

Gorleston Area Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 21 October 2014 at 18:00

PRESENT:

Councillor T Wainwright (in the Chair); Councillors Grey, Rodwell, Williamson and Walker.

Norfolk County Councillor A Grey.

Lisa Crook, Jade Martin & Christina Webb (Borough Council Officers)

Julie Woods (MESH Neighbourhood Manager)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that no Declarations of Interest were declared at the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Blyth, Collins, Fairhead, Pratt & Wright and County Councillor C Walker.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 ACTIONS

(i) Jenner Road

The Chairman reported that the parking restrictions had been extended into part of Barnard Close and the signage would be in place by the end of the month.

Wadham Road & Emmanuel Avenue were included in the Traffic Management Programme and the Chairman reminded the Committee that resident parking schemes took several years to implement.

A member of the public reported that he had been informed by the police that they could take no action if a car was parked on double yellow lines as this was not classed as a police matter. The Chairman reported that if residents came across cars parked on double yellow lines or obstructing driveways, they should contact Councillor Williamson or himself, and they would ensure that Traffic Enforcement Officers were dispatched to deal with the issue.

(ii) A12 Roundabouts

The Chairman reported that the Council was hopeful that they would be allocated a small amount of County funding to take over the maintenance of the two A12 roundabouts in 2015.

6 GORLESTON CONSERVATION AREA COMMITTEE

The Chairman gave an update with regard to the Gorleston Pavilion Project. An appropriate sized funding stream was no longer in existence and the area based grant scheme did not meet the criteria. Therefore, a decision has been made to seek Heritage Lottery grant money in 2015 which will need to be match funded.

Work continues on the Local Listing and at the next formal meeting of the Group on 3 November 2014, an officer from Strategic Planning will present the criteria for Local Listing which will allow the Group to reappraise their list prior to the public consultation exercise.

The eight week consultation process for the Coastal Walk from Hopton to Sea Palling had been published by Natural England.

The plans for a Community Cafe/Heritage Centre at Priory Gardens were progressing via The Friends of Priory Gardens and other issues such as the wrong siting of the new PIP along Gorleston seafront, damage to Magdalen Arms and neglect around Brush Quay were being addressed with the assistance of the Leader of the Council.

7 RECYCLING AND REFUSE CHANGES

The Waste & Recycling Officers gave a verbal presentation to the Committee detailing the recent changes for the collection of refuse, garden waste and recyclable materials in the Borough.

The Chairman thanked the officers for their informative presentation.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (15 MINUTES)

(i) Cycling along the Upper Promenade, Gorleston.

Councillor Grey read out a letter from a concerned member of the public asking for a cycling free zone to be introduced to ban cycling along the Upper promenade to allow pedestrians to walk in safety.

The Chairman reported that he often walked along the Upper Promenade and due to the width of the pavement, he had never felt that the cyclists posed a danger.

A member of the public asked who would be liable if a pedestrian was injured by a cyclist. It was felt that this would be a civil matter between the two parties.

It was agreed that the signage needed to be made bigger and placed higher off the pavement to make all cyclists aware.

It was agreed that this issue should be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

(ii) Benches in Gorleston Cemetery

A member of the public asked that the benches which had been removed from the centre of the cemetery be replaced.

The Chairman suggested that she should approach her local Claydon Ward Councillors to see if they would be willing to replace the benches using their ward budgets.

(iii) East Anglian Way

A member of the public reported his concerns of the effect of the proposed housing development could have on the access to East Anglian Way.

The Chairman reported that the Highways Agency would be consulted on the planning application and the public would also be able to submit their objections into the planning process.

(iv) Jenner Road

A member of the public thanked the Council for helping them to achieve their residents parking scheme which had made a tremendous difference to their quality of life. However, traffic was speeding along the road and residents felt that a traffic calming scheme needed to be implemented.

The Chairman reported that 20 mph speed restrictions were in place which required enforcement.

Another member of the public asked that the parking restrictions be extended to include all of Barnard Close as the road outside number 9 was being obstructed by parked cars.

The Chairman agreed to contact the County Highways officer to ascertain what action could be taken.

(v) Boroughwide Playground/Open Spaces/Sports Facilities Survey

A member of the public asked that Committee members complete the on-line survey to ensure that the Council received a good cross section of responses. She reported that the survey was important and, in her view, had not been advertised widely enough by the Council.

Councillor Williamson reported that details of the survey had been published twice in

The Mercury and in the last edition of the Boroughwide News and was published on the Council's website but he would pass on her comments to the Sport, Leisure & Culture Manager.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business for consideration at the meeting.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman reported that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 January 2015, at 6.00pm, in Gorleston Library.

The meeting ended at: 19:00