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GUNTHORPE, PASTON, WALTON AND WERRINGTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCIL N&W2)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23 JUNE 2010, 7.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman	Cllr Nash
Paston	Cllrs S Day and Simons
Walton	Cllr Sandford
Werrington North	Cllrs J Fox, J R Fox and Lane
Werrington South	Cllr Thacker

Officers Present:

Caroline Rowan	Neighbourhood Management, PCC
Alex Daynes	Democratic Services, PCC
Dan Hall	Youth Worker, PCC
Sabrina Bezkorowajnyj	Youth Worker, PCC
Leonie McCarthy	Neighbourhood Management, PCC

Others Present:

Inspector Louise Angel	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
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29 people attended the meeting of which 3 were local residents and 26 represented local residents groups, local organisations and service providers.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	Cllrs Fower, Shaheed, D Day and Burton.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2010 were agreed as an accurate record.	
4. Election of vice chairman	The chairman nominated Cllr John Fox, this was seconded by Cllr Judy Fox and AGREED by the members. No other nominations were received.	
5. Norwood Lane Fly Tipping Issues	<p>The Chairman agreed to change the order of the agenda to allow Mr Grant from the travellers' site to attend for this item.</p> <p>Leonie McCarthy introduced the issues at Norwood Lane including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very bad problem on the site with fly tipping including rubbish, dead animals, construction waste etc;• Emergency vehicle access blocked;• Have looked at cost to make narrower to stop vehicles – around £65,000 but costing near £30,000 to clear up every year;• Some fly tipping is from the travellers but people from all over the	

