

Bristol City Council

Minutes of Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership

14th March 2016 at 7.00pm



Ward Councillors:

Councillor Mike Wollacott & Mike Langley (Brislington East Ward)
Councillor Rhian Greaves & Eileen Means (Brislington West Ward)

Neighbourhood Partnership members:

Elizabeth Venn, Paul Hodge, Christine Hodge

Officers and other statutory partners:

Ariaf Hussain, Bristol City Council (BCC), Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Coordinator
Sam Mahony, BCC, Democratic Services
Beat Manager Neil Scarborough, Avon & Somerset Police
Tom Penn, Client and Operations Coordinator, BCC

Others in attendance:

Derek Browne, J Moore, P Townsend, Jacqui Price Tippetts, Gill Tippetts, Perry Hicks, Andy McBride, Tony Turner, Sharon Venn, Tracey Autton, Nic Connor, John Cosh, Jonathan Cross (plus seven further residents)

In line with the on-going 'rotating chair' arrangements, Cllr Eileen Means chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions, apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Liz Wince, Tony Carey, Kelly Woodman and Barbra Thompson.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2016

Resolved:- the minutes of the 7th December 2016 were agreed as correct record

With reference to item 8; Highways & Minor works, it was emphasized that the Arena, Paintworks development and Linwood House (Eagle Road) would have a further impact on the Bath Road.

With reference to item 14; AOB, it was reported that the application for Diesel Generators had been rejected by Planning Officers, however applications had been submitted for a number of other sites for other Diesel Generators in the area and across the City.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were received

4. Public Forum

None were received



5. NP Budget 2015/16 Update

The Partnership received an update on the Neighbourhood Budget 2015/16 which stood at £18,523.45. The Wellbeing fund stood at £14,665 and CIL at £10,749.63. At the AGM meeting in June 2016 the Neighbourhood Partnership/Committee would be asked to consider a report about monies carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year including funds remaining from the Highways budget allocation.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to note the budget update.

6. Wellbeing Report

It was reported that the Wellbeing Panel had met on the 29th February 2016 to consider applications from St.Annes & Brislington Monday Club, Young at Heart and Reflex Camera Club. The applications were discussed and it was the recommendation of the panel to approve the full amount of £2680. The next deadline for applications would be the 13th May 2016 and the panel would meet on the 23rd May 2016.

Resolved:–

(i) To award the Wellbeing grant of £1150 to St.Annes & Brislington Monday Club for venue hire and transport.

(ii) To award the Wellbeing grant of £930 to Young at Heart for local activities.

(iii) To award the Wellbeing grant of £600 to Reflex Camera Club for a laptop computer.

7. Police & Community Safety Update

Beat Manager Neil Scarborough introduced the report outlining crime statistics for the Neighbourhood Partnership area. It was noted that violent crime had increased and anti-social behaviour had decreased largely due to a change in the way that crimes were classified and reported. Thefts from motor vehicles had increased compared to last year with several hotspots including the Sandy Park Road area. It was reported that suspects had been arrested and charged with offences including thefts from motor vehicles and burglaries within the local area. One suspect had been held on remand, the other was on bail and it was hoped that this would have a positive effect on crime levels in the weeks ahead.

Police advice was to make it as difficult as possible to break into cars and houses including use of lights, alarms, checking doors and windows, making sure valuables are not on display, CCTV, use of locks and hiding car keys. Everyone was advised to remain vigilant and share information about preventative measures.

In response to questions the following comments were made;

- The dog attack reported in the press had taken place on Sandbach Road and evidence was being gathered for referral to the CPS. The aggressor dog was not local to the area.
- The car abandoned by Broomhill Junior School at risk of being set alight would be removed by Police in the morning. A second silver car was taxed and insured and could not therefore be removed by Police at present.



- The Beat Manager had carried out some observation of the lane 'Sand Hill' (by Churchill Road/Sainsburys) and had stopped and educated four motorcyclists on that occasion. It was suggested that the visibility of the two 'no motor vehicles' signs could be improved as well as general education within the community about the status of the road.
- The increased occurrences of cars going down Langton Road the wrong way was raised by a resident. Also highlighted were incidences of parking on zigzag lines. The Beat Manager confirmed that they would look to find registered keepers of offending cars and speak to them. The Police would require photographic evidence, a witness statement and possibly an appearance in court to prosecute.
- It was hoped that the zigzags and crossing on Sandy Park Road would be repainted to improve visibility. Double yellow lines had been decriminalised and could be enforced by the Council's Parking Services.
- Traffic Regulation Orders outside schools was not consistent across the City and schools were encouraged to do extra communication with parents such as posters to remind parents of the rules. The Safer Bristol Schools team within BCC also worked with schools and parents.

