

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MAPPERLEY AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 5)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **20 MARCH 2012** at

the Council House from 5.34 pm to 6.52 pm

- ✓ Councillor Dewinton (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Molife (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ball (minutes 48 – 55 inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor Healy
- ✓ Councillor Parbutt
- ✓ Councillor Urquhart

Community Representatives

- Mr P Smith - Alexandra Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Ms J Button) Ball Street Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mrs F Wallace)
- ✓ Mr R Stalvies - Carrington Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ Ms C Juby - Coppice Farm Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Ms J Brown - Edwards Lane Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mr J Fyles) Friends of Coppice Park
- Ms K Fyles)
- Mr M Cox - Mapperley Park Residents' Association
- Mr P Henson - Mapperley Road Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator
- Mr R Huskinson - Sherwood Estate Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Mrs S Gardner) St Ann's Allotment Association Limited
- Mrs M Kenning)
- Rev J MacGillivray - Church of St John the Evangelist
- Rev G Hadfield - St Jude's Church
- Ms E Hutchinson - St Martin's Church

✓ - indicates present at meeting

City Council colleagues, partners and others in attendance

- Mr D Towers - Mapperley Park Residents Association
- Mrs E Khan - Resident
- Ms P Bradbury - SSE Contracting Lighting Services
- Mr A Henry Neighbourhood Environmental Manager)
- Mr P Maxfield - Neighbourhood Action Officer) Communities
- Mr A Mohammed - Area Manager)
- Mr J Pell - Horticultural Services Manager)
- Mrs C Sullivan - Swimming Development Officer)

Mr S Johal	- Planning Projects Officer)	Development
Ms D Ross	- Housing Development Officer)	
Mr G O'Connell	- Director of Legal and Democratic Services)	Resources
Miss L Wilson	- Constitutional Services Officer)	

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

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46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Greenberg, Dorothy Holmes and Bob Huskinson.

47 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

48 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

(b) Matters Arising

In relation to the second bullet point of minute 42 (Citizen First) on page 9, it was not clear whether the Head of Benefits, Council Tax and Welfare Rights, or one of her colleagues, had been given the dates of Ward Forum meetings.

**Dorothy
Holmes**

49 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY (Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)

Mr Pell, Horticultural Services Manager, presented the Committee with the following information:

- the Urban Forest Strategy covered all trees growing in Nottingham City, regardless of land ownership. Nottingham City Council owned one of the largest tree stocks in the East Midlands, estimated in excess of 100,000 specimen trees and 155 hectares of woods, spread across the City in parks, open spaces, highways, housing gardens, schools and cemeteries and crematoria;
- trees had historic importance and defined the character of an area, created a sense of place and helped to make an area more attractive for new business, potentially increasing the value of property. They created habitats and supported an extensive range of flora and fauna species. They helped to combat climate change by reducing CO2 and

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other emissions and trapping and removing dust particles from the air, providing shade and cool environments, reducing the urban heat island/temperature in the City, reducing soil erosion and flash flooding, and providing local food growing opportunities;

- they could also create problems, including weed and sucker growth in tree pits around the base, obstruction of CCTV, light, views, satellite dish reception, view of traffic lights and signs, dangerous limb failure causing personal injury or damage to properties, damage from fruit, sap and bird droppings, and tree root damage to roads, pavements and properties;
- there were a number of threats to local trees from disease and pests, which were exacerbated by climate change, but mitigated by good species variety in the stock;
- the strategy set out a plan to enhance the urban forest. It ensured the Council's legal obligations for trees and tree safety were fully met. It maximised resources and sought to enhance the urban forest. It provided new policy and procedural advice and would help to manage expectations through improved communication with citizens. It recognised the importance of trees and had strong links with the City Council's aims and priorities and with national policy guidelines;
- the strategy proposed a number of policies for consideration, which had been prepared in response to issues concerning large tree species, maintenance of trees, risk management, a Responsible Neighbours' Guide and factors to be considered for development areas;
- the draft strategy and appendices could be viewed online at: <http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=13308>, or hard copies were available to view in all local libraries.

Comments from the Committee, community representatives, colleagues and citizens included:

- the information in the strategy was clear and helpful, and the 'Good Neighbour Guide' was welcomed;
- trees caused a number of problems for houses, some of which were mentioned in the strategy, but damp was a major issue and did not appear to be included in the strategy;
- in Mapperley Park Conservation Area some trees were too big for the space in which they had been planted and it was unclear what action could be taken;
- the strategy was a quality document but more work needed to be done to promote the variety of horticulture in the City;

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- in Mapperley Park some large trees had been removed, but the stumps were left behind, which were unsightly;
- it was important to consult local residents before a tree was removed so that they understood why the tree needed to be removed;
- giving reasons for decisions on trees was a key issue and needed to be improved.

In response to the comments, made Mr Pell provided the following additional information:

- the issue of trees causing damp in houses was mentioned within the 'Good Neighbours Guide';
- priorities and actions bespoke to each area would be included in the Ward Action Plans;
- planning permission could be sought if trees in a conservation area were too large for the space in which they had been planted. Providing the work was reasonable, it was likely that permission would be granted;
- promoting the variety of trees, etc in Nottingham would have to be picked up in separate document to the strategy, but could possibly be included in the promotional material for parks and open spaces;
- it was important to have a diverse range of trees to ensure they were resilient to disease, and for advice to be available on the suitability of areas for planting;
- if trees were removed, people should be encouraged to replace them with a variety suitable for the area.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted, and that any further comments on the strategy to be sent by 30 March 2012 to ufs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or by post to:

**UFS, Tree Services
Woodthorpe Grange
Woodthorpe Drive
Nottingham
NG5 4HA**

50 DRAFT INFORMAL PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE FORMER KINGSTHORPE AND KILDARE FLATS

(Director of Planning and Transport)

Mr Johal, Planning Projects Officer, introduced the report which detailed the broad principles for the redevelopment of the site for high quality family housing, and the provision of a new relocated playground, which were

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currently out for consultation.

