

CENTRAL SOUTH AND WEST AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday 9 February 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Van Nooijen (Chair), Councillor Brown (Vice-Chair), Councillors Cook, Dhall, Mills and Price.

County Councillors Armitage and Tanner.

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Susanna Pressel.

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Brown, Price and Van Nooijen on Agenda Item 6c – Extension to St Luke’s Church planning application (minute 101 refers) – said they had previously visited the site to discuss the plans although they would approach the application with an open mind.

Councillors Cook, Price and Van Nooijen on Agenda Item 6d – Old Fire Station planning application (minute 101 refers) – had previously considered the scheme at the City Executive Board. However they had not formed a fixed view upon the application.

Councillor Cook declared a personal interest in agenda item 6e – Footpath at Roger Dudnam Way planning application (minute 101 refers) – as an employee of Oxford University.

The following Councillors declared personal interests in agenda item 14 – Grant Allocations – (minute 109 refers) as they had involvement with organisations that could potentially benefit from grant money allocated by Oxford City Council:

Councillor Mills: Oxford Hub

Councillor Price: South Oxford Adventure Playground, Oxford International Links.

Councillor Van Nooijen: South Oxford Adventure Playground

98. OPEN SESSION

Oxclean

Ros Weatherall, a member of the public, addressed the Committee on the forthcoming Oxclean initiative. The Committee expressed their thanks to Ros for this valuable campaign.

Train noise and pollution

Paul Cullen, on behalf of the Jericho Community Association, addressed the Committee to voice concern on issues of train noise and access to and from Oxford Station in light of Chiltern Railways proposed new services.

The Committee resolved:-

To inform Chiltern Railways of its concerns and to request that in providing additional capacity at Oxford Station, it fund improvements to pedestrian access from the Jericho area to the station, either by improvements to the canal towpath from Mount Street to Isis Lock, or preferably by funding a new footbridge from Jericho across the Oxford Canal and Castle Mill Stream.

To note that First Great Western had offered a meeting to discuss the noise/air pollution issues at Oxford Station and the Jericho sidings discussed at previous meetings.

99. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Nothing was raised under this item.

100. STREETSCENE ISSUES

The Committee welcomed David Huddle to the meeting. He updated the Committee on the following issues raised at the December meeting:

- Approximately 60 cycles had been identified for removal from Central Oxford.
- Due to the recent poor weather the removal of chewing gum had not been taking place. As the weather improved it was intended to remedy this.
- The Council's trade waste customers had recently been written to with a reminder not to leave waste out more than one hour before the scheduled collection time.
- In relation to the clutter and vehicular obstruction close to the Shoe Lane/ New Inn Hall Street area, the committee would be updated after discussions with the County Council.

In addition to the above, the Committee raised concern about the high level of graffiti in the city centre. The Committee was assured that this issue would be addressed urgently.

The Committee was also told that officers would look into what might be done in Queen's Lane in relation to cracked pavements cause by building work.

The Committee thanked David and his colleagues for their efforts during the recent heavy snowfall.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION

The Head of City Development submitted five reports (previously circulated, now appended)

The Committee welcomed Murray Hancock to present the reports.

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION - 09/02587/FUL: 68A ABINGDON ROAD

Extension to shop

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to conditions in the officers' report with an additional condition to remove the property from eligibility for parking permits for the controlled parking zone in operation in the area.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION - 09/02304/FUL: TRAJAN HOUSE, MILL STREET

Extension and change of use from offices to medical/educational

Rosemary Preston, a neighbouring resident, spoke in support of the application for the change of use.

RESOLVED to support the application in principle but defer for an accompanying legal agreement to be drawn up and on its completion to delegate to officers the issuing of the notice of planning permission subject to the conditions listed in the officers' report plus an additional condition that permeable paving be used to external surfaces to mitigate any risk of flooding

(c) PLANNING APPLICATION - 09/02206/FUL: ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CANNING CRESCENT

Extension to Church

Jane Sherwood, on behalf of the Church, spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to the conditions listed in the officers' report with the exception of condition three which sought to exclude from the development two windows to the rear of the church.