8. Update on Partnerships' Local Traffic Schemes

A report was presented to the Partnership outlining the outstanding schemes and updates as follows;

- Improved pedestrian crossing facilities along Birchwood Road (funded through Section 106 developer contributions) was in the stage of informal consultation;
- Footway and Cycleway improvements in Emery Road (funded through Section 106 developer contributions) had been completed;
- The review and implementation of appropriate parking restrictions in and around the length of Broomhill Road (funded through the Investing in Bristol's Future Fund) was in the informal consultation stage and the scheme would be finalized shortly.
- The introduction of additional parking restrictions in Latimer Close and along Birchwood Road (funded through Section 106 developer contributions) would be signed off with a TRO soon.
- The West of Wick Road parking restrictions (prioritised local traffic schemes to be progressed in the current and next financial year) was at the initial design stage.
- The Wick Road/Newbridge Road feasibility study to identify possible road safety improvements (prioritised local traffic schemes to be progressed in the current and next financial year) had seen a site visit take place on 12th February 2016 and a report would come back to the Neighbourhood Partnership when appropriate.

In response to a suggestion that painted lanes around the roundabout at Avonmeads would improve use of the roundabout, the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator confirmed that prior responses from Transport Officers had been that the lines were not needed. It was not considered appropriate to use the Neighbourhood Partnership local traffic schemes funds but the NP Coordinator agreed to ask highways officers to reconsider use of general spend (**ACTION: AH**).

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED to note the current position of the local traffic, section 106 and grant funded highway schemes in Greater Brislington

9. Local Traffic Schemes & Minor Works 2016/17



The local traffic scheme for the 2016/17 year was the implementation of road safety improvements on Wick Road/Newbridge Road. The feasibility and design study would identify and present proposals to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

The Neighbourhood Partnership/Committee RESOLVED to

(i) note the allocation of the 2016/17 Highways budget allocation

(ii) note the overall budget, traffic scheme, minor signs and lines and minor works

(iii) note the 2016/17 local traffic scheme

(iv) note future traffic schemes

10. Eastwood Farm Play Area Group – First Steps Action Plan

The Neighbourhood Partnership received the First Steps Action Plan from Friends of Eastwood Farm which sought support for the development of the play areas. A grant of £2,500 had been received from First Steps and further funding was sought with the full scheme budget estimated at £140,000.

The Group were advised to split up the requirements into 'chunks' of funding such as the architects designs and site surveys as a first phase. Funding could be accessed through the Wellbeing grants process (for which the next deadline was the 13th May 2016).

It was proposed that funding for all green spaces in need of investment across the Neighbourhood Partnership area could be maximized through the employment of a fundraiser who would submit applications and drive investment. As an example, in St George, a fundraiser had secured £120,000 for St Georges Park.

The Neighbourhood Partnership/Committee RESOLVED that a proposal should be presented to the next meeting to outline how much would need to be allocated to a fundraiser to support green spaces across the area.

11. Parks Bylaws

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a report outlining the proposals for Parks Bylaws for the City. Bristol City Council had reduced the 40 model bylaws proposed by Government to 24 that were relevant to the City. Following on from the consultation in 2013 officers now sought the views of residents and Neighbourhood Partnerships whether they wished to see the Bye Laws adopted. The bye laws were to be found at https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/parks-byelaws/supporting_documents/Proposed%20byelaws%20Jan%202016.pdf

The consultation was open until the 20th March 2016 with individuals and groups encouraged to respond directly as well as through the meeting. Recommendations would be presented to Full Council in either May or September 2016 then the resolution sent to the Local Government Communities Agency.

Twenty four new bylaws were proposed for across the City aimed at eliminating issues of damage and anti-social behaviour. The bylaws included some outright bans and some specific rules for specific areas.



The following four proposed bylaws were discussed with specific reference to the 19 greens and open spaces within Brislington. During the discussion the following comments were made:

1. **No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except in a designated area for fishing. It is proposed to designate all lakes and rivers in or adjacent to parks and green spaces except at St George Park, meaning that fishing could not take place there currently but could take place in other parks.**

- It was clarified that waterways within the Brislington area would be designated areas for fishing such as Nightingale Valley, Eastwood Farm and St. Anne's Riverside.
- There would be some communication with schools but resources were unable to stretch to visits to all schools.
- There was concern that there could be an unintended effect on small children pursuits such as collecting frog spawn.
- Rod licenses and other legislation would apply to fishing as per usual. Notices and information would be provided to fishermen.

It was AGREED (by a vote of 12 to 5) that the proposal be accepted.

