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Stanground East: Cllr J Wilkinson
Fletton: Cllr F Benton, Cllr M Lee & Cllr L Serluca

DRAFT MINUTES

***Of a meeting of the
FLETTON, STANGROUND AND WOODSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD
COUNCIL
(Area South 1)***

Held on Thursday 3 March 2011 at 7.00 pm

At Stanground College, Peterborough

Members Present:

Chairman	Councillor Goodwin
Stanground Central	Councillors Cereste, Rush and Walsh
Stanground East	Councillor Wilkinson
Fletton	Councillors Lee and Serluca

Officers Present:

Lisa Emmanuel	Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Gemma George	Senior Governance Officer, PCC
Susan Schofield	Community Based Youth Worker, PCC
Jenny Humphries	Community Based Youth Worker, PCC
Richard Hodgson	Head of Strategic Projects, PCC
Roy Clark	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Javed Ahmed	South Locality Manager, 8-19 Service

Others Present:

Simon Goldsmith, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Pep Cipriano, Safer Peterborough Communications Manager
Maureen Lazaretti, Cross Keys Homes
6 members of the Youth Forum

17 people attended the meeting of which 9 were local residents and 8 represented local residents groups, local organisations and service providers.

Item	Discussion and Actions	Action
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Benton.	
2. Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating shelters in the parks and recreation grounds; and • Implementing a path from Thurning Avenue to the Stanground Community Centre. <p>The pathway had been identified as being of the most benefit to the community, however the cost exceeded the amount of funding available. Subsequently it had been advised that money from community funding would be available to make up the shortfall.</p> <p>Further work had been undertaken by the Youth Forum to identify how £10,000 could be spent in the Ward. These ideas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilets in parks and recreation grounds; • A mobile in Fellows Gardens for use by the community as a meeting place; and • To open Stanground Community Centre for use as a youth club. <p>Councillor Serluca questioned how many youth clubs there were running in the area, and what could be done to progress the request of Stanground Community Centre opening a youth club? The Neighbourhood Manager advised that the Community Centre came under the remit of Neighbourhood Services and there was a meeting due to take place within the next couple of weeks in order to discuss a way forward.</p> <p>Sue Schofield advised that there were three youth clubs running throughout the week and also an art focus group which was held on Thursday evenings.</p> <p>Councillor Cereste stated that the old Council building situated at Cottesmore Close had been sold to Axiom housing and there were 30 old mobile units located on site. A couple of these mobiles could potentially be used as a youth facility.</p> <p>Councillor Serluca commented that there were a number of community centres that should be updated and utilised.</p> <p>Residents commented that Southgrove Community Centre would be a good location for a youth club.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that a meeting would be arranged with Members of the Youth Forum, local Ward Councillors and other relevant parties in order to discuss the progression of additional youth facilities in the area and these discussions would include Southgrove Community Centre.</p> <p>Residents queried whether the art focus group, mentioned by Sue Schofield, was part of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts (RSA). Susan Schofield advised that the group was not part of the RSA.</p> <p>In a response to a query raised regarding how volunteer workers were sourced, Javed Ahmed addressed the meeting and stated that the service relied on volunteer workers and more would be needed going forward.</p>	LE
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	<p>The Chairman thanked the Youth Forum for their attendance and the good work they were undertaking.</p> <p>Simon Goldsmith, the Police Sergeant for the area addressed the meeting and requested that if anyone had any information about the recent disappearance of Theo Kawala, could they please contact the police as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>5. The Carbon Challenge Development and the STEM Centre project at PUFC</p>	<p>Richard Hodgson gave a presentation which provided an update on the Southbank Project.</p> <p>Key points were advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Southbank area incorporated the old Matalan site, the Peterborough United Football Ground and the Carbon Challenge development site; • There were four main opportunity areas in Peterborough ranked in order of priority. The Southbank was ranked highest; • There were various transformational projects proposed for Peterborough and these included, amongst others, the expansion of 'Retail Core and City Centre Vibrancy'. This would be aided by the proposed improvements at the football stadium; • Ideas of how to enhance the land at either side of the railway track when coming into town were being looked into; • Future phasing works were outlined and these included the former allotments site; • Work at the Carbon Challenge site was due to commence soon and the site was only one of two sites in the UK which had been selected to pilot the scheme; • Future development would look to incorporate the old railway sheds; • There were three phased sections to the Carbon Challenge Site with a target finish date of 2015; • The green credentials of the site were second to none; • Development on the Southbank would add vibrancy to the area. It would be a focus for residential development and would incorporate leisure and recreation into the area as well as the proposed Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Centre; • The development would not disturb the surrounding nature; • The outcome of bids for grants for the new bridge across the river and railway would be heard later on in the year; • The nightclub and shops currently situated along London Road were to be demolished later on in the year; • There was new lighting proposed for the river area which would enhance the night time scene; • With regards to the Peterborough United Football Stadium the seating capacity would increase from 15040 to 19431 with a fully seated stadium proposed; • The STEM centre would open no later than September 2012 and would be located underneath the new stand; • There would be an energy plant located underneath seats in the new stand which would provide energy for the Carbon Challenge Site housing; 	

