

**Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee
23 April 2015**

SUTTON SOUTH, CHEAM AND BELMONT LOCAL COMMITTEE

23 April 2015 at 7.00 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Tony Shields (Chair), Councillor David Hicks (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Mary Burstow, Richard Clifton, Trish Fivey, Jane Pascoe, Holly Ramsey and Graham Whitham

ABSENT: Councillor Patrick McManus

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Neil McManus.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

57. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Inspector Kathy Morteo presented the Committee with data on burglaries, motor vehicle theft and anti-social behaviour for each of the three wards. She highlighted a general decrease in incidents, and in particular a large decrease in anti-social behaviour across the borough.

Inspector Kathy Morteo advised that the ward panels had recently met and the three principle concerns across the three wards were burglary, speeding and vehicle theft. A number of probationers are now working in the area, alongside two Sergeants. Inspector Kathy Morteo gave an update for each ward panel, as follows:

South Sutton: Sgt Paul Cole has been managing the use of speed guns in Cedar Road and officers have issued tickets where appropriate.

Belmont: Investigators for the Sutton Hospital Fire have found a fingerprint which may lead to identification of the arsonist.

Cheam: Councillors commended the work of the Fire Brigade and other emergency services in fighting the fire that broke out at a nursing home in Cheam.

Community representatives raised a range of issues relating to speeding cars in the three wards, which Inspector Morteo undertook to feed back to ward panels.

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Councillor Tony Shields suggested that the issue of speeding vehicles be brought to the next meeting of this Committee as a formal agenda item.

Report received.

58. DOCTOR BIKE

The Travel Awareness Officer, Paul Garside delivered a short verbal presentation to the Committee on the Dr Bike service. He outlined the services available to the public and encouraged those present to publicise the service where possible.

In response to questions, Paul Garside advised that cyclists are not legally allowed to ride on the pavement or to ride at night without lights.

Report received.

59. SUTTON HOSPITAL SITE

A presentation was delivered by Mary Morrissey, the Strategic Director for Environment, Regeneration and Housing and Kieran Holliday, Head of Pupil Based Commissioning.

Mary Morrissey gave an update on the Sutton for Life Partnership's plans to commission a development framework to establish how the vision can be situated on the site. She confirmed that full consultation with all stakeholders, including residents will take place in late 2015 and early 2016.

Kieran Holliday's presentation outlined the background to the new secondary school provision, actions taken so far, the route to new school provision and the next steps.

Questions were invited and the main points discussed are detailed below:

Kieran Holliday could not advise on the site's possible use by the NHS for a new hospital, but reiterated that LBS's intention remains to use either this site or the Rose Hill site to construct a new secondary school. Mary Morrissey advised that LBS do not own the entire site and any Planning application made for the site by any other agency would be judged on its merits.

Kieran Holliday acknowledged that the site is small, but on a pupil/m² ratio, it would not be the smallest in the borough.

Kieran Holliday confirmed that the feasibility studies report would be available on Sutton's website, together with an explanatory note, after 7 May. He reminded the Committee that the report would not make recommendations but outline the possibilities for the two sites. He also explained that any future development would be subject to Planning consent and issues such as site access and parking would be detailed as part of the application. At this stage, he was not able to say how large the building would be or how many storeys it would have.

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Kieran Holliday was not able to comment on admissions arrangements for the new school as they will be set by the Greenshaw Learning Trust Free School, subject to the statutory consultation processes. He advised that the build period is likely to be around 18 months. Councillor Jane Pascoe, a member of the Secondary School Partnership, reassured those present that she expected the school's approach to be inclusive.

When asked why this site was being considered when it was so close to the borough boundary, Kieran Holliday noted that both sites are close to the boundary. He advised that there were no compelling reasons for either site, but admissions criteria will be set and legally applications cannot be refused for children outside of LBS.

In response to a question regarding a restrictive covenant upon the site, Mary Morrissey assured the Committee that Asset Management Team officers have given assurance that a school can be built on the site.

Councillor Tony Shields assured the Committee that this item would remain as a standing item on the agenda for this meeting.

60. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Trickey asked if a raised speed table will be installed at the junction of Moore Way and Homeland Drive at the entrance to the proposed Health Centre. Officers undertook to find out and reply outside of the meeting.

Tom Goodliffe noted that the parking bays at 16-18 The Broadway are likely to be removed, and noted the disappointment of Cheam Traders. He asked that investigation be made into possible locations into which they can be moved, and also asked that some consideration be given into offering a period of free parking in Cheam Village's two car parks. Officers were not able to respond at the meeting but undertook to reply outside of the meeting.

