

RURAL NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2012

WARD FORUM 6.30PM – 7PM
NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE 7PM START

Venue: Eye Church of England Primary School, Eyebury Road, Eye, Peterborough, PE6 7TD

This Neighbourhood Committee will start with a ward forum at 6.30pm. This will be a chance for you to talk to your ward Councillor about any issues which are affecting your area.

AGENDA

	Presented By
1. Apologies for Absence	Chairman
2. Declarations of Interest	Chairman
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	Chairman
<i>Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2012.</i>	
4. Issues arising from previous meeting	Neighbourhood Manager
5. Matters for Committee Decision	Councillors
<i>Proposals and voting for the allocation of some of the capital budget of £25,000.</i>	
6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	
6.1 Feedback and updates from Parish Council Conference and Parishing the City	Discussion led by Gary Goose
6. Open Session	All
<i>An opportunity for any member of the public, elected and co-opted members of the Neighbourhood Committee to raise anything that affects your area and to suggest items for future meetings.</i>	
7. Next Meeting	

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 March 2013. The venue to be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Councillors:

Cllr David Over (Chairman and Barnack ward Councillor)
Cllr David Harrington (Vice Chair and Newborough ward Councillor)
Cllr David Sanders (Eye and Thorney ward Councillor)
Cllr Peter Hiller (Northborough ward Councillor)
Cllr Dale McKean (Eye and Thorney ward Councillor)
Cllr Diane Lamb (Glington and Wittering ward Councillor)
Cllr John Holdich (Glington and Wittering ward Councillor)

For enquiries about your Neighbourhood Committee or about this meeting please contact:
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All members of the public in NORTHBOROUGH, BARNACK, GLINTON AND WITTERING, NEWBOROUGH and EYE AND THORNEY WARDS are invited to attend a meeting of the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee (N&W1)

on

***Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 7pm
at Eye Church of England Primary School, Eye***

Parish Council Co-opted Members

PARISH COUNCIL	PARISH COUNCILLOR
Ailsworth Parish Council	Cllr Richard Perkins
Bainton and Ashton Parish Council	Cllr Andy Totten
Barnack Parish Council	Cllr Dr Ian Burrows
Castor Parish Council	Cllr Jayne Mann (sub - Cllr Andy Martin)
Deeping Gate Parish Council	Cllr Jane Hill
Etton Parish Council	
Eye Parish Council	Cllr M Holmes
Glinton Parish Council	Cllr Dennis Batty
Helpston Parish Council	Cllr Joe Dobson
Marholm Parish Council	
Maxey Parish Council	Dick Talbot
Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council	Cllr William Cave
Northborough Parish Council	
Peakirk Parish Council	Cllr Henry Clark
Southorpe Parish Council	Cllr Nick Lodge
St Martins Without Parish Meeting	
Sutton Parish Council	
Thorney Parish Council	Cllr D Buddle (sub – Cllr J Bartlett)
Thornhaugh Parish Council	
Ufford Parish Council	Cllr Marian Browne
Upton Parish Meeting	
Wansford Parish Council	Cllr T Pearson (sub – Cllr R Clarke)
Wittering Parish Council	
Wothorpe Parish Council	

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**RURAL NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE
 (AREA NORTH AND WEST 1)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2012, 7pm
 AT THE JOHN CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Members Present:

Barnack	Councillor Over (Chairman)
Eye and Thorney	Councillors Sanders and Mckean
Glington and Wittering	Councillors Holdich and
Newborough	Councillor Harrington (Vice Chairman)
Northborough	Councillor Hiller

Co-opted Members Present:

Ailsworth Parish Council	Councillor Richard Perkins
Bainton and Ashton Parish Council	Councillor Nicola Clough
Barnack Parish Council	Councillor David Roxburgh
Deeping Gate Parish Council	Councillors Jane Hill and Lyn Thompson
Eye Parish Council	Councillors Andy Goodsey, Rob Butterwick and Brenda Stangevic
Glington Parish Council	Councillor Denis Batty
Helpston Parish Council	Councillor Joseph Dobson
Newborough and	
Borough Fen Parish Council	Councillor William Cave
Thorney Parish Council	Councillors John Bartlett and John Brooks

Officers Present:

Julie Rivett	Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Laura Almond	Assistant Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Heather Darwin	Head of Business Transformation, PCC
Jamie Macfarlane	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Karen S Dunleavy	Governance Officer

Others Present:

Twenty four people registered their attendance at the meeting including residents and representatives of the police.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies had been received from Parish Councillors Richard Tindall and Henry Clark.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	Minutes from the meeting held on 20 June 2012 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2012 were agreed and approved as a true and accurate record.	

