

Gorleston Area Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 24 July 2014 at 18:00

PRESENT:

Councillor T Wainwright (in the Chair), Councillors Fairhead, Pratt, Rodwell, B Walker, Williamson and Wright.

Norfolk County Councillors C Walker and M Smith.

Julie Woods (MESH Neighbourhood Manager) and Karline Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Blyth, Collins and Grey.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 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) White Lion Steps

County Councillor M Smith reported that a survey of the area would be carried out this week and that at this time only half of the steps were open to the public.

(ii) A12 Underpass

It was reported that as a result of this issue being raised at the last meeting a Senior Environmental Health Officer carried out a survey of the site. They did not find any evidence of a rat infestation however as a precautionary measure contacted Highways to make them aware of the concern in case they wanted to carry out their own structural survey of the site.

With regards to the litter they carried out monitoring of the site as it is a through route for the schools and the area does tend to experience more litter dropped. The Council's Waste and Recycling Officers have been working with a number of schools in Gorleston promoting environmental awareness including the issue of litter. Since the introduction of the cigarette legislation around pubs and restaurants there has been an increase in cigarette related litter. As a result in the near future there would be an educational drive on the issue followed up with enforcement.

(iii) Bandstand

It was reported that the Council's events team were looking into booking more bands to play during the summer period.

(iv) Land next to the Cliff Hotel

It was reported that the Council's Building Control department were asked to look into this and visited the site and spoke to the Owner of the Cliff Hotel who was clearing a site which was in his ownership.

(v) Jenner Road

It was reported that the restricted parking zone was now in place from 4 July 2014 and from 5 July 2014 parking enforcement tickets had been issued and as a result of this 120 applications were submitted to the James Paget for staff parking permits. Norfolk County Council were currently, on the request of residents from Barnard Close, re-consulting this part of the estate as to whether or not Barnard Close should also be included. This part of the consultation closes on 1st August after which date votes would be counted and a decision, based on a majority, would be made.

A Member of the public thanked the Council for their hard work along with that of the Parking Enforcement Officers as the area was greatly improved.

It was reported that Salt Road and Horsefield Drive were now concerned that the parking issues may move to their roads.

The staff only sign at the entrance to Jenner Road had now been removed.

6 GORLESTON CONSERVATION AREA COMMITTEE

It was reported that the group had been working on historical background material for a lottery bid and local listing. The good news is that Stage1 of both of the projects had been completed. The historical background to the Sea Front area was submitted to the Borough Conservation officer in May. Committee Members and Members of GOSH made contributions to this.

The Committee suggested a list of Gorleston buildings, structures and open spaces suitable for local listing. This list was given to the Conservation Officer early this

month. It was hoped that a progress report on both the projects be given at the next formal meeting on 4th August 2014.

The group had also looked at a planning application for the Children's play area at Pop's Meadow.

It was reported that the Natural England Coast Walk from Sea Palling to Hopton would be published at the end of September. Copies of the route would be available at the Town Hall and Public Libraries. There would be 8 weeks for consultation. After that the plan goes to the Secretary of State and then awaits a decision.

7 COMMUNITY BUDGET - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MESH Neighbourhood Manager asked the public for any ideas of projects or schemes for helping people back into work and for these to be forwarded directly to her.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (15 MINUTES)

A12 Roundabout

A member of the public thanked the Council for keeping the Gardens on Marine Parade looking nice but asked if the Council could look into the A12 Roundabout which was looking poor. Councillor M Smith stated that he had e-mailed the Highways Agency about this and had a date for this work to be done. A Member of the public asked about the road markings and could this be changed back to two lanes and not three. Councillor M Smith stated that he would contact the Highways Agency about this and report back on this at the next meeting.

Gorleston Lower esplanade parking

A Member of the public stated that they had seen someone parking the other side of the barrier to the Lower esplanade and when he approached them they stated that they were from the Model Yacht Club had been given permission to park there for 6 days of the year. The Chairman stated that this was not the case and that only emergency vehicles should have access to this area and that members of the public should contact the council when they see cars parking in this area.

Signs

The Committee spoke of the A1 paving signs which were tied to lamp posts asking if these could be removed as they were illegal. Councillor Williamson reported on the process for reporting illegal signs if these were on Great Yarmouth Borough Council property and if these were on Norfolk County Council property these should be reported to Julian Male.

Bio Mass Incinerators

A Member of the public asked for clarification on the proposal for three bio mass incinerators which would be in the South Denes Area and would burn wood and wood pellets. The Chairman stated that the port had announced this and that a Planning Application had not been received and an Environmental Impact Assessment would need to be carried out to the satisfaction of the council and other relevant organisations before any planning application would be approved.

Priory Gardens Cafe

A resident from East Anglian Way expressed concern at the proposal to have a cafe in Priory Gardens with the customers parking on East Anglian Way. The Chairman

stated that this would be a community cafe and that there was no proposal to encourage the customers to park on Anglian Way as it was acknowledged that they already have issues with parking.

Baker Street

It was reported that Morrison's Lorries were struggling to turn into Baker Street and asked if double yellow lines could be put at the bottom of Dock Tavern Lane and Baker Street. County Councillor C Walker stated that Norfolk County Council Highways was looking into this.

Bells Road

It was reported that there had been Surface water flooding issues in Bells Road and that Anglian Water had been contacted about this along with Highways for the drains. It was agreed that Councillor M Smith would look into this issue and report further at the next meeting.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) A Member of the public asked if the brambles in the passage way leading to Morrisons could be cleared. Councillor Fairhead agreed to deal with this.

(ii) A Member of the public asked if the trees and bushes overhanging the footpaths and public passageways in the St Johns Avenue area could be cleared along with the weeds being sprayed. Councillor B Walker stated that there had been a dispute over who was responsible for this area but it was being dealt with.

(iii) A Member of the public asked if the lorries that are parking outside Iceland in the High Street at 6.45am in the mornings could be dealt with by the enforcement officers as this was causing issues with school children trying to cross the road and blocking their view of traffic.

(iv) Falstoff Road - Councillor C Walker asked if anything could be done to stop three cars parking on the green area on Falstoff Road as this was stopping the local children playing on this and asked if bollards could be installed to prevent this.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 21 October 2014 at 6pm.

The meeting ended at: 19:05