

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of meeting held at Bulwell Riverside on **20 NOVEMBER 2013** from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

✓ indicates present at meeting

- ✓ Councillor Jackie Morris (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ginny Klein (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Nick McDonald (Joint Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Eunice Campbell
- ✓ Councillor Alan Clark
- ✓ Councillor John Hartshorne

Community Representatives

- ✓ Reginald Knowles - Bradford Street Allotments
- Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
- John Hancock - CRESTA Tenants' and Residents' Association
- ✓ Doreen Carruthers - Forest Park Neighbourhood Watch
- ✓ Roz Yousouf - Nottingham Elders Forum
- ✓ David Norman - My Sight Nottinghamshire
- ✓ Gillian Slack - Ravensworth Road Methodist Church
- ✓ Paul Bakajsa - Rise Park Action Group
- ✓ John Millington - Rise Park Community Association
- Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch
- ✓ Sally Wilson - Snapewood Community Centre

City Council Colleagues, Partners, and Others in attendance

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| Inspector Andrew Goodall) | Nottinghamshire Police | |
| Nick Baker) | | |
| Christine Busuttil) | | |
| John Davis - | Operations Manager North | - Community Protection |
| Sarah Watson - | Senior Planning Officer | - Development |
| Eddie Curry - | Head of Parks and Open Spaces |) Communities |
| Heidi May - | North Locality Manager |) |
| Celia Knight - | Neighbourhood Development Officer |) |
| Suki Shergill - | Neighbourhood Development Officer |) |
| Luke Walters - | Housing Patch Manager |) Nottingham City Homes |
| Nicky Jarvis - | Tenancy and Estates Manager |) |
| Kim De Vergori - | Assistant Director of Customer and Tenancy Services |) |

Rav Kalsi	-	Constitutional Services	-	Resources
John Hancock (senior)	-	Citizen		
Julie Wright	-	Rise Park Community Association		
Stuart Bell	-	Right Track		

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sheila Loades - Bulwell Hall Tenants' and Residents' Association
John Hancock - CRESTA Tenants' and Residents' Association
Paul Jackson - Royal British Legion Bulwell Branch

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

32 MINUTES

Subject to the following amendments to minute 22, Bulwell Hall Golf Course, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2013 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair:

“In response to citizens’ concerns, about the types of materials being used in the landscaping, Mr Tilford assured the committee that the inert materials were being used for landscaping the golf course...”

33 BULWELL GOLF COURSE – ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chair 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 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to allow for a timely update of the item.

Eddie Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces verbally updated the Committee on progress of the major improvements being made to the course. The Committee previously considered improvements to the course at their 18 September 2013 meeting (minute 22). The following information was provided:

- (a) in October 2013 a further application was submitted requesting an extension to planning permission until 31 May 2014. Project delays caused by a combination of the economic climate and sourcing a viable contractor had caused delays the original project completion deadline of August 2013;
- (b) all earthworks are proposed to be completed by the end of August 2014 and works continues on some outstanding reinstatements. Seeding is planned for completion in the spring to complete the work around trees;
- (c) currently work continues to progress well and mounds have now been installed around the 15th and 16th tees. In addition, work is starting to progress along the 8th tee however, in recent weeks heavy rain has slowed progress;
- (d) all material being used in the mounds are inert and rigorously checked by both Planning and Parks and Open Spaces colleagues. Although initial remedial work was not acceptable, as work continues on site the mounds are settling and will

continue to do so in time. A similar process was undertaken in producing flood defence mounds at the Embankment;

- (e) part of the material being used such as stone and building rubble comes from the NET Phase 2 project however, this process is governed by strict regulations and policed by the Environment Agency.

RESOLVED to note the verbal update.

34 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – AMENDMENT

Heidi May, Locality Manager, introduced the Corporate Director for Communities’ report regarding changes to the Area Committee terms of reference to incorporate Area Panel functions, including the presence of a Nottingham City Homes representative at future Committee meetings.

RESOLVED to note the Committee’s revised terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

35 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2013/15

Celia Night, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report updating the Committee on the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund and Public Realm schemes, highlighting the following points:

- (a) the scheme at Utile Gardens is jointly funded by Nottingham City Homes for a parking scheme at a cost of £14,772. Children playing signs are also to be installed adjacent to the park entrance at Hempshill Lane at a cost of £700;
- (b) additional funding is required to improve the green space, drainage and the construction of a running track at Totley Close for £9,429, which will be matched by Nottingham City Homes;
- (c) the installation of five “Unsuitable for HGV” signs around St Albans Road will attempt to deter unsuitable vehicles from using St Albans Road. This will continue to be monitored;
- (d) Remedial work to subways at Blantyre/Pine Hill Close and Bestwood Park Drive West will include an anti-graffiti layer to deter future acts of vandalism.

