EASTLEIGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27 September 2016 (7:00 pm – 8:15 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Bicknell (Chairman); Councillors Bain, Balaam, Irish, Mann, Mrs Sollitt, Sollitt and Trenchard

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Thomas

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair reported that there had been a successful Open Day at the Lakeside Country Park on Saturday. There was a large turnout and new facilities were a great addition to the park. It was hoped that the next Eastleigh Local Area Committee Meeting would be held at the new hall at Lakeside subject to the agenda.

The pedestrian area of Wells Place had finally been completed after a two year legal issue which had prevented its completion had now been resolved.

Finally the Chair advised that the temporary grills had now been removed in the market area.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ted White addressed the Committee to advise that he felt like a second class citizen as a bus user and felt that the Council gave priority to car drivers. He thought that deregulation would mean that the customer would be out before the bus operator.

The Chairman agreed with Mr White, however Hampshire County Council funded the subsidised bus services and others were run by private companies. Eastleigh Borough Council subsidised some bus services above and beyond their statutory duty.

Eileen Marks addressed the Committee regarding some concerns with the use of a disused car park off Campbell Road. She advised that residents of Campbell Road accepted the fact that it was used by a lorry training school. However over the last 10 months the usage had changed dramatically to include bus storage, airport parking from 4:45 am – 10:30 pm and highways maintenance vehicles were also being stored there. Residents had taken it upon themselves to conduct a traffic survey in August which resulted in 2000 vehicle movements in a 15 hour period.

Residents had met with the Borough Council's Environmental Health team and had submitted the logs from the study. They were awaiting a response from Environmental Health. Residents had also contacted the planning department to enquire as to whether a planning application had been submitted to change the use of the car park and it was now with enforcement officers to investigate.

The Chairman advised that he and Councillor Irish had received emails from residents bringing this issue to their attention and he confirmed that Eastleigh's enforcement officers were investigating it. He advised that Councillors Irish and Balaam would update residents when they had further information.

Janet Light also addressed the Committee regarding the issues at Campbell Road. She advised that they were unable to have their windows open during the summer due to the fumes that were produced from the many vehicles now using the disused car park. There were also noise issues due to the vehicular movements and people working in the car park and talking on their phones. She advised that the traffic there had trebled in the last 10 months.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Irish would investigate the issues raised and would follow up the complaints with residents.

David Lewis who was also a resident of Campbell Road advised that he was a first responder for Hampshire ambulance service and was unable to attend a paediatric arrest of a 2 year old child as he was unable to get out of Campbell Road due to lorries blocking the entrance. This was unacceptable and now putting lives in danger. He also advised that the bridge used to have a 20 tonne limit but was regular used by 38 tonne HGV's. The bridge was in a general state of disrepair and he felt that it needed to be investigated.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Irish would check the weight limit of the bridge and the responsibility of the maintenance of it as it may be Hampshire County Council or Network Rail.

3. QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION WITH EASTLEIGH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM, HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

There was no question and answer session on this occasion.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to the accuracy of the figure of £760 of allocated funds to Lakeside.

(**Note:** Simon Payne queried the figure of £760 that had been reported by the Chair at the last meeting when referring to allocated funds by the Committee. The Local Area Manager would check the figure and respond via email to Mr Payne.)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

6. PRESENTATION ON PLANNING GUIDELINES

Development Management staff gave a short presentation on guidelines that had to be taken into account when determining planning applications; in particular the issues that could, and could not, be taken into account. This was set against the broader policy framework.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION - FLEMING PARK DISTRICT PARK, PASSFIELD AVENUE, EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE, SO50 9NL

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Development Management (Agenda item 8) concerning an application for the construction of a stand alone Energy Centre including Combined Heat and Power engine, boilers, pumps, ancillary equipment and 15 metre high flue together with installation of district heating network and provision of landscape screening. (Ref: F/16/78608).

The Committee was advised of the following updates to the report: a) no further representations had been received; and b) that no comments had been received from the Environment Agency or Hampshire Garden Trust.

RESOLVED –

That permission be GRANTED subject to the recommended conditions and reasons.

8. PLANNING APPEALS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported:-

Land north of Boyatt Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 4LJ - Appeal against the Council's refusal of planning permission for Outline application for construction of 2no. 3 bed dwellings with associated carports & access (with appearance & landscaping reserved) O/15/77009 (Delegated Decision).

RESOLVED –

That the report be noted.

9. EASTLEIGH MARKET - REVISED REGULATIONS AND FEES AND CHARGES

Consideration was given to a report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda item 10) that set out a revised set of rules and regulations and fees and charges for Eastleigh Market, together with a new application form for stallholders. These updated the rules and regulations and fees and charges last approved on 24 May 2016.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the revised Eastleigh Market Rules and Regulations, shown in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;

(2) That the fees and charges shown in Appendix 2 to the report be approved; and

(3) That the Eastleigh Market application form shown in appendix 3 to the report be approved.

10. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Local Area Manager (Agenda item 11) that contained recommendations for expenditure from the Committee's capital and revenue budget.

Members were advised that a report had been tabled regarding the play area at Grantham Green. Due to recent vandalism of the area several items of play equipment required replacement and Members were asked to approve £5600 in order to achieve this. Members were saddened that this was necessary due to acts of vandalism but felt this should be replaced as soon as possible.

RESOLVED –

(1) That £77,500 be allocated for Grantham Green improvements from developers' contributions;

(2) That £8,000 be allocated for electric works in Leigh Road Precinct from developers' contributions;

(3) That £3,044 be allocated for Velmore Youth Café for 2016/17 from the revenue budget; and

(4) That up to £5,600 be allocated for replacement play equipment at Grantham Green from developers' contributions.