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AGENDA

BRINNINGTON & REDDISH JOINT WARD COMMITTEE

Committee Room 5
Town Hall
Stockport

Meeting: Monday, 14 June 2010
Tea: 5.00 pm
Business: 6.00 pm

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2010.

(Enclosed)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers to declare any interests which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Chair's Announcements

To receive announcements from the Chair about local community events or issues.

(ii) Neighbourhood Policing

Councillors and members of the public are invited to raise 'Neighbourhood Policing' issues with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

(iii) Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to put questions to the Chair of the Ward Committee on any matters within the powers and duties of the Ward Committee, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

(Questions must be submitted prior to the commencement of the meeting on the cards provided. These are available at the meeting and at local libraries and Information and Advice Centres).

(iv) Petitions

To receive petitions from members of the public and community groups.

(vii) Area Flexibility Funding

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To consider applications for Area Flexibility Funding or to receive feedback from organisations who have received funding.

4. REDDISH VALE RANGERS UPDATE

Representatives of the Service Director (Environment) will attend the meeting to provide an update on Reddish Vale Rangers.

5. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS ON UNADOPTED HIGHWAYS

To consider a report of the Service Director (Communities) (Enclosed)

The report provides an update on the provision of a separate route for horses to access the paddocks.

The Ward Committee is requested to note the report.

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6. MOBILE CCTV IN REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK

To consider a report of the Service Director (Communities) (Enclosed)

The report provides an update on the possibility of locating mobile CCTV units at Reddish Vale Country Park for a short period of time.

The Ward Committee is requested to note the report.

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7. COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR PART OF REDDISH VALE ROAD

To consider a report of the Service Director (Legal & Property) (Enclosed)

The report advises the Ward Committee on the Council's powers in respect of pursuing a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of part of Reddish Vale Road.

The Ward Committee is requested to note the report.

Officer contact: Paul Parkinson 0161 474 3213, paul.parkinson@stockport.gov.uk

8. FRIENDS OF REDDISH VALE

Phil Kinsey will attend the meeting and show a DVD on issues affecting the park.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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BRINNINGTON & REDDISH JOINT WARD COMMITTEE

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Meeting: 3 February 2010
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Andrew Verdeille (Chair) in the chair, Councillors Walter Brett, Tom Grundy, Anne Graham, Chris Murphy, Peter Scott and David Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 September 2009 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Public Question Time

Five questions were submitted relating to:-

- Improvements to ponds at Reddish Vale Country Park
- Staffing levels at Reddish Vale Country Park
- Police patrols at Reddish Vale Country Park
- The provision of warning signs at ponds which are frozen in cold weather
- Pedestrian access to Reddish Vale Country Park

The questions were answered at the meeting.

4. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS ON UNADOPTED HIGHWAYS

A representative of the Service Director (Legal & Property) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising the Ward Committee on the Council's powers in respect to Traffic Regulation Orders on unadopted highways.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Service Director (Communities) be requested to meet with the Chair and the owner of Reddish Vale Farm to discuss the provision of a separate route for horses to access the paddocks.

(3) That the Service Director (Legal & Property) be requested to investigate the possibility of a compulsory purchase order on part of Reddish Vale Road.

5. REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK

A representative of the Service Director (Communities) reported that Reddish Vale Country Park was now an accredited Country Park and that Stockport had more accredited parks than any other Borough in the Greater Manchester area. The

representative of the Service Director (Communities) introduced representatives of Substance and the Environment Agency who gave presentations on angling.

Substance

Adam Brown and Natalie Djohari, Substance attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the work of Substance. Substance was a national research project which focussed on the Social and Community benefits of angling which aimed to encourage positive structured activities. Natalie Djohari commented on the possible opportunities in Stockport and in particular for encouraging angling in Reddish Vale Country Park.

Environment Agency

Martin James, Environment Agency attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the role of the Environment Agency with respect to angling and fishery management. The presentation considered the good work at Reddish Vale Country Park already taking place and suggested possible improvements for the future.

Tame Valley Defence Group

Pat Ruaune and Phil Kinsey, Tame Valley Defence Group attended the meeting and gave a video presentation on issues affecting the park including access, litter, vandalism and the recent shooting of a swan.