	<p>Residents expressed concern at the proposed parking situation on the Peterborough United Football Ground site and it was commented that the possible implementation of an additional cost on top of a match ticket, to incorporate park and ride costs, would encourage the use of park and ride.</p> <p>Residents expressed further concern at the parking situation within the Carbon Challenge Site itself. There were not enough spaces allocated and it was also disappointing that no case for buses had been put forward for the site.</p> <p>Richard Hodgson addressed the meeting and stated that he would provide a formal response to those present at the meeting with regards to questions and comments raised regarding the South Bank renovations. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that she would circulate this response in due course.</p>	RH/LE
5. Street Leader Scheme	<p>Roy Clark, the Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, addressed the meeting and gave an update on the review of the Street Leader Scheme.</p> <p>Roy advised that the scheme had started five years ago as part of the Greater Dogsthorpe Partnership and the Council had incorporated the scheme in 2008.</p> <p>Members of the public could now report issues in their localities formally online or via telephone in order for the Council to be made aware of them and in order for these issues to be addressed.</p> <p>Roy further advised that re-branding had recently been undertaken in order to identify whether the volunteers recruited to the Street Leader Scheme wished to remain in the scheme. Of 200 original volunteers, it had been identified that 120 would like to remain in the scheme with 70 of those remaining 'hands on'.</p> <p>The Street Leader Scheme had undertaken a number of past projects and if anyone had any ideas for future projects they could contact Roy directly.</p>	
6. Neighbourhood Council Budget	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager addressed the meeting and gave an update on the Fletton, Stanground & Woodston Neighbourhood Council Budget.</p> <p>Key points were advised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment had been received and was currently being stored at Bridge House; • Noise monitoring equipment had arrived and was currently being tested; • Work was being undertaken with the Care and Repair team on how to target 60 households, yet to be identified, in order for them to receive an assortment of draught proofing materials and hot water cylinder jackets; • The Speedwatch kit had been ordered via Cambridgeshire Police and 150 Smartwater kits had been purchased; • Work had been approved to commence the construction of 	

	<p>a new path to connect the skate park with the teenage shelter and community centre;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remainder of the budget would be used to improve the entrance roadway into the Fletton Glebe Allotments; • Works had been completed to the verge/path improvements at Chapel Street. <p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that ideas on how to spend the next year's budget would be sought in the coming months.</p> <p>Residents queried whether money from the budget could be allocated to children's and toddlers play equipment. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this could be looked at when allocating next year's budget.</p> <p>The Chairman addressed the meeting and stated that money was allocated to provisions for the under 5's via the Community Leadership Fund (CLF). The Chairman further addressed the meeting and thanked the Neighbourhood Manager for all her hard work over the last year.</p>	
7. Open Session	<p>Attendees of the meeting were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area in which they lived. These included:</p> <p><u>Spend on the Community Leadership Fund (CLF)</u></p> <p>Councillor Serluca sought clarification as to where the CLF had been spent.</p> <p>In response, Councillor Lee advised that the following had benefitted from the fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three community centres in the area; • The adult day care centre on Fletton Avenue; • The Green Backyard Project; • The Baptist Church community event; and • Fellowes Garden Regeneration Project; <p><u>Carbon Challenge Transport Issues</u></p> <p>Residents commented that with regards to transport issues at the Carbon Challenge site, Cambridge should be looked at as a working model.</p> <p><u>The new path</u></p> <p>Residents queried whether the proposed new path would be situated anywhere near to the fixed goalpost. In response, Sue Schofield advised that the path would not be situated near to the goalpost.</p> <p><u>Citizen Power</u></p> <p>Councillor Serluca requested that a presentation be given at the next meeting in relation to Citizen Power. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this request would be progressed.</p>	LE

