

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **21 MAY 2012** at the Council House
from 5.02 pm to 6.18 pm

- ✓ Councillor Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Parton (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Culley
- ✓ Councillor Fox
- ✓ Councillor Longford

Community Representatives

- ✓ Mr D Allen) North Wollaton Residents' Association
 - ✓ Mrs L Dilks)
 - ✓ Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
 - Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
 - ✓ Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
 - ✓ Mrs P Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/
Lenton Abbey 15th Nottingham Scout Group
 - vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
 - vacancy - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
 - vacancy - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch
Association
 - ✓ Mr B Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
 - Dr A J Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association
- ✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also Present

PC 2160 Bampton
Staff and Young People Middleton Primary and Nursery School

Officers In Attendance

- Mr J Marsh - Locality Manager (Central Area))
- Ms L-A Renwick - Neighbourhood Development) Communities
- Ms P Dorey Officers)
- Melanie Fretwell Principal Enforcement Officer,)
Community Protection)
- Mr M J Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

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

ACTION

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Morley be appointed Chair of the Area Committee for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Parton be appointed Vice-Chair.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Norris (for agenda item 5, on other City Council business) and Dr A Swannell.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

5 PARKING ISSUES AT MIDDLETON PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

The Chair welcomed staff and young people from Middleton Primary and Nursery School to the meeting. The school representatives presented their concerns regarding safety matters which were being caused by the way in which parents chose to park to drop off or wait for children who attended the school and which caused young people to feel unsafe. Factors which affected the situation included:-

- parents not always taking notice of concerns about parking and safety explained to them by young people;
- the narrow nature of the existing road;
- vehicles parking on pavements;
- drivers ignoring parking restrictions such as double yellow or zig-zag pedestrian crossing lines to park inappropriately;
- drivers ignoring road layout arrangements to access the ring road inappropriately from the junction of Harrow Road with Middleton Boulevard;
- the intransigence of some parents/drivers when asked to modify their behaviour.

The following matters were identified either as potential contributors to a solution, or as requiring further investigation:

ACTION

- the possibility of parents dropping children at a nearby bus stop for them to walk through to the school, although to do so may result in the adjacent wood becoming congested;
- the existing road was too narrow to accommodate the quantity of vehicles now using it should active consideration be given to the creation of a turning area and/or moving school railings back to make a pull-in area for vehicles, although it was recognised that to do so would result in a loss of facilities for young people and may create more safety issues;
- Community Protection colleagues supporting the work of PC Bampton, by assessing the feasibility of enforcing current parking restrictions and using retrospective ticketing or taking court action against drivers who committed offences;
- having either a member of staff or school governor on duty at the school entrance to supervise cars parking on Harrow Road, although the Committee noted the reluctance of the school to suggest this as the individual concerned would have no formal authority;
- there was a need to identify and introduce a solution before the further expansion of the school premises;

RESOLVED

- (1) that the young people and staff be thanked for their attendance, presentation and comments;
- (2) that Neighbourhood Development Officers arrange for the presentation to be given again to traffic management division colleagues and Councillor Norris to enable them to evaluate what measures the City Council might take to help the situation, in time for an update to be provided to a future meeting of the Area Committee

L-A Renwick

6 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 January 2012 copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;
- (2) that the Locality Manager (Central Area) be requested to progress the outstanding visit for Community Representatives to visit to the incinerator and re-cycling facilities referred to in Minute 26(2), dated 28 November 2011;

J. Marsh/
A Greener

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7 ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Lighting on Lambourne Drive

It was agreed that Neighbourhood Development Officers should confirm the view that the specifications for lamp-posts and lights on Lambourne Drive were to British Standard.

L-A Renwick

(b) Parking at Bramcote Lane Shops

It was agreed that progress on this matter should be investigated.

L-A Renwick

(c) Play Area – Sutton Passeys Crescent and Wollaton Park

It was confirmed that Sutton Passeys Play area was not currently liable for decommissioning and that there was scope for further improvements. This would, however, require further clarification on the future the site.

J Marsh

8 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report set out the detail of allocations approved by Councillors from their individual ward member budgets to support activities in Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards during the second half of the 2011/12 financial year.

The Committee noted that five applications in Wollaton West and two in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey had so far been approved for events to celebrate HM Queen's Jubilee and that two applications for funding under the Game On Programme 2012 had been approved.

RESOLVED that the detail of allocations approved by Councillors from their individual ward member budgets to support activities in Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards contained in the appendix to the report, be noted.

9 WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES 2012

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report outlined a number of priorities which reflected the One Nottingham Plan and which would be used to develop Ward Action Plans.

Additional measures identified at the meeting for Wollaton West ward included the quality of street lighting in the neighbourhood and around Lambourne Drive/Caxmere Drive and parking issues on Radford Bridge Road during prayers on Fridays.

ACTION

**Community
Representatives
/L-A Renwick**

RESOLVED that the report be noted and Community Representatives be asked to forward any additional priorities to the Neighbourhood Development Team

**10 COMMUNITY SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATION
(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)**

This item was withdrawn for further consideration.

**11 URGENT ITEM – PROPOSED DOG CONTROL ORDER,
LENTON ABBEY ESTATE
(Director of Community Protection)**

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, so that administrative processes could be undertaken before the next ordinary meeting of the Committee on 3 September 2012.

The report sought the Area Committee's view on making of Dog Control and other related Orders as a means of giving colleagues additional support and options when dealing with an increasing number of loose and aggressive dogs in the Wollaton and Lenton Abbey are of the City. Ms Melanie Fretwell, a Principal Enforcement Officer with Nottinghamshire Police presented the report and provided documentary evidence which outlined difficulties being experienced by local residents in support of her recommendation to make the necessary Orders.

RESOLVED

- (1) that, based on the evidence available to it, the Area Committee supported the making of Dog Control Orders covering the Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Ward;**
- (2) that the Director of Community Protection be authorised to carry out the advertisement and consultation processes required with regard to the making of proposed Dig Control Orders as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report;**
- (3) that the results of the consultation be submitted to a future meeting of the Area Committee to determine whether the Orders should be made and, if so, the amount of the fixed penalties to be applied to them.**

**M Fretwell/
T Wilson**

ACTION

12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the Area Committee meet in the Dining Room at The Council House, Old Market Square, at 5.00 pm on the following Mondays :

2012

**3 September
3 December**

2013

18 February

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 2 September 2012, beginning at 5.00 pm