



Cheadle Hulme Partnership

Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday 22nd March 2011
Venue: Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Present

Mike Ibbotson (Local Resident & Chair), Paula Kelly (SMBC Town and District Centres Regeneration Manager) , Alan Pettener (Resident), John French (Resident), Robert and Joan Owen (Residents), Diana Sheldon (Resident), Norman Jones (Friends of Hesketh Park), PC Richard o Brien GMP; Paula Burgess Cheadle Hulme Library; Joyce Buxton Resident; Billy Howie, Waitrose ; Giles Taylor resident; Cllr Lenny Grice SMBC ; Anna Triantis (AboutMyArea/SK8);Alan Pellenter : Richard O'Brien (GM Police)
Guest : Steve Burns SMBC

Apologies

Cllr Suzanne Wyatt, Cllr Paul Porgess Cllr June Somekh, Cllr John Pantall, Cllr Stuart Bodsworth, Mrs Hazel Akhtar (resident), Richard and Christine Watson (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Duncan Booth (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Myra Woodcock (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Ashley Gaunt (Waitrose) Inspector Steve Gilbertson (GMP), Rev Gill Newton (Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church), Steve Fishwick (SMBC District Centre Steward),

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

MI introduced **PK** and suggested that all attendees introduce themselves. On behalf of the Partnership MI expressed thanks to Brian Nash on doing a wonderful job.

2.0 Apologies

PK recorded the apologies received.

3.0 Minutes of Last Meeting (22nd March 2011) and matters arising.

Reference was made as to the status of the footpath at Ramilies Avenue which appeared to suggest evidence of a public right of way.

Follow-up regarding Church Road bins questioned. Steve Fishwick was not present.

4.0 Presentation

The Localism Bill

MI introduced **Steve Burns** from SMBC. Steve has recently moved from Head of Service, Regeneration and taken up a new position as Head of Service, Planning and Strategic Housing.:

Steve gave an introduction to the Bill and went on to focus on the planning elements of the Bill which he put in the context of the fact that there is already a great deal of delegation in decision-making in Stockport via Area Committees and 90% planning decisions delegated to officers .

The Bill would allow Council's to set own planning fees (but this would need to operate on a no profit/no loss basis. Other examples of the planning impact include the fact that a vacant commercial property could change to housing without the need for planning approval ; whilst the right of a 3rd party to appeal against an adverse planning decision seems to have disappeared from the Bill.

He referred also to the Neighbourhood Planning elements of the Bill whereby a group of residents could form a Forum and produce their own Neighbourhood Plan provided this was consistent with Borough and National Policy.

The presentation gave rise to a lively discussion.

MI thanked **SB** for the interesting presentation.

5.0 Question Time

MI raised the issue about the future of the Partnership but it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

6.0 Updates

6.1 Police

RO'B related some recent crime trends – increase in house burglaries since January (30% as a result of insecurities and 57% by gaining rear access) but these were now being targeted by special police operations and main problem areas in West division were at Adswold ?bridgehall and Cheadle/Gatley.

Other positive actions taken include crack house closure; seizure of 4 off-road bikes: and action as a result of Cheadle / Cheadle Hulme pub watch and both car crime and criminal damage reports down.

There was some discussion in respect of various parking issues including that at Hill Top/ . Church Road (Cllr Grice offered to look into this) : Swann Lane at Methodist Church and near school/verges. PCSO to have more powers to enforce.

MI thanked **RO'B** for his attendance.

6.2 District Centre Steward

Steve Fishwick was not present but his continued good work was noted and reference made to his request for new bins.

6.3 Green Spaces

Oak Meadow

JB reported that the nature walk had been completed including hedgehog house. To let local schools library, sure start centres know – also associated pdf workbook available. **JB** to email councillors. St Anne's Hospice event referred to. Next event Summer party Sunday 10 July. Hoping to get Waitrose and other traders involved.

JB made a plea for continued council support following departure of Brian Nash. **PK** recognised value of group's efforts and gave reassurances.

Hesketh Park and Mellor Orchard

Abundant planting noted with little or no vandalism. Highfield Orchard also referred to. Good job by Council and residents.

South Park

Side of Smithy pub (Cllr Wyatt?) raised. Mini railway referred to.

6.3 Climate Change

RW not present No update.

6.4 Station

There was some discussion about the lift shaft framework. Footpath to reopen 28 April 2011. Foundation works and finished levels render it still inaccessible and so despite waiting 25 years and following an expensive project it delivers nothing. Still need for a sign and bridge painting.

6.5 Cheadle Hulme Shopping Centre Traders Association

TA rep not present but acknowledged general good turnout to events eg Chinese New Year.

7.0 Planning Applications

PK reported on a number of applications including two for minor works at Waitrose and Metropolitan House and a further application at Greyhound Pub, Councillor lane.

MI reminded group that all planning applications are available for viewing locally.

8.0 AOB

PK referred to the 'Stockport Sandwich Competition'. Local businesses will be invited to produce 'a sandwich fit for a Future King'. Local heats will be held in April and all local winners will enter the Borough Grand Final on Saturday May 21st.

Thanks to Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church for hosting the meeting and providing refreshments.

Welcome Trust car boot sale 10th April 2011.

Dates of Next Meetings

To be arranged and included in minutes.

Couple of dates for future meetings to be presented next meeting.

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