Peter Matthey asked if consideration could be given to moving the recycling bins just outside Belmont Park. The Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration advised that, as household recycling is operating well in the borough, the Environment and Regeneration Committee will soon be asked to approve the removal of all household recycling centres in the borough.

Peter Matthey asked if the litter bin in Belmont Park situated close to Knockholt Close could be moved closer to the bench. Officers undertook to establish if that could be done.

**61. HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC SCHEMES - INTRODUCTION OF 20 MPH
LIMIT AROUND SANDY LANE**

The Highways Design and Delivery Manager, presented his report which detailed the process for introducing a 20 mph zone into the area.

The Committee discussed whether or not this would be an effective measure and suggested it may be more useful to establish why motorists are breaking the speed limit in the area. Councillor Tony Shields suggested that Council officers and the Police should carry out regular speed checks in the area.

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It was noted that it may be more beneficial to introduce measures such as a speed table outside Cuddington Croft Primary School. It was noted that any measure would be greatly appreciated by parents, staff and children, but the process has been subject to delays due to the need to liaise with Surrey County Council's Safe Routes to School Officer. It was noted that Sutton's officers have been co-operative so far, and the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration undertook to ensure Sutton's officer makes contact with his Surrey counterpart to further investigate what measures can be taken to mitigate speeding around the school.

Peter Matthey advised that a survey had been carried out with Sandy Lane residents about speeding motorists and they had raised concerns about displaced speeding, should a 20 mph zone be introduced.

It was agreed that there should be increased focus on reducing motorists to a maximum of 30 mph rather than introduce a 20 mph zone.

Report received.

62. CHRISTMAS LIGHT SCHEME 2015

The Economic Renewal and Regeneration Officer, Bridget Galloway presented the report and highlighted that the Committee were asked only to indicate at this stage their desired location and spend for Christmas Lights in 2015. Officers would then bring further detail to the July meeting, enabling a longer lead-in time, to ensure that problems would not arise as they did last year.

Councillor Richard Clifton noted that the cost of Christmas Lights would account for almost one third of the public realm budget. After some discussion the Committee agreed the indicative cost detailed within the report and looked forward to receiving further detail on exact costs and locations at the July meeting.

Report received.

63. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

The Locality Lead Officer outlined the Public Realm report and invited comment and question.

Councillor Graham Witham questioned the £5000 cost of installing road markings on Cheam Broadway, and asked for a breakdown of the costs. It was agreed that the information should be circulated to the Committee within a week by email.

The Committee discussed the application to install two concrete table tennis tables in the area. Councillor Richard Clifton noted his concern at allocating a further £6000 from the Public Realm budget, but the Committee felt they would be a useful and beneficial addition to the parks.

Councillor Graham Witham advised that the planning application to install an Automatic Watering System at the Cheam Croquet and Bowls Club had been approved, so the Committee agreed to release £5000 funding for the scheme.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve 2 new concrete outdoor table tennis tables. One for Cheam Park and the other for Overton Park at a cost £6k, funded from Public Realm Capital in 2015/16.
2. To release the previously agreed funding of £5000 for the automatic watering system at the Cheam Croquet and Bowls Club.

64. NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

The report was introduced by the Locality Lead Officer.

Councillor Tony Shields suggested that it would be useful to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration to delegate authority to award Neighbourhood Grants where applications are made between meetings of the committee. All members of this committee would be consulted but must respond with concerns by the deadline set, and a nil response would indicate approval of the grant application.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Shields, seconded by Councillor David Hicks and:

RESOLVED:

1. To delegate the authority to award Neighbourhood Grants to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee councillors, where applications are made between meetings of the Committee.
2. To award the Local Park Tennis Club £500 towards publicity and equipment for free mini tennis events.
3. To award Cheam and Sutton British Legion Branch £500 towards the installation of new disabled access signage.

65. APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recommends to Council the appointment of Keith Percy (no substitute) to represent Highfields Residents Association, and David Harrison and Susan James (substitute) to represent Friends of Overton Park on the Committee.

66. FARMER MEMORIAL AT NONSUCH PARK

Councillor Mary Burstow outlined the damage that had been done to the Memorial, which had led to its removal from the Cheam Gate end of Nonsuch Park.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Shields, seconded by Councillor Trish Fivey and

RESOLVED: To support the installation of bollards around the Farmer Memorial on Ewell Road, to protect it in the future from vehicular damage.

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67. BELMONT WAR MEMORIAL

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends that the Strategy and Resources Committee approves the addition of names to the Belmont War Memorial, subject to the validity of those names being established.

68. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

No items were raised.

69. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 2 July 2015 at Carshalton Beeches Baptist Church.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Chair:

Date: