

NORTH & WEST 3 – NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL
(Bretton North, Bretton South, West and Ravensthorpe Wards)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2009

Present:

Cllr P Nash (Chairman)
Bretton North: Cllr W Fitzgerald & Cllr D Morley
Bretton South: Cllr M Fletcher
West: Cllr M Dalton & Cllr S Dalton
Ravensthorpe: Cllr G Nawaz & Cllr H Newton

Also present:

Adrian Chapman, Head of Neighbourhood Services
Leonie McCarthy, Neighbourhood Manager (Citywide)
Shahin Ismail, Head of Delivery
Emma Black, Legal Services
Sally Crawford, Community Governance Manager

More than 61 members of the public attended the meeting including representatives from Cross Keys Homes, Residents' Associations, the NHS, Police, Fire Service, Bretton Parish Council, Bretton Baptist Church, YMCA, Diabetes UK and the Allotment Association.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Dalton and S Dalton due to commitments made prior to the scheduling of this meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of interest

3. Overview of the Neighbourhood Council Model

3.1 The Chairman referred to the information document that had been distributed and presented an overview of the Neighbourhood Council model to elected members and the public.

3.2 The Neighbourhood Manager asked members of the neighbourhood council and public present to put forward suggestions to name the neighbourhood council that would be easily identifiable with the area. A form was provided for suggestions to be brought back to the next meeting for discussion and decision.

3.3 Following a recommendation from the neighbourhood manager that the following be given standing invitations to future meetings of this neighbourhood council:

Core Group:

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service	Station Manager
Cambridgeshire Police	Sector Inspector
Children Services	Locality Manager
Cross Keys Homes	Area Manager
NHS Peterborough	Neighbourhood Lead
PCC Neighbourhood Management Team	Neighbourhood Manager
Community Safety Officer (PCC and Cambs Police)	

It was AGREED to consider the above list and approach the relevant people above along with any other suggestions from elected members or the public.

4. Community Action Planning and Baseline Information for Central and North

Elected members and the public received a presentation from the Neighbourhood Manager on the proposed community action plan and statistical information that related to Bretton North, Bretton South, West and Ravensthorpe wards including population and flytipping. Priorities identified included ASB on Ledbury Road, under age sales of alcohol, speeding in Netherton and the Bretton Centre.

It was explained that the plan would provide an opportunity to identify priorities for local communities and seek to make a difference by focussing upon action. This was an opportunity to use existing resources more effectively through a better targeted approach and the development of strong relationships between the Neighbourhood Management Team and local people.

5. Core Strategy

Elected members and the public received a presentation on the Core Strategy from the Head of Delivery. It was explained that the core strategy was an important planning policy document that would identify the proposed areas of development for the city up until 2026. Significant consultation had been undertaken already but the Neighbourhood Council meetings provided a further opportunity for local people to become involved in the process prior to a final decision being taken at the meeting of the full Council on Wednesday, 2 December, 2009. Attention was drawn to growth locations including Great Haddon, the city centre, Norwood/Paston reserve, Stanground and limited growth in more rural settlements.

There were no major allocations but more housing was planned in and around the Bretton Centre. Areas for regeneration and change included the hospital and railway station areas, and any contributions from new development via S106 would bring wider benefits to the area.

The core strategy was available in full to view on the Council's Website under the Democracy section.

Members of the public asked questions and made comments in relation to:

- The ratio of new housing compared to new jobs
- Plans for South Bank
- Proposed development of Grange allotments, access/egress
- Demolition of Bretton Woods school, lack of secondary school places
- Traffic lights at Thorpe Wood roundabout
- Regeneration/S106 funding

The Head of Delivery and the neighbourhood manager responded (in summary):

- There was no direct correlation between the housing and job figures, the figures were assessed regionally and some housing had already been built and delivered
- There were now solid plans in place for the South Bank and the council was working to unblock sites for development
- The neighbourhood council would be consulted on the specific planning application for the Grange allotments. In response to a comment that public objections had not been listened to at planning committee, the neighbourhood manager said that the new neighbourhood services would do whatever possible to ensure information was fed back to the public

- Bretton Woods School had been demolished as part of the secondary school review, however, there had been an influx of new arrivals in the city since the review which had impacted on school places
- The neighbourhood manager would find out what was happening with the traffic lights at Thorpe Wood roundabout and feed back
- S106 money was calculated on the funding needed to provide infrastructure to support new developments. Some S106 money would be pooled to use for regeneration throughout the city.

6. Open Session

The Chairman invited members of the public and elected members to raise any matters affecting their communities. The main issues raised during this part of the meeting were as follows:

- Lack of communication regarding neighbourhood councils and meetings
- Written questions/procedure
- Infrastructure of North Bretton needing revamping
- Sale of the Grange
- Vandalism of allotments/neglected state of fencing
- Anti social behaviour
- Parking issues in Buckland Close
- Shortage and expense of parking at the hospital
- Inadequate lighting and overgrown bushes at Copeland centre
- A47 tree belt overgrown
- £150K was needed for Croft's corner in North Bretton

Officers responded in summary :

- concerns relating to communication had been taken on board and improvements in process
- written questions should not be taken in future as priority must be given to members of the public present at the meeting who wished to comment and ask questions
- Cross Keys Association was working closely with the police to resolve anti social behaviour
- the neighbourhood manager would get answers to residents' concerns and contact people directly.

7. Next Meeting

It was suggested that the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15 December could be held at the Cresset, the rugby club or ice rink. It was also suggested that the public attending the meeting should car share.

CHAIRMAN
7.00pm – 9.10pm

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