation from Dept of Transport to put measures in place to tackle this issue. What has been done? Also what development from Task and Finish group? Peter Gell – parking services now part of Neighbourhood's enforcement section. Not a solution yet for all parking issues but work ongoing across the council. Cannot deal with issues in isolation as vehicles will displace to other areas creating new issues. Could look at hard-standing areas and also consider new legislation but must be based on available budget. George Bradley\*, Governor of Dogsthorpe Infants – complaints in November about parking, have corresponded with Cllrs and officers since November but no action at all. Correspondence since 2002 on same subject with no developments. Now, in Your Peterborough, says targeted operations from parking in Central Avenue but no feedback or communication

	<p>at all. Want a cross partner meeting to tackle this. Inspector Glazebrook – reassures people that the problem occurs across the city and is a People’s priority about parking outside schools. Has been police presence outside Dogsthorpe Infants and can give data outside meeting. Peter Gell – we do respond to requests for enforcement where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *Cllr Ash – re Mr Bradley’s question, what involvement with Cross Keys? Cate Harding – have involved Cross Keys and is still ongoing.</li> <li>• Resident of Heron Park – back garden onto footpath on Oxney Road, often damage and attacks on property, reported to Police but still continues. Was told Council land on Oxney Road is higher than gardens so nothing can be done to change fencing to offer more protection etc. Could bushes and bramble be extended along fencing to offer greater protection for this? Cate Harding – will take details to discuss outside the meeting.</li> <li>• Mr Bradley – bad parking affects emergency service access too even when enforcement orders in place. Public – there was an incident with a sick baby where paramedics could not get access to treat it. P Gell – encourage reporting of illegal parked cars. Cllr Peach – regarding tragic incident around Alma Road, very poor enforcement of parking. Was there additional parking officer deployed there previously, what situation now? P Gell – officer still working in the area, lots of tickets issued as proof, but area very wide to cover. Cllr Peach – could a joint request be put forward to request more resources?</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Peterborough City Council and Enterprise Partnership</p>	<p>Mike Heath introduces and gives presentation including what Enterprise is about and what services they will be taking on including sewerage, drainage, maintenance, refuse collections and grounds maintenance for an initial 23 year contract. Will also continue Council initiatives such as 65%+ recycling and Green Flags for parks.</p> <p>Questions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J Shearman – will contact still be 747474 to PCC for issues? MH – same contact number.</li> <li>• J Shearman – will there be any redundancies? MH – have taken TUPE transfer of over 600 people. Budget from Council is set for this year from Council and is renewed each year so could change year to year as previously.</li> <li>• Mr Reardon – had no idea what cost from Council is, cost of labour, tax bill effect etc and what profit is Enterprise making from this? MH – contract value around £9.5million (£2million less than last year so saving to Council); yes will be a profit but more based on guaranteed funding than profit making. Enterprise</li> </ul>	

	<p>has lots of public sector contracts. Mr Reardon – saved money but at cost of how many vehicles and people? MH – council had cut budget in previous years too so savings were made and have to continue to be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Di Newman – maintaining staff or increasing? MH – over 600 staff transferred.</li> <li>• Aware of Street Leader project? MH – Yes. Link to street leaders through Neighbourhoods Teams.</li> <li>• Cllr Ash – How respond to requests and how accountable to people? MH – will provide regular reports back to people calling and also to council on a weekly and monthly basis. Cllr Ash – no change in service? MH – now in fourth week of operation, no change.</li> <li>• Cllr Kreling – since Enterprise started and cleaned up, many agency workers dismissed so will everything stay in as good condition? MH – released 15 agency workers who were only taken on to cover workforce undertaking new training.</li> <li>• Public – When refuse collecting is black one week then green and brown the next. Some areas have black bins every week. Is it possible to have black every week with alternating green and brown? MH – no. Some areas weren't able to have brown bins so black each week. Trying to encourage less waste in black bin and landfill and more to green and brown bins to recycle. Increasing van runs will increase running costs and also landfill charges.</li> <li>• Mavis Dettmer – how much money generated from recycling? MH – get credits for recycling and from other authorities.</li> <li>• Public – have a family of 5, black bin full every week and recycle lots but not enough capacity as green bin fills up too much. MH – will try to issue more recycling capacity for residents.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. Regulation &amp; Enforcement Service Structure</p>	<p>Peter Gell presentation on regulatory services and what they do and what they involve including trading standards, licensing and neighbourhood enforcement and examples of ongoing work and headlines over the last month.</p> <p>Questions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JShearman – who removes fly tipping from private houses? MH – will be Enterprise but costs eventually borne by home owners.</li> <li>• Mary Telford - lots of homes run businesses inc scrap merchants and selling cars from verges, must be licensed? P Gell – not all have to be licensed. Call 747474 if suspicions and report the incident. Inspector Glazebrook – it is an offence to advertise two vehicles on highway within 500 metres from same seller.</li> <li>• Di Newman – re 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue building, what policy if building falls into disrepair to take over the property?</li> </ul>	

	<p>P Gell – council is looking at bringing vacant homes into use but not sure about commercial premises. Cllr Peach – re 5<sup>th</sup> avenue building, understand that a subsidiary of the company own several other premises in new road and many covenants attached to any potential sale which is putting off potential buyers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Lowndes – how often do ice cream vehicles get inspected? P Gell – will be a food inspection and is a national scheme and might depend on previous record. Would have to look at register re health &amp; safety but they are quite low risk.</li> <li>• Who is responsible for getting cyclists off footpaths? Inspector Glazebrook – is a police issue. Public - re Eastern Avenue and Eastfield Road. Inspector Glazebrook – have been acting where residents raise the issues and aware of the problems. PCSOs can and have issued tickets for it.</li> </ul>	
<p>7. St George's Hydrotherapy Pool</p>	<p>Christine Cunningham from Innova Development Trust introduced who Innova was and what they aim to achieve; is a Development Trust covering the whole of North, Dogsthorpe and Park Wards. Bases at former John Mansfield school and Focus Centre.</p> <p>John Mansfield building works to finish in 2012, still deciding whether to rebuild or refurbish Focus centre.</p> <p>St George's Hydrotherapy Pool – was possible through a collaboration of many partners for community provision. Pool available for everyone in the city to use. From May to June, will be a reduced rate of £2.50 per session, full price from July of £5 per session.</p> <p>Need funding to continue the provision as there is a will for it to continue.</p> <p>Comments and questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some people are prepared to volunteer to help out, especially in the front desk.</li> <li>• Some people had to travel to March previously;</li> <li>• Public – how long is a session? C Cunningham – 20-30 mins for first session.</li> <li>• Public – re John Mansfield site, part will become a Sikh Temple? C Cunningham – no.</li> <li>• Di Newman – congratulations on work so far.</li> <li>• Public – session I went to on Monday was for an hour.</li> <li>• Used to have fun days, 50p for a half hour session.</li> <li>• Mr Reardon – session time depends on personal conditions.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Announced after Annual Council in May.</p>	