	<p>city are using the lane;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering a barrier and CCTV installation and monitoring; • Mr Grant – there has been fly tipping tonight, it blocks the road, obstructive and the tippers start confrontations if approached; some tippers are setting alight to some rubbish to get rid of it. <p>Issues raised, discussions and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fox – full council was approached 2-3 years ago, asked for covert surveillance; Was reassured continuously that it was taking place; Only 1 conviction in all the operations; was reassured that it was being tackled but nothing really happened; • Mr Grant – gas cylinders have exploded before; • Cost is a big issue when considering CCTV and other options and the issue was not a big enough priority for enough city residents to divert funds form elsewhere; • Chair – this has been going on a long time, it is not a new issue, this should be a Major priority for the council and we should have a written report on this, resolutions are needed – report within the month please; • Narrowing of the lane is not guaranteed to work. Propose a barrier of some sort and short term CCTV – one problem is prosecution rates are low so CCTV not always effective; • Powers do exist to confiscate vehicles; • Inspector Angel – fly tipping is often considered as littering so penalties are quite low; need to show a real trend and a mass prosecution to be a more effective deterrent; • Cllr Day – suggest gated access for residents only; currently looking at a barrier to allow waste vehicles and caravans but no other vehicles over certain height and width to access the lane; • Cllr Sandford – was raised at full council before; concerned that not high priority for police, or not a serious criminal offence; is a criminal offence, if police not prosecute, council should prosecute; have reported other incidents of CCTV incidents but no action; • Mr Grant – never been as bad in 44 years; other sites have experienced the same; <p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compile a report on the issues for submission to members; 2. Take the issue to relevant Cabinet Member and to Environment Scrutiny for actions. 	<p>LMcC / CR</p> <p>Leonie McCarthy / Caroline Rowan</p>
<p>6. Young people / Youth Services</p>	<p>Members of the Youth Service along with young people from the area attended the meeting.</p> <p>The chairman encouraged more Councillor support for youth initiatives in the city. The young people presented information on the Rock in the Park festival including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a Health and wellbeing festival; there will be wall climbing, DJs, non-alcoholic cocktails, music etc; • Lots of preparation work going into the event; • Auditions were held and young people judged the best acts to perform on the day; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask for support and contribution form the wider community; <p>Dan Hall – Youth worker for Paston and Walton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to do something with Unity Park, tidy it up, renovate it; • Chair – should approach Ward Councillors for cleaning up the park as they have funds to use in wards; water-park also open in Bretton Park; please encourage and support them. 	
7. Disability Issues in Werrington	<p>Councillor Fox addressed the meeting concerning a successful drop kerbs scheme in the Werrington area which has stopped due to financing.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager updated members with information from the relevant officer including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC was looking to initiate a priority system into the next Local Transport Plan (LTP) to be judged on use, proximity to amenities, costs involved; • Requests potential sites to investigate these for inclusion in this year's LTP; Rick Bean main officer. <p>Issues raised, discussions and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Mullins is the relevant officer at the council and the Neighbourhood Manger will contact him to provide more details of the scheme; • Cllr Sandford – what is the process and criteria for funding? If council can provide the works then don't need to use this committee's funds; • Members were requested to pass on relevant sites to the neighbourhood manager to advise officers; • ACTION – make all ward Cllrs aware of procedures how to apply for the drop kerbs; • Cllr Sandford – need to establish who owns this issue – Council or Neighbourhood Council then can determine funding for works; • Neighbourhood Manager to investigate budget and spending issues. <p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more details of the drop kerb assessment system; 2. Advise all ward councillor on process needed to apply for drop kerbs; 3. Investigate who is ultimately responsible for providing the works and funds for drop kerbs – Council or the Community Committee. 	<p>CR</p> <p>CR</p> <p>Caroline Rowan</p>
8. Proposals for New Allotment Sites	<p>Cllr Sandford addressed the committee, raising the issue for the proposed move of allotment land at Itter Park to another which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surplus allotment land in Itter Park from around 1993; council has been indentifying sites to replace the Itter Park allotments including Gunthorpe Rec and Werrington Paddocks; • Both sites received local protests and petitions were handed in to Council; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like this committee to make a clear statement to Cabinet and individual members of the Executive that the two sites above are not suitable to for allotments and should be retained as green open space; <p>Issues raised, discussions and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fox – Officers should liaise with ward councillors in the first instance when trying to identify other sites as this would save lots of time; • Council Officers were in the process of carrying out a further review of council land that could be used for allotments, this was due to finish in the next few weeks and then the information would be assessed before sending to full council; • Cllr Sandford – think will have difficulties finding any site; with opposition to those two sites, we think those two should be communicated as ruled out; • David Hedges – Is it necessary to replace the land as the land to be sold is allocated land, not established allotment land and Peterborough already far exceeds allotments need per head of population? If selling an asset, should be encouraged to do so quickly; • Cllr Day – have already communicated to officers that land in Paston ward is not suitable and to look at other sites; • Need to have greater early consultation with Ward Councillors over land issues in wards. <p>ACTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate if it is mandatory to replace allocated allotment land if it was never used as allotments; 2. Express the view to Cabinet that the sites at Gunthorpe Rec and Werrington Paddocks should be ruled out of the alternative provision of the Itter Park allotment land. 	<p>CR</p> <p>Caroline Rowan</p> <p>Caroline Rowan</p>
<p>9. Community Action Plans</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager gave an update on the progress of the Community Action Plan (CAP) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 further consultation events have been held; • More issues highlighted in neighbourhood areas have been included; • There will be 2 versions of the plan – a concise version and an in depth version; • Need suggestions of how to keep everyone updated; <p>Issues raised, discussions and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consultation event can be held in Walton to capture Walton residents' issues; there is a Family fun day at Itter Park on 22nd August, could go there; • The draft plan should go online in September but need to know how to keep everyone updated and included; • D Hedges - Werrington Neighbourhood Council survey is out in the next few weeks so will send that out to everyone; <p>ACTION:</p>	

	Arrange a meeting with Ward Councillors to determine best communication for CAP updates.	Caroline Rowan
10. Open Session	<p>Audience members were given opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area they lived in. These included:</p> <p><u>Rail Freight Terminal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Hedges, advised that South Holland DC is consulting with Railtrack for construction of a new rail freight terminal in Spalding area; • by 2014, expect upgrade line from Werrington to Spalding, to be used by 13 trains an hour; • Already issues on that stretch of rail especially Fox Covert crossing; • Would like this committee to take on board this issue and pressures Council to use its power to address the concerns of residents; • Neighbourhood Manager – have spoken to officer – rail freight interchange and network rail proposals for crossing points; Site in Deeping St Nicholas identified; Gary Alexander can come to next meeting if necessary; • Cllr JR Fox, officers are in communication with Railtrack; one option could be to move Walton crossing bridge to cross the railway safely. <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager arrange meeting with all relevant parties regarding the proposed rail depot;</p> <p><u>Pavement Repairs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sandford – is there a programme of pavement repairs and inspections as we still have complaints about the condition of pavements? <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager to get programme of pavement repairs and communicate to ward councillors.</p>	<p>Caroline Rowan</p> <p>Caroline Rowan</p>
11. Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting is due to be held on 22 September 2010, venue TBC.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Manager requested any ideas for future meeting rooms be sent to her.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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