

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2012, 8PM AT QUEEN'S DRIVE
SCHOOL**

Members Present:

Park Ward Councillors Peach (as Chairman), Kreling and Shearman
East Ward Councillors Johnson and Shabbir
Dogsthorpe Ward Councillor Saltmarsh

Officers Present:

Amy Bowles Transport Planning Officer
Alex Daynes Senior Governance Officer
Cate Harding Neighbourhood Manager
Gosia Lasota Locality Partnership Co-ordinator
Sally Savage Principal Programming and Project Officer
Mark Swift Enterprise Peterborough

Others Present:

19 people registered their attendance at the meeting including residents and representatives from Cross Key Homes, Odra, Positively Parnwell and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
	The chairman announced that following a request, item 7 on the agenda, PCC Street Lighting Scheme, would be dealt with following item 4.	
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Councillors Miners and Ash.	
2. Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on 14 June 2012, were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
4. Issues arising from previous Meeting	The Neighbourhood Manager advised that updates and details of completed actions were provided on tables.	
7. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	<p>a) PCC Street Lighting Scheme</p> <p>Amy Bowles and Sally Savage presented information on the work of the street lighting team and the energy efficiency project to replace and improve street lighting in the area including:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and repairs of faulty lights; • Some repair times depend on contracts and owner of power cables; • Replacement of orange lights with white LED lights; • Replacement of lighting columns, some columns may be moved but try to keep all in same place; and • New lighting schemes to be submitted and considered in the same way. <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Bowles – an order was in place for a replacement street light near the bus stop on Belvoir Way; • S Savage – on new developments, until Council adoption the lighting is the developer’s responsibility. A Bowles – on other managed or privately owned land, it is not the Council’s responsibility but for the land owners or managers to maintain; • S Savage – Cecil Road changes could be a revised design, will investigate and report back to Cllr Kreling; • Andy White, Cross Keys Homes – CKH does maintain standards of lighting; • Any streetlights that have PCC identification number is the best way to identify if it is a PCC owned light. • A Bowles – there were solar powered lights in Sycamore Park, Glinton and Maxey but have had mixed responses. Lights not always reliable for lighting at desired times; • S Savage – there is 10 day repair time for faulty street lights. If and dangerous light columns then repaired more quickly; if its considered dangerous then dealt with more quickly • S Savage – Julie Smith in PCC would be able to advise on processes for the adoption of roads; • S Savage – If several lights out in a row on the parkway then this is likely to be a cable fault. A Bowles – all parkway lights and cabling a similar age. If a cable fault in one area, likely to feed several lighting columns. One in three lights policy an old policy. To replace a column or light have to shut a lane of traffic in each direction. Need to prioritise lighting across the city. S Savage – if a cable fault it involves lots of work to detect it. 	SS/AB
<p>5. 2012/2013 Neighbourhood Committee Budget</p>	<p>Cllr Peach introduced recommendations for projects to receive a share of the committee’s budget for the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence measures to prevent parking on verges (estimated £8,333.33); • Green Gym (estimated £8,333.33); and • Demolition of Bluebell Toilet Block (estimated £8,333.33). <p>Cllr Peach advised that the verge parking item followed receipt of many complaints in Park Ward that parking was ruining many grass verges. A range of measures would be implemented to tackle this. More needed in certain roads than others.</p> <p>Cllr Todd advised that the Green Gym in Parnwell was very successful and ward councillors have therefore requested to install</p>	

	<p>one in Norman Road and hopefully another in the future nearer to Bishops Road.</p> <p>Cllr Saltmarsh advised that the demolition of the toilet block, which was closed and no longer used, was to improve the look of the area along with other measures including planting to provide a green area.</p> <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge parking issue related to too many cars from Houses of Multiple Occupancy. Cllr Peach – now only need to register if over 3 storey building. Looking for a scheme in some areas for registering but not currently needed for most properties; • Resident – if redo the verges, cars will simply park over the top. Cllr Peach – many houses built with no car parking provided. Roads do struggle to cope; • C Harding – there is a new additional licensing scheme in some areas of the city. If properties are reported then officers can investigate and enforce the policy and get properties registered. Cllr Shearman – even if registered, would still have lots of cars. Is also old design of the roads, do need parking areas, not just complete covering of verges for no use at all; • Cllr Saltmarsh – on the whole the Dogsthorpe scheme was successful. Grass verges generally kept OK but only because of recent measures put in place. Big problem is some people still persist and difficult for enforcement action. Resident – deterrent should be looked at, not just remedial action; • Kevin Bell – need better and more enforcement powers for parking infringements as officers restricted in actions they can take. <p>Councillors agreed the projects in the report.</p>	
6. Open Session	<p>Attendees of the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the areas in which they lived.</p> <p>These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Todd – parking enforcement in Eastgate particularly Bishops Road near Starr Road junction. Have reported and complained to officers but still happening. Is now a dangerous junction. C Harding – will look into this and get a response on progress; • Kevin Bell – Bins near bus shelters and litter collections. Regular reports of litter in same areas and not collected even if reported. Cllr Peach – could have an Enterprise rep at next meeting to discuss litter collections. • Kevin Bell – Graffiti could be included in the Enterprise item. Mark Swift, Enterprise – if call me will ensure litter is collected. If graffiti in private area, cannot act without landowner's permission. There would be a charge for 	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>

	<p>removal from private land/property as was the case when the Local Authority was responsible for the work;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Bell – traffic and pedestrian signs in the Welland area often obscured from overgrown foliage and graffiti. • Fiona Radic – what measures are in place to address need for public toilet facilities as some are closed down and some removed. C Harding – many toilet facilities closed a number of years ago due to funding and misuse. Did appeal for ideas how to keep them open. If a particular building was becoming a health and safety hazard and proved surplus, would try to remove the block. Also looking at other ways to provide public facilities. Will update at next meeting; • Superloos in other Authorities, although expensive, could work as self maintained units. <p>Agreed Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide update on actions to alleviate parking issues on Bishops Road at junction with Starr Road; 2. Have Enterprise Peterborough at next meeting to discuss litter collections and graffiti responses; and 3. Receive update on provision or removal of public facilities. 	CH
8. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Dogsthorpe, East and Park was due to be held on 11 December 2012 at John Mansfield Centre, Dogsthorpe.	

Meeting Closed 9.05pm

ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
12 September 2012	Provide information to Cllr Kreling about street lighting design in Cecil Road	Sally Savage / Amy Bowles	Ongoing
	Update on parking and traffic issues on Bishops Road near Starr Road junction	Cate Harding	Next Meeting
	Have agenda item from Enterprise Peterborough to discuss litter collections and graffiti issues	Richard Oldfield	Next Meeting
	Provide an update on provision/removal or public facilities	Cate Harding	Next Meeting