RESOLVED

- (1) **to approve the Area Capital programme of schemes for Bulwell and Bulwell Forest as follows:**

Ward	Project	£ Estimated Cost
<u>Bulwell Ward</u>	LTP Schemes	
Utile Gardens	Joint funding with NCH of parking scheme on Utile Gardens	14,772
Hempshill Lane	Install “children playing” signs near to park entrance	700

Total LTP schemes £108,468

Ward	Project	£ Estimated Cost
Bulwell Forest Ward	LTP Schemes	
St Albans Road	Signage – 5 “Unsuitable for HGV” around St Albans Road: 1 on Carey Road, 2 on Kersall Drive and 2 on Picadilly	1,500
Shellburne Close	“Keep Clear” markings	575
Brownlow Drive	Footpath resurfacing to correct damage caused by tree root uplift	3,400
Earlsfield Drive	Footpath resurfacing on both sides of Earlsfield Drive from 2 Rise Park Road to Cardington Road	31,511
Cantrell Road	Double yellow lines for junction protection on Cantrell Road	5,000

Total LTP schemes £44,968

Bulwell Ward Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Totley Close	Contribution	9,429	Additional contribution to improve green space, drainage and provide running track, matched by NCH

Total Public Realm schemes £9,429**

Decommitments - £0

Bulwell Forest Ward Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Hucknall Road	Tree works	5,000	Tree works on Linear Walkway, Hucknall Road
Blantyre/Pine Hill Close	Subway painting	3,000	Improvements to appearance to encourage use and deter vandalism
Bestwood Park Drive West	Subway painting	1,557	Improvements to appearance to encourage use and deter vandalism

Total Public Realm schemes £9,557**

Decommitments - £0

- (2) **having deducted the approved allocations, to note the following monies available:**

Bulwell Ward - £109,153;

Bulwell Forest Ward - £ 79,321.

36 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOME (NCH)

Nicky Jarvis, Tenancy and Estate Manager for NCH presented the report of the Chief Executive of NCH, informing the Committee of schemes requested by NCH tenants, staff and those living within the environment of NCH properties, from the Housing Revenue Fund. The following points were highlighted:

- (a) changing the locks at Snapewood from a variety of types to a consistent suited system will allow services easy access to clear and maintain the relevant areas. Currently all the locks are different, even where there are two gates servicing one alley way;
- (b) the creation of additional parking spaces on Utile Gardens will be jointly funded with Nottingham City Council for a total cost of £29,544.33 improving facilities to improve accommodation;
- (c) bow top gating to be installed at Courtleet Way and Willow Hillow Close along the paths and walkways would theoretically deter youths dealing drugs and using cycles and motorbikes congregating or escaping from police officers;
- (d) metal fencing will replace the wooden fence between 17 – 18 Saxelby Gardens in efforts to deter unwanted visitors late at night. The gap created by a removed panel at the moment is being used as a cut through which is unnerving the residents;
- (e) resurfacing of the communal tarmac area for 58, 59 and 60 Duchess Gardens is required to remedy the poor conditions caused by loose stones and gravel. With the site in use predominantly by elderly and vulnerable people there is a certain health and safety risk involved which heightens the need for improvements.

RESOLVED to approve the following schemes:

Site	Proposal	Cost £
Bulwell ward:		
Snapewood	Changing locks to a suited system	8,531.52
Hornbeam Gardens	White line parking bays around 16 – 24 Hornbeam Gardens	1,500
Utile Gardens	Creation of additional parking spaces, joint venture between NCH and NCC	29,544.33
Courtleet way / Willow Hillow Close	Installation of bow top gating along paths and walkways	4,246
Sandhurst Road	Install clearly visible signage for the bungalows on Sandhurst Road	2,550
Saxelby Gardens	Installation of metal fence situated between 17 – 18 Saxelby Gardens	1,818.15

Norwich Gardens	12 metre x 1.8 metre high fence with a double gate	2,466.68
Duchess Gardens	Resurfacing on communal tarmac area for 58, 59, 60 and 61 Duchess Gardens	4,718.97
Duchess Gardens	New gate at the front and rear of 11 Duchess Gardens	1,079.13
Murby Crescent	Install 6 front lockable metal gates at specific entrances to increase security	3,049.24
Hazelhurst Gardens	Installation of a metal gate with a combination lock to allow tenants access	1,312.20
Totley Close	Joint venture with Area Capital Fund – drain works and a running track	18,858.80 (9,429.10)
	Total budget available	78,032.16
	Proposals	55,473.16
	Remaining funds	22,559
Bulwell Forest ward:		
Site	Proposal	Cost
Colston Road	Section of the metal fencing be removed and replaced with a metal gate	3,729.15
Flaxton Way	Resurfacing of communal parking area outside 38 Flaxton Way	2,581.69
	Total budget allocation	19,326.72
	Proposals	6,310.84
	Remaining funds	13,015.88

