

**PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2007 AT 6.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Councillor John Holdich

Parish Council	Andy Totten	Bainton and Ashton Parish Council
Representatives:	June Woollard	Barnack Parish Council
	Ian Burrows	Barnack Parish Council
	Matthew Clements	Bretton Parish Council
	Sabrina Lawson	Bretton Parish Council
	Ian Dewar	Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils
	William Baxter	Castor Parish Council
	Philip Thompson	Deeping Gate Parish Council
	Dale MacKean	Eye Parish Council
	Di Parkin	Eye Parish Council
	David Wragg	Glington Parish Council
	Denis Batty	Glington Parish Council
	Syd Smith	Helpston Parish Council
	Dick Talbot	Maxey Parish Council
	Cllr Pam Winslade`	Orton Longueville Parish Council
	George Herriott	Orton Longueville Parish Council
	Ann Thornley	Orton Waterville Parish Council
	Angela Hankins	Peakirk Parish Council
	Patricia Stuart-Mogg	Sutton and Ufford Parish Council
	Peter Lee	Sutton Parish Council
	Pat Murphy	Thorney Parish Council
	Ian Glew	Ufford Parish Council
	Frieda Gosling	Ufford Parish Council
	Tim Pearson	Wansford Parish Council
	David Stuart-Mogg	Wansford Parish Council
	Geoff Smith	Werrington Neighbourhood Council

In attendance: Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive, PCC  
Helen Edwards, Solicitor to Council, PCC  
Adrian Chapman, Community Living & Neighbourhood Investment Manager  
Mandy Dewdney, Neighbourhood Investment Area Leader  
Jim Daley, Principal Built Environment Officer  
Paul Pace, Section Head Environmental Quality and Enforcement  
Martin Whelan, Partnership and Parish Support Officer, PCC

**ACTION**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Goldspink, Phil Thompson (Deeping Gate Parish Council); Thornhaugh Parish Council; Roy Beard (Werrington Neighbourhood Council) and Henry Clark (Peakirk Parish Council).

## 2. **Minutes of Meeting held 3 July 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held 3 July 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record.

## 3. **Matters Arising**

- Village Refuse Collection – Angela Hankins confirmed that the issue had been resolved.
- Planning Seminar – Parish Councils were advised that a session had been organised for 4 December.
- Integrated Growth Study – Members were advised that a workshop was planned for 31 October, with up to four places for each Parish Council.

## 4. **Business Items**

### 4c. **Opportunity Peterborough**

Cllr Holdich advised that the presentation had been deferred until 31 October. A number of recent developments including the submission of plans for North West Gate were highlighted.

### 4a. **Micro Generation**

Jim Daley introduced the report, and advised members of the current and proposed position in relation to the installation of micro generation facilities such as windmills or solar panels. Parish Councils were also advised that the Conservation Areas were currently being reviewed, and were informed that there was a process which would take 2/3 years to review all 29. It was emphasised that the technology was still very new. Adrian Chapman to liaise with Jim Daley about possible links with Neighbourhood Investment

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Dick Talbot sought clarification on the role of village plans in light of a comment, suggesting they may be replaced. Cllr Holdich clarified that there was no intention of replacing the Parish Plans, but where plans did not exist Parishes would be assisted in the development.

### 4b. **Neighbourhood Investment**

Adrian Chapman introduced the report, and provided an overview of recent activities in relation to Neighbourhood Investment and Weeks of Action. The significant impacts were highlighted in relation to the Weeks of Action, with particular emphasis on the collection of waste and the deployment of smart water.

Dale McKean sought clarification on the timing of the Weeks of Action. Members were advised that the events had been organised both inside and outside of school holidays. Adrian Chapman highlighted the significant positive benefits that the schemes had delivered.

Clarification was sought as to the nature of the arrests. Adrian Chapman assured Parish Councils that they were significant offences related to drugs and a range of other anti social behaviour. Concerns were raised as to whether the falling crime rates in the areas targeted, was displacing problems. Adrian Chapman confirmed that there was no evidence to support this either in

Peterborough, or in the other cities which ran similar events.

Ian Glew requested a detailed discussion on the implications of the Quirk review at a future Parish Council Liaison meeting. Adrian Chapman gave a brief overview of the scheme, and highlighted the John Mansfield school project. Caution was expressed that the scheme was still underdevelopment and that a significant number of issues needed to be resolved.

#### 4d. **Waste Update**

Paul Pace gave an update on the proposed waste developments within the City. The changing regulatory framework for waste management was highlighted.

Cllr Holdich sought clarification on the future plans for the treatment of plastics and food waste. In response to the plastic issues, Paul Pace advised that the market to currently very volatile and that it was important to ensure that any solutions were sustainable. Parish Councils were advised that a solution may be in place by the end of 2008. With respect to food waste, Paul Pace outlined a number of options which were currently being considered and the limitations of various suggestions.

Ian Glew sought clarification as to the financial liability arising from the disposal of London waste. Members were advised that with the exception of hazardous waste at Kingscliffe no London waste came into the Peterborough area, however Paul Pace assured members that there was no additional financial liability for accepting any London waste.

Ian Dewar questioned the ethical basis of exporting materials overseas for recycling. Members were assured that UK markets were sought where possible, but that it was not always possible. Paul Pace emphasised that many of the facilities used operated to a greater standard than UK facilities.

Dale McKean raised concerns about a number of practical issues within Eye, including the replacement of a missing bin and the emptying of another bin. Paul Pace agreed to investigate and resolve.

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Syd Smith and Ian Glew sought clarification on the role of bar codes and tags on wheelie bins, in light of comments raised at a Parish Council meeting and in the Times Newspaper. Paul Pace assured members that the technology was not being used. Paul Pace to clarify issues.

PP

Andy Totten sought clarification on what initiatives were being planned to reduce the levels of waste created by supermarket packaging. Paul Pace confirmed that work was ongoing to challenge this.

#### 4e. **Quality Parish Councils**

Ian Dewar introduced the item and gave an overview of the QPC process, the benefits and challenges.

Ian Glew questioned whether the open forum could be classed as a surgery. Parish Councils were advised that it could not, but that the review of the scheme was looking to remove this requirement.

Dale McKean sought clarification as to the nature of the auditors, and in what instances that this would preclude an application. It was confirmed that negative comments would count against an application, however it was emphasised that not all comments would result would result in fail in this area.

Syd Smith expressed concern about the notion that Quality Parish Councils, would automatically be favoured in the event of a funding application. Ian Dewar clarified the comment, but advised that many external funders would use QPC to differentiate between applicants.

Cllr Winslade welcomed the presentation, and emphasised the growing importance of Parish Council in light of legislative changes and the agenda of the government. Ian Dewar welcomed the comments, and highlighted the benefits of having a trained clerk.

Cllr Holdich questioned whether the scheme could apply to Werrington Neighbourhood Council. Ian Dewar confirmed that there was no reason to preclude it. The meeting thanked Ian Dewar for the presentation.

## 5. **Forward Look**

Following discussion it was agreed to add the following items to the provisional agenda for January

- Local Area Agreement subject to feedback from CALC.
- Planning Scrutiny
- Section 106 Strategy
- Roles and responsibilities of key organisations such as the Opportunity Peterborough.
- GIS Demonstration – Ian Glew to liaise with Helen Edwards and Adrian Chapman re copyright issue.

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### **Date of Next Meeting**

30 January 2008

**Meeting closed at 8.00**