

**DRAFT MINUTES**

***of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Council (N&W1) - Rural North held at***

***John Clare Primary School***

***on 7 April 2011***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman: Cllr P Nash  
 Barnack: Cllr Over  
 Northborough: Cllr Hiller  
 Newborough: Cllr Harrington  
 Eye and Thorney: Cllr Sanders

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Julie Rivett Neighbourhood Manager, PCC  
 Alex Daynes Senior Governance Officer, PCC  
 Barry Kirk Infrastructure Planning & Delivery Group Manager, PCC  
 Bethan Griffiths Media and Communications, PCC  
 Cherry Lester Locality Manager, PCC  
 Steve Ward Enterprise Peterborough

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

22 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives from Northborough Community Associations, Castor Parish Council, Ufford Parish Council, Glinton Parish Council, Wansford Parish Council, Thorney Parish Council, RAF Wittering, Eye Open Space Group, Eye Community Association, Cross Keys Homes, Eye Parish Council, Peakirk Parish Council and Ailsworth Parish Council.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	Cllr Dobbs and Cllr Holdich (which was not read out at the meeting).	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of the previous meetings and matters arising	<p>The minutes from 13 December 2010 and 25 January 2011 were agreed as accurate.</p> <p>Julie Rivett updated members on the Croft in Eye stating that there were currently no plans that the Croft would be deemed 'surplus' and this was an ongoing situation.</p> <p>Julie Rivett provided information on the Planning Obligation Implementation Scheme (POIS) scheme and handed out information on the POIS scheme. Dale McKean – is it now decided or still open to debate? Julie Rivett – is done and operational now but another scheme, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), would eventually take its place.</p>	
4. Open Session	Audience members were asked to raise issues or questions important	

	<p>to them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dale McKean – in 2008, 2 officers assigned to Eye village for development of a Community Development Plan. What is its status? Julie Rivett – was at the planning stage, then Community Action Plans (CAP) came in with Neighbourhood Councils and would take priority but, for various reasons, the CAPs were put on hold. Then there was the localism bill to provide emphasis for local plans. Now envisaged that parish councils could ensure and safeguard the local plans and would be village based rather than covering the whole area. Still early development yet and has not been forgotten about.</li> <li>• Cllr Harrington – I was told by a planning officer that there would be a revision of village envelopes following consultation in February-March but have heard nothing. Julie Rivett – will investigate;</li> <li>• Andy Martin, Castor PC – do we know how much is in pot for rural area for this tax year from POIS? Julie Rivett – don't have that information but can work with Parish Councils to establish this. Sometimes the obligations are over several years;</li> <li>• Bob Randall, Glington PC – change of council policy to pay to park in council car parks. Glington has Clare Lodge, new road built to stop journeys through village. On day of new charge, road was full of parked cars as did not want to pay to park in Clare Lodge and also driving through the village again. Could charging at Clare Lodge be changed to assist local area? Julie Rivett – will take away and find out. Lots of parking issues being addressed across other areas too; Jerry Kirt, Glington PC – put time scale on how quickly get a response? Is an immediate problem;</li> <li>• Pat Murphy, Thorney PC – have asked many times to have a traffic warden to come out to Thorney as many parking violations. Who can we get hold of to ensure Traffic Wardens come to the village? Julie Rivett – was also raised at the Police Panel for Thorney as a priority. Only limited number of Traffic Wardens to cover whole of city. Will liaise with local Police and Council enforcement officers as part of the Neighbourhood Panel priorities</li> </ul> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigate consultation on changes to village envelopes;</li> <li>2. Investigate Clare Lodge parking issues for a solution;</li> </ol>	<p>JR JR</p>
<p>5. Capital Programme of works 2011-12</p>	<p>Barry Kirk introduced the Capital Programme of works for the area advising there were still some local safety schemes to be determined and other smaller projects to decide upon for the final version.</p> <p>Next year (2012-13) the allocated works would be heavily based on and led by Neighbourhood Councils and would also be enhanced by POIS (planning obligations implementation scheme) monies to identify schemes. However, officers needed to receive scheme requests for transport works.</p> <p>Comments and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New/replacement street lamps being put in but why? Is there</li> </ul>	

