

**DRAFT MINUTES**

***of a meeting of the Neighbourhood Committee (N&W1) - Rural North held  
 at Eye Manor Community Centre  
 on 7 July 2011***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman: Cllr Over  
 Glinton and Wittering: Cllr Holdich  
 Northborough: Cllr Hiller  
 Newborough: Cllr Harrington  
 Eye and Thorney: Cllr Sanders

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ailsworth Parish Council	Cllr Richard Perkins
Barnack Parish Council	Cllr Dr Ian Burrows
Castor Parish Council	Cllr Andy Martin
Deeping Gate Parish Council	Cllr Jane Hill
Eye Parish Council	Cllr M Holmes
Glinton Parish Council	Cllr Dennis Batty
Helpston Parish Council	Cllr Joe Dobson
Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council	Cllr William Cave
Peakirk Parish Council	Cllr Henry Clark
Thorney Parish Council	Cllr John Bartlett (and Cllr Pat Murphy)
Thornhaugh Parish Council	Cllr Martin Witherington
Ufford Parish Council	Cllr Marian Browne

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Julie Rivett Neighbourhood Manager, PCC  
 Alex Daynes Senior Governance Officer, PCC  
 Karen S Dunleavy Governance Officer, PCC

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jessica Bawden Director of Communication and Patient Experience, NHS Peterborough  
 Andrea Patman Assistant Director of Primary Care, NHS Peterborough

Six members of the public attended the meeting.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Jayne Mann - Castor Parish Council, Jane Hill - Deeping Gate Parish Council and David Buddle - Thorney Parish Council.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes of the previous meetings and matters arising	The minutes from 7 April 2011 were agreed as accurate.	

4. Election of Vice Chairman	Following nominations for the role of Vice Chairman, Councillor Harrington was nominated and seconded. Councillor Harrington was duly elected as Vice Chairman of the Neighbourhood Committee for Rural North.	
5. Open Session	<p>Comments and questions included:</p> <p>Following concerns raised by a Parish Councillor regarding the number of litter bins available in Thorney and Eye and provision for larger bins and why the Thorney bus number 36 hourly service route had been changed and the need to investigate this further, it was agreed that the items would appear on the next agenda, with a report and attendance from Peterborough Enterprise on the litter bins issue.</p> <p>A member of public raised a concern regarding parking on the grass in Eye and whether highways could do an inspection in the area? Members confirmed that the issue should be raised with Eye Parish Council by the member of public.</p> <p>A member of the public from Eye sought clarification on the City Council funding for school building improvements as children were currently learning in porta cabins? The Parish Councillor for Eye confirmed that there had been three options received, these were being considered by the Parish Council and that the school extension was planned to be built in two years.</p> <p>The Parish Councillor for Barnack sought clarification from Members regarding the plans for the review of the parish boundaries. Councillor Harrington was to make enquiries regarding the plans and produce the findings as an item for next meeting.</p> <p>The Parish Councillor for Helpston requested a report on the action points to be included in the next meeting for the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee.</p> <p>The Parish Councillor for Helpston requested details on the proposed changes for Police Community Support Officers in rural areas. Councillor Over confirmed that there was to be an exhibition at a Neighbourhood Committee on recruiting additional Police Community Support Officers for village areas and that he would be taking the issue of the closure of the police house in Barnack to Full Council. Councillor Over also confirmed that the Police Constable could be invited to a Neighbourhood Committee meeting to give an update on the changes.</p> <p>Members received an update from Jessica Bawden, Director of Communications and Patient Experience, regarding the Primary Care Trust consultation, Right Care, Right Time, which was evaluating services at health care premises and how they were being used by patients. There was no specific impact for the Rural Wards. Members, Parish Councillors and the public were invited to attend a presentation evening on Monday, 18 July 2011, at Dogsthorpe Infant School. The presentation was to give an in depth overview of the proposals. Members and the public were advised that the consultation was due to end on 18 August 2011.</p> <p>The Parish Councillor for Thornhaugh raised concerns regarding the review for village envelopes and that no discussion or consultation had</p>	<p>JR</p> <p>Cllr David Harrington</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>