<p>4. Open Session</p>	<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"> • Rural residents would be the first households in Peterborough to be issued with the grey food waste bins. Delivery date was expected by the end of October 2012; • A future agenda item for the Rural Neighbourhood Committee to discuss the proposals for wind farms at City Park and Northborough Fen, was requested. The Neighbourhood Manager would invite Councillor Nigel North to provide a presentation on the wind farm proposals; and • The Neighbourhood Manager would arrange a presentation on the progress of the current ward boundary reviews for the next meeting of Rural Neighbourhood Committee. <p>Agreed Actions</p> <p>It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Manager would arrange suggested future agenda items for the next meeting of Rural Neighbourhood Committee.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>5. Matters for Committee Decision</p>	<p>Proposals and voting for the allocation of the capital budget of £25,000.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Committee received a presentation from the Chairman for Rural North and West regarding the proposed allocation of the 2012/2013 capital budget allocation of £25,000.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Committee were asked to consider and approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13; 2. The proposals which would receive an allocation of the budget; 3. A reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager; and 4. The Neighbourhood Manager would be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with Ward Councillors and other relevant parties. <p>Proposals which sought approval from Members were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castor – Traffic calming project – Approximately £2000; • Glinton – Contribution towards Traffic calming project – Approximately £2,500; • Deeping Gate – Village Heritage Information Sign – Approximately £1,000; • Maxey – Car Park Improvements at the Village Hall – Approximately £4,000; • Bainton and Ashton – Purchase of Mower – Approximately £900; • Ufford – Purchase of Speed Awareness Sign – Approximately £900; 	

- Barnack and Pilsgate - Purchase of Gates and improve access to Sports Pavillion – Approximately £900;
- Newborough – Purchase of Equipment for Newborough Skate Park - £5,000;
- Thorney – Extension to cemetery sanctum – Approximately £2,500; and
- Eye – Traffic Calming and verge protection - £2,500

Comments and responses to questions were as follows:

- The detail for the traffic calming proposal for Glinton would be updated at the next Rural Neighbourhood meeting;
- Ward Councillors were encouraged to hold public meetings in order to discuss proposals for the Neighbourhood Committee budget allocation;
- The costs inquired to introduce a Skate park at Newborough would be provided once the project was underway, in order to show complete transparency; and
- Parish Council's were encouraged to discuss the Neighbourhood Committee budget allocation proposals with public at their meetings.

Agreed Actions

The Committee agreed:

1. Proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13;
2. The proposals which would receive an allocation of the budget;
3. To a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager; and
4. That the Neighbourhood Manager would be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with ward councillors and other relevant parties.

Members of the Neighbourhood Committee for Rural North and West, unanimously agreed to the following projects:

- Castor – Traffic calming project – Approximately £2,000;
- Glinton – Contribution towards Traffic calming project – Approximately £2,500;
- Deeping Gate – Village Heritage Information Sign – Approximately £1,000;
- Maxey – Car Park Improvements at the Village Hall – Approximately £4,000;
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- Eye – Traffic Calming and verge protection - £2,500.