	<p><u>Potholes along Fairfield</u></p> <p>Residents commented that there were a number of potholes in the paths and in the road along Fairfield which had been marked for filling in, but had yet to be addressed. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this issue would be followed up.</p> <p>In response to the raising of this issue, Councillor Cereste stated that the extremely bad weather over the winter months had increased the number of holes in roads and paths across the city. The holes classed as dangerous had been temporarily patched and would be repaired properly over the coming months.</p> <p><u>Empty Property situated along Fletton Avenue</u></p> <p>Residents commented that there was a burnt out car still situated outside 61 Fletton Avenue and no advancement had been made with regards to the state of the garden. The Neighbourhood Manager advised that there were ongoing issues with this property and an update would be fed back directly to those residents who had highlighted the issue. Residents were further advised that there were limitations as to what could be undertaken with regards to empty properties.</p> <p>Councillor Lee addressed the meeting and stated that the process with regards to empty properties was lengthy and complicated, however the issue was not going unnoticed and other empty properties, as well as number 61 Fletton Avenue, were being looked at.</p> <p><u>Saxon Court</u></p> <p>Residents queried when the work was due to commence at Saxon Court.</p> <p>Maureen Lazaretti, from Cross Keys Homes, addressed the meeting and stated that planning permission had been granted and the site was due for demolition. The site would subsequently be rebuilt to house the elderly. Maureen further advised that an update on the project would be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Parking on Grass Verges</u></p> <p>Residents highlighted issues with regards to parking on grass verges along Park Farm, and the subsequent mess this caused.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this issue was prevalent all across the city and an update meeting was due to be held the following Monday to discuss new ways of tackling grass verge parking. Feedback from this meeting would be provided to residents.</p> <p><u>Further Works</u></p> <p>Councillor Lee addressed the meeting and stated that the Council and Cross Keys were working in conjunction with each other in</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>ML/LE</p> <p>LE</p>
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	<p>order to improve the area around Fellowes Gardens. Gratitude was extended to Cross Keys for the work undertaken so far.</p> <p>Councillor Lee further stated that with regards to Woodston, an £80,000 upgrading to St Augustine's Walk was to take place as suggested by residents, and £500,000 was to be invested in the Anglia Ruskin University Campus on Oundle Road.</p> <p><u>St Anthony's Catholic Church, Fairfield Road</u></p> <p>Residents questioned whether there was any update on the church.</p> <p>Councillor Serluca responded and stated that there had been no movement with regards to the church itself however a lot of the equipment had been removed from inside. Councillor Serluca further stated that she would keep residents informed of any further developments.</p> <p><u>Weeds</u></p> <p>Residents sought clarification as to the type of weed killer used on the roads and paths, as it did not appear to be strong enough.</p> <p>Councillor Lee responded and stated that certain chemicals were not permitted and the maximum strength possible was utilised.</p> <p>Councillor Lee further requested that the Neighbourhood Manager obtain the address of the resident who had raised the issue and advised that a team would be sent to look at this particular area.</p> <p><u>Contractors</u></p> <p>Residents commented that all contractors working on behalf of Peterborough City Council should be identified as such via signs on the sides of their vehicles.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager advised that this request would be looked into.</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>LE</p>
8. Next Meeting	The next Neighbourhood Council meeting for Fletton, Stanground and Woodston would be confirmed after the Annual Council meeting, due to be held on Monday 16 May 2011.	

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

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