37 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DOCUMENT – PREFERRED OPTION CONSULTATION

Sarah Watson, Local Development Framework Manager, introduced the Director of Planning and Transport's report and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document is currently undergoing consultation which last until 2 December 2013. The Preferred Option is an informal consultation stage after which the document will be formally published;
- (b) there are 56 draft policies within the Preferred Option and 76 draft Land Allocations. Each site underwent consultation and some of the earlier sites considered are not being taken forward;
- (c) the following site have been taken forward into the Preferred Option:
 - Bestwood Road (former Bestwood Day Centre)
 - Blenheim Lane
 - Former Henry Mellish Main School
 - Former Henry Mellish School Playing Fields (Piccadilly)
 - Hucknall Road / Southglade Road (Southglade Food Park)
 - Linby Street / Filey Street
 - Stanton Tip
- (d) Belgrave Road / Linnington Road and Bestwood Sidings were considered within the consultation but have not been taken forward into the Preferred Option.

RESOLVED to note the ongoing consultation and opportunity to respond before 2 December 2013.

38 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, and Heidi May, North Locality Manager, introduced the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services outlining the community engagement which has taken place and is planned in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest.

RESOLVED to note the ward performance for Bulwell and Bulwell Forest.

39 POLICING ISSUES

Policing update

Inspector Andy Goodall verbally updated the Committee on policing issues in both Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards, highlighting that a dispersion order is in place to tackle anti-social incidents in both wards and will be reviewed on a monthly basis, which reflects a resource intensive approach to managing this.

Anti-social behaviour reporting process

John Davis, Operations Manager for Community Protection and Inspector Andy Goodall delivered the presentation highlighting the following points:

- (a) Nottingham City Council has a unique provision of Community Protection with a collaborative approach from the Council and the police. Richard Antcliffe, Head of Community Protection has national involvement with the Home Office;
- (b) the aim of Community Protection is to promote a clean and clear environment akin the 'Broken Windows' theory – where there are issues, if not tackled can exacerbate further;
- (c) there are a 100 Community Protection Officers (CPOs) and 30 auxiliary CPOs who provide a visible presence in neighbourhoods who work with local beat teams. Community Protection includes a number of other services, such as Trading Standards and Environmental Health;
- (d) Community Protection officers work in coordination with other organisations such as Street Pastors and Civil Enforcement colleagues;
- (e) the policy on anti-social behaviour (ASB) was rewritten last year to define ASB as an act affecting another person, the peaceful enjoyment of an environment and a general nuisance as opposed to a particular person;
- (f) where ASB is reported, call handlers will designate the scenario into one of the three defined categories which will determine an appropriate response time. Where an immediate response is deemed necessary a response will be provided within 15 minutes. If the call is an urgent one then a response will be authorised within 60 minutes and finally, any other report is responded to within 24 hours;

- (g) when a vulnerable victim has been identified they are given a unique number which is followed up by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. When tackling criminality in the area, police colleagues will work with Community Protection, an approach which has proved to be a success around Deptford Crescent.

The Committees thanks were recorded to Inspector Goodall who will be taking on the role of Acting Chief Inspector at Oxclose Lane Police Station.

RESOLVED to note the policing issues reported in the update.

40 DELEGATED AUTHORITY AND FINANCE REPORT

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report which informed the Committee of the schemes approved by the Director of Neighbourhood Services using delegated authority.

RESOLVED

- (1) to note the following allocations made via delegated authority of the Director of Communities:

<u>Bulwell Ward</u> (Councillors Klein, Hartshorne and Morris)	£
Family and Community Team Glee Club	3,150
Hempshill Hall Reading Project	300
Buwell Dovecote Feasibility	2,622
National Play Day	300
Bulwell Bogs Event	500

The following have received Councillor support but are awaiting further information

Bulwell Public toilets Sunday opening	1,980
Bulwell and Rise Park Xmas Lights	3,200
St Mary's School	59

<u>Bulwell Forest Ward</u> (Councillors Campbell, Clark and McDonald)	£
Rise Park Lunch Club Equipment	150
Malt Cross Trust (Street Pastors)	150

- (2) to note the financial reports as follows:

<u>Bulwell Ward</u>	£
Balance Brought Forward 2012/13	39,236
Councillor Funding 2013/14	15,000
Deprivation Funds	15,993
Total Funds	70,229
Allocated funds 2013/14	14,881
De-committed schemes	0
Uncommitted funds after allocations	55,348

<u>Bulwell Forest Ward</u>	£
Balance Brought Forward 2012/13	25,847
Councillor Funding 2013/14	15,000
Deprivation Funds	0

Total Funds	40,847
Allocated funds 2013/14	2,788
De-committed schemes	184
Uncommitted funds after allocations	38,243

41 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED to next meet at 5.30pm on 19 February 2014 at Bulwell Riverside.