

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013 AT 8.00PM AT
 THE PARNWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Members Present:

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

Officers Present:

Gosia Lasota Locality Partnership Co-ordinator
 Richard Oldfield Enterprise Peterborough
 Louise Tyers Compliance Manager

Others Present:

8 people registered their attendance at the meeting including residents and representatives from Cross Key Homes and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ash and Shabbir.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on 11 December 2012 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
4. Issues arising from previous Meeting	<p>The Locality Partnership Co-ordinator advised that updates and details of completed actions were provided on the seats.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the comments made at the last meeting in respect of the proposed surgery at Newark Court had been forwarded to the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee for their consideration, where they had refused the application. The applicants had taken on board the comments made about traffic and parking and were likely to resubmit the application.</p>	
5. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	<p>Enterprise Peterborough</p> <p>Richard Oldfield from Enterprise Peterborough gave an introduction to Enterprise Peterborough and the services they provided.</p>	

Comments and responses to questions included:

- A question was asked as to why a number of trees on Park Road had been cut down. In response, Richard advised that they would have been identified as part of a survey of diseased trees so would have been cut down immediately.
- Inspector Dominic Glazebrook advised that a question had been raised at the Neighbourhood Panel about whether the trees at the back of this building were on private land. Also, wood was being taken out of the wooded area around the centre for peoples own use. Richard stated that if the land was private then Enterprise Peterborough would not maintain it. Ownership of the trees around the centre would need to be checked and that Enterprise Peterborough may need to work with enforcement.
- Cross Keys Homes advised that they had received feedback on the food waste bins that on collection days the bins were blowing on the road after being emptied. Could a hook be attached to the main bins so the food waste bins could be hung on them? Richard advised that they had received a number of complaints about bins being blown around in the wind and the collectors did try to put them close to the main bins to protect them.
- Richard advised that the bins had been very well received and were proving to be very successful. 2,000 tonnes of food waste had been collected since they had been introduced in November 2012 and this amounted to significant savings in landfill tax.
- Councillor Kreling advised that the organisers of the fun day at the New England Recreation Ground in June had been told by Enterprise Peterborough that they had to pay £70 to use the recreation ground. Richard stated that management of licensing of events on open spaces had transferred to Enterprise Peterborough and unfortunately it was necessary to make a charge.
- The Chairman advised that councillors still got complaints about litter and that there was a general feeling that there was more litter around. The Council had now agreed to put extra money into the budget for Enterprise Peterborough and what would that enable them to do? Richard stated that there were a number of hotspots in the city and the extra money would be used to identify with the Council which were the priority areas. There were issues around enforcement and Enterprise Peterborough and the enforcement team would be working together to highlight that littering was not acceptable.
- Would Enterprise Peterborough be looking to put in any more litter bins in the city? Richard advised that extra bins had been installed during the winter. Six crews emptied the bins on a two weekly schedule and the crews had GIS devices to plot the bins and the data would be used to compare the location of litter bins to hotspots.
- A manual sweeper had not been seen on the part of Eastfield Road from Padholme Road to the Regional College for three months. Richard advised that Eastfield Road was currently cleaned more frequently than required but he would look at what was happening between Padholme Road and the College.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Saltmarsh asked about replacement bags for the food waste bins. Richard stated that a supply of bags was provided with the bin and householders would be required to purchase additional bags when required. However the bins could be lined with newspaper or the waste could go straight into the bin. Information was available on the website about alternatives. • Councillor Kreling advised that she had received a complaint that in some houses in Vergette Street, everything was going in the green bin. Richard stated that if the bins were contaminated then they would not be collected and if it continued they would work with the household. • Councillor Shearman advised that he had attended a meeting about new bins and was told that it was dependent on the client paying and that this often caused a delay. Richard stated that there was a very small budget for bins and the Client Team has to make decisions on priorities, however he did not believe that this caused a delay. Ward walks were coming up and would be a chance to look at it issues in an area. 	
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"> • Councillor Shearman advised that there were issues around verge parking in Grange Avenue. In February 2011, Norman Baker MP stated that powers were open to councils to put up special no parking signs and asked whether the powers had been taken up by the Council. When graffiti was put on the Town Hall immediate action was taken but any damage to public property was a serious offence. • Inspector Glazebrook advised that damage to verges, such as digging them up, would be criminal damage. In parking cases each case would need to be looked at individually but could be dealt with as criminal damage; however he was not aware of anybody being prosecuted. • There was damage being done to the shrubs in Garton End Road but it was difficult to make residents responsible for their upkeep. • If low level bushes were parked on would the police consider that as criminal damage? Inspector Glazebrook advised that each case would need to be looked at individually but if they were deliberately parked then that was likely to be criminal damage. If there was sufficient evidence the police would take necessary action and they were also ready to engage with people to give advice. • If someone was prosecuted, what could the courts do? The courts had the power to award compensation. Other options included a police caution with reparation and restorative justice with reparation, which was probably the better option. 	
8. Next Meeting	<p>This was the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee and no further meetings would be arranged.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Panel meetings would still be going ahead and</p>	

	Inspector Glazebrook advised that those meetings could have the facility to consider some issues that would have been considered by the Neighbourhood Committees. The Panel meetings would likely move back to a 7pm start time.	
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Meeting Closed 8.47pm