	<p>alternative lighting for conservation areas? Barry Kirk – have invested in energy saving lighting so starting to replace older, less efficient lighting. Also column replacement if it is unsound. Could have different light, white/orange, in conservations areas or could dim them at certain times of day e.g. 12-5am. Cllr Over – should contact parish councils to discuss lighting concerns especially as lower police presence now;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Barlett, Thorney PC - what is capital cost for rural schemes? Barry Kirk – will need to calculate and circulate around parishes;</li> <li>• Denis Batty, Glington PC – have you applied for extra pothole funding from government? Barry Kirk – yes, we have been awarded around £600k;</li> <li>• Dale McKean – the 2008 works plan contained a highways plan. Also, specific issue in Eye conservation area outside Post Office to deal with surface rain water. Crowland Road wrecked by Larkfleet construction, who will pay for the repairs (near youth club)? Gravel works at Oxney Road got permission to pump sewage pipes to nearby pumping station but work never happened so if roads improved don't want them dug up again by later works;</li> <li>• Jerry Kirt, Glington PC – Glington Neighbourhood Plan contains lots of areas for works. Barry Kirk – can send through to officers but cannot do them all so they will be prioritised before approving;</li> <li>• Brenda, Eye PC – Eyebury road was to be resurfaced in summer holidays;</li> <li>• Cllr Sanders – could available capital works money be divided equally between wards to ensure fair improvements and spend in each?</li> <li>• Cllr Harrington – update on new A16 completion? Barry Kirk – Lincolnshire County Council says Autumn this year. Cllr Harrington – must be aware that will mean significant traffic changes. Was told that officers would be monitoring traffic through villages on the 'old' routes. What are criteria for restricting weight on B1443? Barry Kirk – would need to discuss with police re enforcement as lots of traffic uses that road. Could be quite difficult but will look at it;</li> <li>• Dale McKean – understood that just before the roads changed the signs changed to divert through Eye Green (A1073) then weren't changed back. Barry Kirk – there was signage put up to say to use the A16. Aware traffic has increased to high levels.</li> </ul> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Circulate capital costs of rural schemes to parishes;</li> <li>2. Consider weight restrictions on B1443;</li> </ol>	<p>BK BK</p>
<p>6. Rural North Budget Update</p>	<p>Julie Rivett gave an update on projects following the agreement on allocation of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment given to Helpston Community Assocaition;</li> <li>• Grit bins have been purchased and soon to be sited;</li> <li>• Speed signs for Ufford, money received;</li> <li>• Play equipment arranged for Thorney;</li> <li>• Skate Park – was in place. Dale McKean – only problem, was a youth bank grant to paint it so this still needed doing;</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street lighting, lights being considered not the best but will be in place soon;</li> <li>• Traffic Calming Wansford, schedule of works soon to complete this;</li> <li>• Landscaping fund (Newborough) – moved elsewhere to the other schemes in the ward; bus shelter and footpath;</li> <li>• Northborough landscaping work was taking place.</li> </ul>	
7. Enterprise Peterborough	<p>Steve Ward (SW) presented information on Enterprise Peterborough that had taken on the role previously provided by City Services.</p> <p>Comments and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dale McKean – will there be a neighbourhood contact? SW – will be area teams but not a contact officer per area;</li> <li>• Ailsworth resident – what about asbestos removal? SW – PCC considered it had the relevant training but different qualifications needed from Enterprise so officers now being retrained to deal with this. Dale McKean – could not bring officers in from outside Peterborough for speedier work?</li> <li>• SW – Enterprise was not responsible for landfill sites, still PCC;</li> <li>• New teams will be multi-skilled to deliver all local services including emptying waste bins;</li> <li>• Mary Brown, Ufford PC – Fix It Van still continuing? SW – still keeping this as it is;</li> <li>• Denis Batty, Glinton PC – is Enterprise a plc? SW – No. No shareholders;</li> <li>• John Bartlett, Thorney – was Enterprise responsible for the energy from waste plant from PCC? SW – not Enterprise. Would be a separate contract issued by PCC;</li> <li>• Cllr Harrington – was on the panel to determine best provider for the services contract and was very impressed with Enterprise’s work across the country. How flexible with issues like fly tipping on private property as many cases in rural wards?</li> <li>• Thorney Parish Council – what constitutes a formal park? SW – really means an open area.</li> <li>• Jerry Kirt – taken over 600 staff, why could PCC not have done the same job before at reduced costs?</li> <li>• What if it doesn’t work in a few years’ time and Enterprise doesn’t deliver, what can be done? SW – contract includes lots of performance measures and PCC can take back services. City Services had reduced some spending already, this contract does this further. Jerry Kirt –why couldn’t cost saving measures be done before? Cllr Sanders – City Services always came within budget every year and often had to surplus other overspent departments. SW – Enterprise looks at it as a 23 year contract for investment. Not an instant return;</li> <li>• Cllr Sanders, re profits of Enterprise, it was PCC’s choice to subcontract to Enterprise and kept Director and staff etc. If service is not meeting expectations, get on to PCC, don’t let them say ‘it’s not me’. It’s still a city council responsibility. If asbestos in the ward, it is PCC’s responsibility to get it sorted out;</li> <li>• Cllr Harrington – City Services would not have been able to make such investments in technology as Enterprise.</li> </ul>	
8. Neighbourhood	Julie Rivett (JR) gave updates on the latest developments regarding	

Council review	<p>North and West 1 area proposals and other Neighbourhood Council recommendations made by a Scrutiny review. All recommendations concerning this area were accepted by Cabinet. This was now to be confirmed at Annual Council on 16 May. Elected City Councillors to still only vote on delegated authorities.</p> <p>Comments and questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sanders – the representative from each parish council doesn't have a vote? JR – only withheld for decisions on financial and delegated powers. Would be co-opted for other necessary voting. Cllr Sanders – feels a missed opportunity for greater involvement from parish councils including voting on financial matters.</li> <li>• Will the Standing Invitations still be invited? JR – yes they will be</li> <li>• John Bartlett – rural areas have several different police panels for the different areas. JR – still being determined and rural area may be delivered differently.</li> <li>• Dale McKean – members of the public can come and participate throughout the meeting? JR – Yes. It will be a public meeting.</li> <li>• Dale McKean - How will everything be done i.e. police panel etc, in one evening? JR – similar systems are run in other cities. Would also include a ward forum before the meeting. Will look at other authorities where it works well as a model;</li> <li>• Cllr Harrington – everyone's resources are being cut so is it feasible to expect Standing Invitees to attend everytime? Need to determine if they intend to attend at all. JR – that was one reason why it was recommended having everything on one night;</li> <li>• Cllr Sanders – many people don't see a need for neighbourhood councils. Seen as a talking shop and a waste of time.</li> </ul>	
9. Street Leaders	<p>Julie Rivett advised that there had been a Street Leader's scheme across the city from 2008 as a method of identifying and reporting issues in the areas people live without being too onerous. Many Street Leaders said they wanted to be involved in more activities. This notice was really to make people aware of this and anyone who wanted to be involved should let the Neighbourhoods Team know.</p> <p>Cllr Over – already have parish councils and councillors for this type of thing.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	<p>Next in Eye please? Can move a booking if already booked.</p> <p>To be confirmed after annual council.</p>	

**Meeting closed 9.00 pm.**

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