

**CARSHALTON AND CLOCKHOUSE LOCAL COMMITTEE****17 January 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Hamish Pollock (Chair), Councillor Chris Williams (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Tim Crowley, Amy Haldane and Jill Whitehead

**ABSENT** Councillor(s) Moira Butt

**28. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair, Councillor Hamish Pollock, welcomed all those present.

**29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Moira Butt.

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**31. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the 18 October 2016 be approved as an accurate record, subject to two minor amendments:

Item 20: The first building listed was shown as the Grove whereas it should be The Lodge, and later the "building" should be confirmed as The Old Rectory.

**32. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM**

Inspector Ian Hicks gave a brief update on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood Team, confirming the area priorities to be motor vehicle crime, burglary, anti-social behaviour and the growth of neighbourhood watch within the local committee area.

Terry Haswell, Clockhouse Residents' Association, enquired as to anti-social behaviour involving nitrous oxide canisters. The Inspector clarified that the use is not illegal, but its sale is and emphasised the importance of youth education on this point. It could not be commented whether Croydon Schools were being targeted with this message but the Inspector promised to pass on the query to colleagues in that Borough.

With regards to garage burglaries, a local resident, provided feedback to the Inspector that his garage had been broken into and he believed that keys provided by a particular company were not necessarily unique and thus could be used to open other garage doors. Penny Spirling, Carshalton Fields Residents' Association, also reported a spate of burglaries into locked garages and that they had been advising local residents to contact officers. The Association also offered to distribute burglary advice to local residents.

Councillor Amy Haldane wished to promote the local Neighbourhood Watch for residents' concerned by the issues raised.

### **33. ORDER OF ITEMS**

At the Chair's discretion, the order of the agenda items was rearranged and is as follows in the minutes.

### **34. SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

Matt Clubb, Executive Head of Environment Commissioning and Elsie Grace, a Veolia representative, gave a presentation on the impact of the implementation of the South London Waste Partnership contract upon waste collection and street cleansing.

Barry Todman, Clockhouse Residents' Association, enquired as to the means of consultation. The Executive Head responded that a consultation exercise was carried out across over 1000 residents in 2012 with regards to food waste.

John Freeman, Friends of the Grove, enquired as to the number of bins involved and whether different sizes were available. It was confirmed by the Veolia representative that after an initial roll-out, a communication engagement officer would talk to local residents and find the best solution on a case-by-case basis.

A local resident enquired as to whether the food waste bins were 'fox-proof' and the locking mechanism was demonstrated by the Veolia representative.

Brian Brockwell, Westmead Allotment and Garden Association, enquired as to Reuse and Recycling Centre in the Borough. The Veolia representative confirmed that this would continue as is and that no changes were proposed as part of this contract. Another resident enquired as to whether cross-borough boundary usage of sites was possible (e.g with Croydon) and the Executive Head confirmed that this was being investigated with partners.

A local resident enquired as to garden waste and whether the associated fee would increase. This was confirmed to be £61.50 for a 12 month service by the Executive

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Head, following a decision of the Environment and Neighbourhoods Committee in June 2016.

A local resident queried the contract objectives, in particular that relating to high quality service and customer satisfaction, and how this would be impacted upon by a fortnightly collection. The Executive Head responded that customer satisfaction was above 80% at present. The Veolia representative continued that strategies were in place for behavioural change to encourage recycling and that different groups of residents had been considered, e.g. larger families.

A local resident enquired as to how the service would operate with regards to communal properties. The Veolia representative responded that a community engagement officers would be working with such buildings and an initial audit was underway.

A local resident enquired to bottle and plastic collection and why this bin was smaller than that for paper and card. The Veolia representative responded that a revenue can be generated from plastic and card, which would be fed back to Sutton Council, and a larger bin was better at keeping this dry. It was added that crews would be monitored to ensure that bins were returned to their correct place and that bags mentioned in the presentation were for houses without any frontage space.

Councillor Amy Haldane asked what remained to go in the brown waste bin. The Veolia representative responded that nappies were one such item and non-recyclable plastics or polystyrene trays.

Councillor Tim Crowley commented that the MORI survey mentioned had not included Clockhouse residents. With regards to consultation, the Councillor further added that the Environment and Neighbourhoods Committee had deliberated this subject and from the minutes of that meeting he advised that "The nature of the consultation will depend on individual boroughs approach to public consultation and its current service arrangement." The Councillor asked what the policy was on closed bins and side waste, and how certain residents might cope with an excessively heavy glass bin. The Executive Head responded that there was no change to existing policy with regards to closed bins and side waste which was not accepted (unless recyclable waste). With regards to the heavy boxes, the Executive Head provided information on assisted collections for such residents, which would continue under Veolia.

Councillor Jill Whitehead underlined the number of authorities with a fortnightly collection and further commented on behavioural change with regards to recycling as well as the potential savings.