	<p>It was also agreed that the Neighbourhood Manager would provide detailed cost information on each project at a future meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee, when it was available.</p> <p>Reasons for the decision:</p> <p>The budget assigned to Neighbourhood Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which addressed priorities from the communities for each Neighbourhood Committee area. To enable the £25K to be spent within this financial year Members were asked to bring forward capital spend projects which helped to meet some of these emerging priorities. This active Member involvement ensures the money was spent on the most appropriate projects to benefit communities.</p> <p>Alternative options considered:</p> <p>Not to spend the money. This would lead to proposed local projects not receiving funding resulting in no benefit to the local area.</p>	<p>JR</p>
<p>6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</p>	<p>a) Super Fast Broadband for Peterborough</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Committee received a presentation from the Head of Business Transformation and Strategic Improvement, regarding the consultation currently underway to determine the broadband facilities within the Peterborough area, with the aim to introduce improvements. The broadband improvement initiative would see Peterborough City Council (PCC) working with Cambridgeshire County Council and other Councils.</p> <p>Key points within the presentation were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £6.75m central government funding, up to £3m Peterborough City Council; • Up to £20m Cambridgeshire County Council; • Access to superfast broadband provision for 90% of all premises by 2015; • Better connectivity for the remaining 10%; • Boost businesses/economy, reduce isolation in rural communities; • Improve access to services; • Attract significant investment from the successful supplier(s); • Stimulate supplier to invest further in the area; • Show potential suppliers where there is demand; • Maximise private sector investment; • Raise awareness of the benefits of superfast broadband (SB); • Engage with existing community broadband schemes; • Role of the Digital Champions; • Phase 1: Key contacts promotion; • Phase 2: Digital champion network; and • Phase 3: Ongoing publicity. <p>Attendees were encouraged to spread the word, share any studies they had and any examples of service issues.</p>	

	<p>Comments and responses to questions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised over whether households in rural areas had received the SB leaflets; • PCC had arranged for leaflets to be distributed alongside other commercial leaflets and the areas being targeted were primary those that received a poor broadband reception; • At this point Councillor Holdich arrived at the meeting – 7.25pm • Residents were encouraged to register with the online SB campaign if they received a poor broadband reception; • Residents were encouraged to become digital champions in order to raise the profile of the campaign and to identify in particular the areas that received poor broadband reception; • There were a limited amount of companies and households in rural areas that had benefited from good broadband reception and that those premises had been mapped out in order to ensure that the right areas requiring improvements were being captured first; • Key partners had been contacted in order to recruit Digital Champions and to promote the SB campaign through newsletters and other forms of communications; • Members suggested that new housing development planning applications should state a condition that a SB connection would be installed; and • The SB campaign would end in December 2012. • Agreed Actions <p>The Head of Business Transformation would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send a digital pack to Parish Councils in order for them to encourage the recruitment of Digital Champions; • Check planning policy documents in order to include the installation of SB for housing developments; • Ensure that every resident in Barnack receives a digital information leaflet; and • Investigate the use of PCC staff, Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors in community centres, schools, doctors surgeries and other public establishments in order to further promote the SB campaign. 	HD
	<p>b) A discussion on Rural Exception Sites promoting affordable housing for local people in rural areas</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Committee received a presentation from the Rural Housing Enabler for Cambridgeshire, Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). The Committee was advised of the options for Rural Exception Sites (RES), which were aimed to provide affordable housing for local people in rural areas.</p> <p>Key points within the presentation were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACRE had held partnerships with five local authorities and ten housing associations; • ACRE held a strong track record of delivering exception 	

	<p>sites;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACRE's Work with Parish Councils over the identification of RES; • Considering at community land trust in Castor; • Houses built for RES would not apply for the 'Right to Buy legislation' and would always be available for residents from a rural community background; • RES houses would be allocated on a needs basis; • The number of houses built would aim to accommodate parish housing needs; • A housing needs survey was to be sent to every household in rural areas in order to ascertain whether the community supported the initiative, what the level of need was, and to understand the nature of need (older residents, young families and larger families); • Developments may reach to within the village envelope and up to the edge of village boundaries; • The developments would contain twenty to thirty houses in total and not less than eight to ten; and • Case studies were available on request. <p>Comments and responses to questions were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RES assured Members that houses would not be built on land that Parish Councils did not want and that they would work with planners in order to encompass Parish Councils wishes; • Housing associations would work in conjunction with Parish Councils in order to set up affordable housing allocation criteria. The allocation criteria may also be set at the planning application stage through Section 106; • Members raised concerns that it was very expensive for families to live in Rural areas and that if the RES houses were not being rented, there might be a risk of the properties being sold off at a later date; • In order to avoid the sale of RES housing association properties, legislation should be developed in order to prevent their sale or to only sell on a joint ownership or cap of equity basis. 	
7. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the North & West 1 Neighbourhood Committee is due to be held on 12 December 2012. Venue to be confirmed.	