	<p>taken place. Councillor Harrington confirmed that he had raised the matter at the last Neighbourhood Committee and that he had received no update on the plans. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that the consultation stage had gone through earlier in the year detailing the proposals and that there were minor changes mainly around site allocations for the village envelopes. The Neighbourhood Manager would send Members and Parish Councillors a web link detailing the changes.</p> <p>Actions agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Chief Constable to be invited to attend a future Neighbourhood Committee meeting to provide an update on changes for policing in the rural areas;</li> <li>2. Neighbourhood Manager to send Members and Parish Councillors the Village Envelopes consultation results web link;</li> <li>3. Peterborough Enterprise to be invited to update the Rural Neighbourhood Committee on the provision of litter bin emptying in the villages; and</li> <li>4. Progress on action points to be included in the next meeting for Rural North Neighbourhood Committees.</li> </ol>	<p>JR</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>6. Budget Devolution</p>	<p>Councillor Over gave an update on the funding available to the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee and approached Committee Members to agree a system for allocation.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sum of £25,000 would be divided between the five wards and that bids would be put forward at the Rural Neighbourhood Committee meetings and that a decision would be made by Members on the allocation; and</li> <li>• Julie Rivet would provide a breakdown of what each parish had bid for last year.</li> </ul>	<p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>
<p>7. Rural Vision for 2015</p>	<p>The Parish Councillor for Peakirk gave an update on the Rural Strategy that had been developed five years ago which included the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment;</li> <li>• Access and Transport;</li> <li>• Economy thriving areas and innovative investment; and</li> <li>• Housing quality developments.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Councillor for Southorpe advised that the four themes could be used for this year's Rural Vision and that they could fit into the Peterborough City Council's policies to ensure that they would be appropriate to rural areas.</p> <p>In addition Councillor Over commented that Parish Councils should consider what the villages could look like over the next five to fifteen years and start planning to incorporate social and economic generation.</p> <p>In a question raised by a Parish Councillor regarding the progress of the opening date for the new road between Dogsthorpe and Crowland, Councillor Hiller, Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning confirmed that it was scheduled to be opened in October</p>	

	<p>2011.</p> <p>Councillor Harrington commented that the Rural Vision should also include an item on accessibility to rural areas using public transport as there was an over-reliance on people using their own vehicles. Provisions should be made for villagers to access sustainable transport covering all times of the day and not just 9am to 5pm. Councillor Over advised that the issue was to be raised at the next Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities.</p>	
8. Community Action Plan	<p>The Neighbourhood Manager gave an update on the work for the Community Action Plan and advised the committee that each Plan should feed into one of the seven priorities for the Single Delivery Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating jobs through growth and improved skills and education;</li> <li>• Safe guarding Children and Adults;</li> <li>• Supporting the most vulnerable families and tackling the causes of poverty;</li> <li>• Helping people and organisations live more healthy and sustainable lives and reducing energy consumption;</li> <li>• Empowering people and creating cohesive communities;</li> <li>• Reducing Crime and tackling anti-social behaviour; and</li> <li>• Using our resources more efficiently, effectively and innovatively.</li> </ul> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager added that a Community Action Plan should be unique to each village area and that parishes would retain ownership of their plans and would determine how it could be developed.</p> <p>During consideration the following comments and observations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Councils were to liaise with the relevant Peterborough City Council officer with regards to guidance and support in specific areas;</li> <li>• The Parish Councillor for Peakirk requested guidance and a template to produce their Community Action Plan; and</li> <li>• It was suggested that a structured approach by Parish Councils in developing their plans could be adopted in the initial first working party.</li> </ul>	
10. Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 28 September 2011, venue to be confirmed.</p>	

**Meeting closed 8.15 pm.**