(d) PLANNING APPLICATION - 09/02553/FUL: OLD FIRE STATION, GEORGE STREET

Community / training / educational / etc uses

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to the conditions listed in the officers' report.

(e) PLANNING APPLICATION - 09/02567/CT3: ROGER DUDMAN WAY

Footbridge to towpath at Fiddlers Island

RESOLVED to approve the application subject to the conditions listed in the officers' report plus a further condition requiring that the footbridge be closed one day each year.

102. FOOTPATH LINKS TO FIDDLERS ISLAND

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended)

The Committee noted the report but requested that consideration be given to spending any surpluses on improvements to the footpath east of the railway lines adjacent to the swing bridge.

103. FORTHCOMING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee noted the following planning applications which would be before the Committee at future meetings:

- (a) Lamarsh Road: 07/00421/RES: 8 flats.
- (b) Rear of Playhouse, Gloucester St: 06/02237/FUL: Flats and retail.
- (c) St. Aldate's/Queen Street: 08/02261/FUL & 08/02260/CAC: Retail, student accommodation, offices.
- (d) Former Acland Hospital, Banbury Road: 09/02467/CAC and 09/2468/FUL: Educational and student accommodation for Keble College.
- (e) Former Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road: 09/02535/FUL: Mathematics Institute for University.
- (f) Former Radcliffe Infirmary, Woodstock Road: 09/02534/FUL: Humanities Division for University.
- (g) Dawson Place, Jericho: 09/1203/OUT: New community centre.

104. PLANNING APPEALS

The Committee noted the report (previously circulated, now appended) provided by the Head of City Development which detailed those planning appeals received and decided during November and December 2009.

105. STREETSCENE MANUAL

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) updating the Committee on the production of the Streetscene Manual as well as asking for comments.

Under this item, Graham Smith, a member of the public addressed the Committee raising specific concerns about the proposed management of streets within the area covered by the manual.

The Principal Planner for the manual, Rachel Williams, explained that all comments received from consultees would be compiled into a document and annexed to the final Executive Board report due for consideration in March.

The Committee broadly welcomed the draft manual and made specific comments and suggestions on how it could be improved as well as asking for clarification on the specific streets the Manual would cover.

106. AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE UPDATE

The Head of Community Housing and Community Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) seeking the Committee's approval of expenditure proposals for the 2009/10 year.

The Committee approved the following schemes for both revenue and capital expenditure with the condition that any amendments to the schemes are reported to the next meeting:

Revenue:

Friars Wharf refurbishment	£10,000 (£8,537 Social Inclusion)
Mill Street noticeboard	£1,183
My Life My Choice Grant Application	£3,865(subject to Grant Panel approval)
St Barnabas Church outdoor area	£500

Capital:

Mount Place refurbishment	£12,047
St Luke's Hall extension	£10,000 (subject to planning permission and full funding becoming available)

107. PROPOSED OXFORD CANAL FESTIVAL – 11 AND 12 SEPTEMBER

The Head of Community Housing and Community Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) seeking the Committee's support towards allocating £250 towards the cost of the 2010 Oxford Canal Festival.

The Committee resolved to support the request and the allocation of funding as requested, subject to an application for a grant being received.

108. HINKSEY SCULLING SCHOOL – GRANT REPORT

The Head of Community Housing and Community Development submitted a report (previously circulated and, appended) summarising a grant application which the Committee was recommended not to support.

The Committee resolved not to support the application.

109. GRANT ALLOCATIONS TO COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR 2010/11

The Head of Community Housing and Community Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended) showing the proposed grant allocations to community and voluntary organisations for the next financial year.

The Committee resolved to support the grant allocations as set out in the report.

110. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting (previously circulated, now appended) held on 8 December 2009 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 8.10 pm

Between 1 and 15 members of the public were present at the meeting.