

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012 AT 8.00PM  
 AT THE JOHN MANSFIELD CENTRE**

**Members Present:**

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

**Officers Present:**

Simon Machen                  Head of Planning, Transport and Environment  
 Cate Harding                   Neighbourhood Manager  
 Gosia Lasota                   Locality Partnership Co-ordinator  
 Peter Wightman                Interim Director of Primary Care, NHS Peterborough  
 Mark Swift                      Enterprise Peterborough  
 Louise Tyers                    Compliance Manager

**Others Present:**

26 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	An apology for absence was received from Councillor Todd.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held on 12 September 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 and also detailed in the rolling presentation.	
5. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee	<b>Peterborough Primary Care Strategy – Update on the East Peterborough Scheme</b>  Peter Wightman, Interim Director of Primary Care at NHS Peterborough gave an update on the proposed East Peterborough	

Scheme. The key points were:

- In March 2012, NHS Peterborough had agreed a strategy on the design of local surgeries as there were too many little surgeries and it was proposed to join some together in a new practice.
- It was acknowledged that this area did not have a very good provision of surgeries.
- The preferred site for the new practice was the former Newark Court site on Newark Avenue.
- The planning process had now started and a solution had been found for the highways concerns which had previously been raised.
- It was hoped that the new practice would be open at the end of 2013/beginning of 2014.

Comments and responses to questions included:

- Councillor Peach stated that whilst the plans seemed exciting, there were concerns about the size of the site.
- Councillor Ash advised that he believed the proposal would be at the detriment of local GPs who provided services. The costs would be high and he was concerned at the loss of local services.
- Peter Wightman responded by saying that the list for the new practice would be 10-12,000 patients and there would be five to six doctors. The scheme would be self-funding as the rental costs of five separate buildings would stop. Three contracts into one would result in better value.
- Councillor Kreling stated that Newark Court was a poor site to have chosen as pedestrians would not be able to cross the road. It would also be difficult for vehicles to exit the site onto Newark Avenue. Peter advised that the site was a crossover for a number of bus routes and there were design issues for cars and pedestrians.
- Simon Machen advised that as the planning application had only been submitted all of the issues raised had yet to be formally assessed. With regard to the location it was difficult to find sites for community use within urban areas. There would be a number of issues to consider during the planning process including the use of the site and its impact on neighbours, access to the site and the impact on the local network. Issues had been raised about the level of parking at the site and the applicants had now purchased the adjacent bungalow to create additional parking. It was expected that the planning application would be considered by the Planning Committee around late January 2013.
- A member of the public asked whether the new development would be comparable with the Thomas Walker Centre. Peter advised that it would not be comparable as there were two key differences. The new practice would not have any dentist or community health services and the Thomas Walker Centre still had three surgeries with separate receptions.
- Councillor Peach stated that parking was an issue and not

	<p>everyone would be able to walk especially when they were ill. He urged that a relook at parking took place to ensure that it was adequate. Simon advised that the adjacent bungalow had been purchased to provide more parking. The Planning Authority could not support the application without the extra parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A member of the public stated that a number of appointments were often at peak times. Peter advised that the surgery was looking to be flexible around making appointments around peak periods. They would also be looking at how staff would travel to the site.</li> <li>• Councillor Shearman stated that there would be a large number of vehicles travelling to the site and there would never be enough parking. There would be an issue with turning right into Newark Avenue from the site and it was essential that officers looked at this properly.</li> <li>• Kevin Bell asked if the traffic lights on Eastfield Road between the Eye Road and Newark Avenue could be linked to ensure a good flow of traffic to and from the site. Simon advised that the traffic lights were linked to keep traffic moving but the Council would look at those lights.</li> </ul> <p><b>AGREED</b></p> <p>That the comments from this meeting be forwarded to Planning Officers as part of planning consultation process and that they take particular notice of the size of the development; parking at the site; the closeness to the junctions of Newark Avenue and Eastfield Road and Newark Avenue and Eastern Avenue and the closeness to Newark Hill Primary School.</p>	CH
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"> <li>• Councillor Ash advised that the traffic lights at the Triangle needed to be looked at urgently.</li> <li>• Councillor Ash asked for an update on the negotiations on the lease for the John Mansfield Centre. Cate Harding advised that negotiations were ongoing and the Council was keen for organisations to manage the Centre. However it was necessary to make sure that the organisations were able to enter into a lease.</li> <li>• Councillor Ash asked if the ice cream vans which had parked near Dogsthorpe School had been looked at. Cate advised that she would take this issue back to the Licensing Team along with the vans parked at Scalford Drive.</li> <li>• Councillor Ash asked for an update on the progress on Whetstone Court. Cate advised that there were ongoing discussions with Enterprise. Mark Swift advised that pruning was happening at the moment but discussions needed to be had with the client officer about the fencing.</li> <li>• Councillor Ash asked what was happening about the toilet block</li> </ul>	

	<p>opposite the Bluebell pub. Cate advised that consultation on demolition was currently underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin Bell asked about graffiti on private property and why in some cases it was taking up to 26 weeks to remove. He also asked for clarification as to what was deemed as offensive. He also stated that calls were often closed without notification if the graffiti was on private land. Cate advised that there were ongoing discussions with Enterprise around private land owners and how that process could be tightened up.</li> <li>• Councillor Shearman advised that Mark Denson had been a great help in removing rubbish off land in his ward. Adam Cliff, Empty Homes Officer, had also undertaken some excellent work on some properties.</li> <li>• Councillor Shearman stated that the level of litter in the city was not entirely Enterprise's fault and was an issue with the contract the Council had negotiated. The contract needed to be renegotiated. Cate advised that there ongoing negotiations around the contract.</li> <li>• Councillor Miners advised that a resident had received a letter about removing graffiti from his property or action would be taken against him. If the graffiti was directly on to the footway it should be removed at the expense of the council. Should we put aside some money to clean up these cases? Cate advised that there were a number of different view points. The Neighbourhood Committee had a small allocation of capital funding which could not be used. However Community Leadership Funding could be used. She would feed the comment back about houses which faced the public realm or footpaths. The Council used to clear such graffiti as a case of goodwill.</li> <li>• Councillor Shearman asked about using community payback. Cate advised that it had been used previously and was pursued where possible.</li> </ul>	CH
8. Next Meeting	The next meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at Parnwell Community Centre.	

**Meeting Closed 9.05pm**

**ACTIONS**

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
11 December 2012	The comments from the meeting regarding the proposed GP surgery at Newark Court be forwarded to Planning Officers as part of planning consultation.	Cate Harding	
	Neighbourhood Manager to feedback comments around graffiti on private property which directly faced public realm or footpaths	Cate Harding	