RESOLVED – (1) That the representatives of Substance and the Environment Agency be thanked for their attendance and presentations.

(2) That Pat Ruaune and Phil Kinsey be thanked for their attendance and presentation and that they be requested to produce a further video of issues affecting the park for consideration at the next Ward Committee meeting.

(3) That the Service Director (Communities) be requested to consider the possibility of locating mobile CCTV units at Reddish Vale Country Park for a short period of time.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS ON UNADOPTED HIGHWAYS**Report of the Service Director (Communities)****MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

The meeting of the Reddish & Brinnington Ward Committee in February 2010 requested that the Service Director (Communities) be requested to meet with the Chair and the owner of Reddish Vale Farm to discuss the provision of a separate route for horses to access the paddocks.

INFORMATION

The tenant of Reddish Vale Farm has, for some time, been in the process of acquiring planning permission for the route under discussion. A dialogue has been maintained between Council officers and the tenant to allow for the mutual interest in the scheme and so that assistance may be given if requested.

If the Committee feels that a meeting is still required, the Service Director (Communities) will facilitate this.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Neil Oxley on telephone number 0161 474 3681 or alternatively email neil.oxley@stockport.gov.uk

MOBILE CCTV IN REDDISH VALE COUNTRY PARK**Report of the Service Director (Communities)****MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

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INFORMATION

It has been requested that the matter be placed on the agenda of the Neighbourhood Partnership Team meeting due to take place on 14 June 2010. The meeting will be attended by staff from Reddish Vale Country Park and Parks, Sport & Cemeteries management. The partnership is better placed to allocate such resources that the Parks Service and will be able to give due regard to all pertinent factors in reaching a decision.

As the Partnership meeting is due to take place earlier in the day than the Ward Committee meeting, officers will be able to give feedback to Members on progress.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report is noted.

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BRINNINGTON & REDDISH JOINT WARD COMMITTEE

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR PART OF REDDISH VALE ROAD

Report of the Service Director (Legal & Property)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the Council's powers in respect of pursuing a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of part of Reddish Vale Road.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Joint Ward Committee on 3 February 2010 the Service Director presented a report in respect of the powers of the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order on that part of Reddish Vale Road which is unadopted and is not owned by the Council.
- 2.2 Following the presentation of that report the Committee resolved that "the Service Director (Legal & Property) be requested to investigate the possibility of a compulsory purchase order on part of Reddish Vale Road."
- 2.3 No reason was given as to why the Committee wished to pursue this course of action.

3. THE LEGAL POSITION

- 3.1 Whilst the Council has the power to make a compulsory purchase order (CPO) in respect of any land within the Borough this is usually done with a specific purpose in mind. The acquisition of the unadopted section of Reddish Vale Road would not alter the situation in respect of the Council which currently enjoys a right of access over the road for itself and the visitors to Reddish Vale Country Park.
- 3.2 The road is in poor condition but is not owned by the Council and the owner cannot be traced. However the Council, as an adjoining landowner is under an obligation to make a contribution to the maintenance of the road and has over the years continued to repair pot holes and carried out other periodical repairs to the surface.
- 3.3 Whilst the Council is able to continue to repair minor surface damage it has no power to carry out major repairs and improvements to what is ostensibly a private means of access to the Park.

4 USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS

- 4.1 The use of CPO powers has been examined. Whilst in theory it might be possible to use CPO powers to acquire title to the road it is unlikely that this would be sufficient to alleviate the problems that are being experienced and would instead only serve to increase the maintenance costs and financial burden to the Council.
- 4.2 Moreover there is some doubt as to whether a CPO would be successful given the control and the right of way that the Council already exercises along the road unless it could be demonstrated that the acquisition of the road was absolutely necessary to achieve a wider scheme of development.
- 4.3 The cost of bringing the road up to an adoptable standard has been estimated at many tens of thousands of pounds.
- 4.4 In essence the financial burden that would be placed upon the Council to purchase the land and adopt it may not be economically viable.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the report be noted.

Background papers

There are no background papers.

Anyone wishing to discuss the content of the report should contact John Hill or Paul Parkinson telephone 0161 474 3225 or 3213.