Finally, Carl Brown, Friends of Oaks Park, further commented on the subject of consultation and the reliance of recycling rates on residents' goodwill. The Executive

Head raised the food waste trial and consultation of 2012 and the welcoming of food waste collection, as long as it did not lead to increased cost which this contract award did not in fact it was saving £10.3m over the first 8 years of the contract.

### **35. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS**

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer, presented the Public Realm projects update.

Councillor Jill Whitehead enquired as to Christmas lighting around the Carshalton Ponds which had not yet been removed and the Officer responded that this would be undertaken soon.

Arthur Spirling, Carshalton Fields Residents' Association, asked when the 30mph signs previously discussed in relation to the Woodmansterne Area would be painted. It was responded that this would be discussed under the next item.

Ray Liffen, Carshalton on the Hill Residents' Association, asked when the next special Public Realm meeting of community reps and councillors would take place and the Officer responded that this would be arranged to take place around April 2017.

**RESOLVED:** that

The progress of the public realm schemes listed in Appendix A be noted.

The sum of £20,467 for the supply and installation of festive lights across the two wards, from Public Realm Capital converted to Revenue, be approved in principle, subject to sums being made available within the 2017/18 budget cycle due for approval by Full Council in March 2017

### **36. HIGHWAYS UPDATE TO INCLUDE ORCHARD HILL**

Yinka Daniyan, Highways Engineer, gave a verbal update with regards to highways in the local wards. This concerned:

Orchard Hill - parking and congestion issues.

Waverley Way / Warnham Court Road - parking and congestion issues.

Robins Way - completion of traffic calming / congestion scheme.

Woodcote Green - improvements to network.

St Philomena's School - parking proposal for area 400m radius around school.

Rotherfield Road - outcome of consultation for parking intervention.

Florian Avenue - congestion issues.

Members highlighted that Woodcote Green did not fall under this local committee, but under Beddington and Wallington.

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Brian Brockwell, Westmead Allotment and Garden Association, further enquired as to Robins Way and the Highways Engineer responded that this was still in the design phase.

Arthur Spirling, Carshalton Fields Residents' Association, commented on increased correspondence with regards to local 'improvements', focussing on consultation. The Highways Engineer elaborated on consultation requirements across a specific geographic area and commented on the involvement of both the three Ward Councillors and the Chair in this process.

A local resident mentioned Beechwood Avenue/Whitethorn Avenue and a lack of parking enforcement with regards to corner parking. The Highways Engineer responded that the comments would be passed onto the enforcement team and further explained the Borough-wide parking strategy. Councillor Jill Whitehead explained a distinction between enforcement and the parking strategy, providing a brief overview of the latter as Chair of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.

Carl Brown, Friends of Oaks Park, suggested revisiting the transport assessment with regards to Orchard Hill, and painting the gateway signs on Woodmansterne Road with 30mph markings.

A local resident of Sussex Road also commented on parking enforcement in the area, offering the assistance of residents' associations in this respect.

Councillor Amy Haldane commented that she was planning an information leaflet drop around schools associated with congestion, inviting community representatives to join this initiative.

### **37. LOCAL PLAN**

Duncan Clarke, Principal Policy Planner, and Dean James, Senior Planning Officer, gave a presentation on the draft local plan.

John Faulkner, Woodstock Road Residents' Association, asked for a breakdown on the new homes mentioned in the presentation. The Principal Policy Planner explained that the figure represented a net increase and did not concern "greenfield" sites.

A local resident enquired as to arts and culture in the draft local plan in comparison to neighbouring boroughs, particularly in relation to Sutton College. The Principal Policy Planner commented on the options to redevelop the Charles Cryer, Secombe Theatres and Civic Offices. A further meeting was suggested with regards to Sutton College.

A local resident enquired as to redevelopment of green belt land in the area. The Principal Policy Planner confirmed that land to the west of Wellfield Gardens would not be redeveloped. Ray Liffen, Carshalton on the Hill Residents' Association, also commented on the subject of green belt, suggesting that no changes should be made and requesting further detailed maps.

Barry Todman, local resident, queried the consultation process which was re-explained by the Principal Policy Planner. Carl Brown, Friends of Oaks Park, additionally commented that this was a legal process which was being followed.

A local resident queried the future of Sutton Library if the Civic Offices were redeveloped and the Principal Policy Planner explained that there was no intention to move it.

Carl Brown, Friends of Oaks Park, requested clarification as to a local right of way across the Lavender Field and what was meant by 'assets of community value'. The Principal Policy Planner confirmed that the right of way will not to be affected by the extension of the gypsy and traveller site, as well as explaining the community value classification in relation to planning considerations and how such a status could be obtained.

### **38. NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS**

Claire Smith, Lead Locality Officer, gave a brief presentation on neighbourhood grants, explaining how residents could apply in the new financial year.

### **39. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were raised.

### **40. ANY URGENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair highlighted leaflets made available by the Friends of Honeywood Museum.

### **41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Carshalton & Clockhouse Local Committee will take place on 25 April 2017 at 7.30 pm at Carshalton Beeches Baptist Church, Banstead Road, SM5 3NL.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

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