Meeting Closed 8.06pm

ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
19 September 2012	Arrange suggested future agenda items for the next meeting of Rural Neighbourhood Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed wind farms; • Boundary reviews. 	Julie Rivett	

	<p>It was also agreed that the Neighbourhood Manager would provide detailed cost information on each project which had received the agreed funding from the Neighbourhood Committee budget, in order to provide full transparency.</p>	Julie Rivett	
	<p>The Head of Business Transformation would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send a digital pack to Parish Councils in order for them to encourage the recruitment of digital champions; • Check planning policy documents in order to include the installation of superfast broadband for housing developments; • Send digital information leaflets to every resident of Barnack; and • Investigate the use of PCC staff, Ward Councillors and Parish Councillor in community centres, schools, doctors surgeries and other public establishments in order to further promote the superfast broadband campaign. 	Heather Darwin	

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RURAL NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 5
12 DECEMBER 2012	

CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13

RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager (North and West)
<p>That this Neighbourhood Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13; 2. Approves the proposals which will receive an allocation of the budget; 3. Agrees to a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager. 4. Agrees that the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with ward councillors and other relevant parties.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the remaining capital budget for 2012/13 for the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee.

2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND DELEGATIONS

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Committees should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities (Safer / Stronger)
 - Creating strong and supportive communities (Safer / Stronger)
 - Creating the country's environment capital (Greener / Cleaner)
 - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth (Safer / Stronger)
- 2.2 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan (making Peterborough safer, cleaner, greener and stronger)
- 2.3 This report is for the committee to consider under its delegated executive function 3.13.5, 'to determine the investment of identified and delegated funding to support local priorities contained within the Community Action Plan'.

3. CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13

- 3.1 The following projects have been proposed by Members. Approval for each will be subject to the projects being costed within budget. Projects unable to be funded this year will automatically be re-prioritised within the Community Action Plan for future consideration:

The combined estimated cost of the proposed capital projects is as follows:

Glinton and Wittering Ward – Proposed by Cllr Diane Lamb and Cllr John Holdich
Ailsworth – Green Gym Project – £500

This is a grant towards the purchase of some outdoor gym equipment for Ailsworth. The project is supported by the Parish Council and will be part funded by them, Councillors Lamb and

Holdich as part of their Community Leadership fund and through this small grant. The Parish have been working on this project for sometime and the equipment will be sited in the parish's recreation ground. This will meet the needs of as many parishioners as possible from all ages and backgrounds and give access to gym equipment that isn't found anywhere else in the vicinity

Barnack Ward – Proposed by Cllr David Over

Southorpe – Purchase of cycle racks and storage – Approximately £400

A grant to Southorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase of cycle racks and storage for the use of young people at the school. This is designed to encourage more young people to cycle to school thus benefiting both their health and the environment

Southorpe – Purchase of IT equipment – £500

A grant to Southorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase IT equipment for the use of young people in the Parish that would not otherwise have access to it

Helpston - Purchase of grasscrete – Approximately £900

A grant to Helpston Parish Council as a contribution towards grasscrete for landscaping purposes. The remainder of the project is to be funded by the Parish Council and the Highways team of Peterborough City Council

Wothorpe – Purchase of IT equipment – Approximately £900

A grant to Wothorpe Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase IT equipment for the use of young people in the Parish that would not otherwise have access to it

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members and Parish Councils, together with relevant service areas that will take on the project management to implement once spends have been fully approved.

5. REASONS

- 5.1 The budget assigned to Neighbourhood Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which address priorities from the communities for each Neighbourhood Committee area. To enable the £25K to be spent within this financial year Members were asked to bring forward capital spend projects which helped to meet some of these emerging priorities. This active Member involvement ensures the money is spent on the most appropriate projects to benefit communities.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Not to spend the money. This would lead to proposed local projects not receiving funding resulting in no benefit to the local area.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan (making Peterborough safer, cleaner, greener and stronger

All proposed projects relate to capital expenditure but may have revenue implications for on-going maintenance. In all cases where this applies, agreement has been made with the respective service area to absorb these costs.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring the project is delivered and spend is allocated in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. A regular monitoring report will be provided for Members to be able to scrutinise progress and measure the impact of the investment.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

10. APPENDICES

N/A

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