Comments from the Committee, community representatives, colleagues and citizens included:

- it was important to ensure that adequate consultation was carried out in the local area;
- residents would also be consulted when a planning application was received;
- the draft guidance should make a difference to the area and help attract a retail offer to the Gardeners Public House site;
- affordable housing needed to be provided on the site;
- at the meetings of the Development Control Committee in May and October, it had been specified that there should be feasible archaeological work on site to identify any remains of the well before development took place on the Gardeners Public House site;
- the tree survey was welcomed as some trees in the area were in a poor state;
- secure perimeter fencing needed to be included in the guidance, as did the provision of bungalows.

In response to the comments made, Mr Johal provided the following additional information:

- consultation meetings were held throughout the planning, re-housing and demolition phases with local residents at a local community centre. All residents on the Kingsthorpe Estate were invited. There were also notices around the site, on the Councils website and in the Robin Hood Chase Library;
- there would be mixed tenure on the site and 20% of the housing would be affordable, e.g. shared ownership;
- the opportunity for the provision of bungalows could be included within the draft guidance.

RESOLVED that the draft planning guidance be noted and the views of the Committee be fed into the consultation process.

**Sukjinder
Johal**

51 DRAFT INFORMAL PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THE FORMER HAYWOOD SCHOOLS SITE

(Director of Planning and Transport)

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Mr Johal, Planning Projects Officer, introduced the report which detailed the broad principles for the redevelopment of the site for high quality family housing, and the provision of new public open space and improved connectivity through the site with new pedestrian/cycle routes.

Comments from the Committee, community representatives, colleagues and citizens included:

- there was a concern that some residents would not engage in the consultation so it was important that work was done to encourage them to become involved;
- there were also concerns regarding the points of access to the site;
- the proposed number of houses to be built on the site needed to be explained.

In response to the comments made, Mr Johal provided the following additional information:

- there would be two points of access to the site from Edwards Lane, and the access from Cragdale Road would be reviewed and possibly become pedestrian access only;
- there would be 35/40 houses per hectare, which equated to 100/120 houses on this site. It was possible that the varying ground levels on the site would have an impact on the number of dwellings that could be built.

RESOLVED that the draft planning guidance be noted and the views of the Committee be fed into the consultation process.

**Sukjinder
Johal**

52 NOTTINGHAM PFI STREETLIGHTING – MAPPERLEY AND SHERWOOD

Ms P Bradbury, Customer Care Manager, SSE Contracting Lighting Services, played a ten minute DVD for the Committee regarding the work to be carried out to renew the street lighting, and circulated a schedule of streets to be completed in July, August and September 2012 in the area and a list of streets already completed.

Comments from the Committee, community representatives, colleagues and citizens included:

- there was no detail on the work to be carried out in the area in 2013;
- the streets listed were residential, but work was also being done on main roads;
- roads needed to be prioritised to ensure that those with the highest

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levels of crime/anti-social behaviour were targeted first;

- footpaths between streets needed to be included;
- it was important to ensure that the lights were brighter and more energy efficient. It was also important to ensure that non-working bulbs were replaced within as short a period of time as possible.

In response to the comments made, Ms Bradbury provided the following additional information:

- it would take approximately 5 years to replace the lighting around the City and SSE would be responsible for the maintenance of the lights for 20 years;
- half of the streets in Mapperley and Sherwood were being done in 2012, the remaining lights would then be completed in 2015, but the list of roads for 2015 had not yet been drawn up;
- some columns did not need to be replaced. On good condition columns only the lanterns would be replaced and a list of where this would happen could be provided and circulated to the Committee;
- prioritisation of replacing the lights was predominantly done on age, but the risk profile of the area was also considered;
- footpaths were incorporated in the list provided;
- new lighting was 30% more efficient and would be brighter than the current lighting. Traffic route lighting was slightly different to the lighting used in residential areas;
- the Service Level Agreement specified that non-working bulbs had to be replaced within 3 working days and there was a 24 hour hotline for reporting faults with lights. The expected life of a bulb was 3 to 5 years and there was a programme for replacement in place;
- there was remote monitoring and control of the lighting which meant it could be turned off, on or dimmed from the control centre. The lighting column would also send a signal to the control centre if the light was not working.

**Dorothy
Holmes**

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

53 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS
(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mr Mohammed, Area Manager, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities.

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The Chair clarified that delegated authority was used to give effect to recommendations of Councillors outside of the meeting, where decisions needed to be taken urgently and to ensure that the community were informed of decisions at a public meeting.

RESOLVED that the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities in respect of projects and schemes in Area 5, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted.

54 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2011-2013 PROGRAMME

Mr Mohammed, Area Manager, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund (general fund), including highways and footways.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Mapperley, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;**
- (2) that the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Sherwood, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.**

55 WARD PRIORITIES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

This report, which was marked 'to follow' on the agenda, was withdrawn and would be considered at the May 2012 meeting.

56 MAPPERLEY AND SEHRWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

The Chair advised the Committee that boundaries for Area Committees would change from the annual meeting of Council in May 2012 and that, consequently, this was the last meeting of the Committee. She thanked Councillors, community representatives, residents, City Council officers and officers of partner organisations for their attendance and support over the years.