2. **No person shall cause any power driven model aircraft to: (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft; or (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse; other than in a designated area for flying model aircraft. The current proposal designates Hengrove Park as the only designated area subject to certain conditions. We will consider other sites put forward during the consultation.**

- It was proposed that as there had been a model aircraft club at Hengrove Park for 40 years, it would be the only site designated as an area for flying model aircraft.
- Designations could be removed by the appropriate Strategic Director in the Council if they were no longer suitable.

It was AGREED (by a vote of 11 to 3) that the proposal be accepted.

3. **No person shall ride a horse in any of the grounds specified in Schedule 2 except: (a) on a designated route for riding; or (b) in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege. Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of byelaw 13(1) (a) or a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.**

- Horses would not be allowed to be ridden in spaces of less than four hectares. Officers highlighted that there were spaces where riding a horse would be allowed, although access to those spaces may remain undesignated if not specified.
- Horse riding was permitted in St Anne's Wood, Victory Park, Wick Road Open Space (OS), Nightingale Valley, Eastwood Farm, Arnos Court Park, Callington Road and Stockwood OS. Horse riding was not permitted in Allison Avenue and Hill Lawn, Bonville Road OS, Broomhill Road Amenity Area, Belroyal, St Anne's Park, Newbridge Road OS, Wyatts View OS, St Anne's Riverside, Hungerford Road OS, Hither Bridge and Ellsmere Road.
- Bridleways would continue to be accessible as per usual rules.

It was AGREED that the Partnership could not comment as they were not aware of routes for horseriding within the area.



4. **No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire. (2) Byelaw 10(1) shall not apply to: (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit; or (b) the lighting or use, in such a manner as to safeguard against damage or danger to any person, of a properly constructed camping stove, in a designated area for camping, or of a properly constructed barbecue, in a designated area for barbecues. We are consulting on designated areas. We are proposing that we will designate all parks and green spaces except for ones we specify, because we want people to be able to enjoy the green spaces where this can be done safely and without spoiling the area for everybody else. The areas we propose that we will not designate will usually be areas with nature conservation interest and a higher risk of fire. We will consider other areas put forward during the consultation.**
- All Council owned green spaces would be designated as not permitting fires (except when a BBQ or camping stove).
 - It was proposed that in areas of nature conservation and sites of scientific interest (where there was a higher risk of fire spreading or ecological damage) fires would not be permitted, (including BBQ's).

It was AGREED (by a vote of 13 to 1) and the proposal was accepted.

The Partnership agreed that a fire or BBQ in a children's play area was not suitable and recommended that they were not designated.

Comments on other related bylaws;

- With reference to motorcyclists at Eastwood Farm, no vehicles were allowed to enter public green spaces on civil unrest and danger grounds. Unfortunately motorcyclists were aware and exploited the policy whereby the police cannot give chase if a motorcyclist was not wearing a helmet. Number plates were recorded by the police and Operation Biker was a scheme set up for this particular nuisance.
- It was reported that a bin was needed by Beeses Tea Gardens for rubbish from gatherings and picnics on the adjacent land. The NPC agreed to include this at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

It was AGREED that the Partnership supported the principle of the introduction of the bylaws and submitted their comments as above however, the members of the Partnership did not feel qualified enough to vote on specific issues that were complex.

12. Temple Quarter Spatial Framework

The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, on behalf of colleagues, highlighted the Temple Quarter Spatial Framework which was the proposal for development over the 25 years. The 'Temple Quarter' referred to the area of land which spanned along the river from the Three Lamps Junction through to paintworks along the Bath Road. The area of land did not include St.Philips Marsh. Further information about the consultation could be found at www.bristoltemplequarter.com/spatialframework

13. NP Coordinators Update Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator presented the update report. The following was noted:



1. The Citywide Partnership Event had taken place on 24th October 2015. A working group was to be set up for the next event and Elizabeth Venn agreed to take part.
2. Boundary commission changes would result in some changes to the ward boundaries around Stockwood. **The Partnership AGREED that they wanted to retain the same name of Greater Bedminster Neighbourhood Partnership.**
3. The Neighbourhood Partnership Plan was being reviewed with the aim of a more realistic objectives and outcomes for priorities. All Neighbourhood Plans were available to view online and comments welcomed by the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator.

14. Any Other Business

- It was highlighted that the Wick Road Library opening hours would change from 1st April 2016 and they would no longer open on Mondays. Residents were advised to check the latest opening times.
- There would be an open day at the St.Philip's Depot (the council building by Sainsburys) on Monday 2nd May 2016 (Bank Holiday Monday)
- There was a petition for the reopening of St. Anne's Station online for those interested to sign.
- It was highlighted that the dog bins in St.Anne's Park needed more frequent emptying.
- Councillor Greaves confirmed she would be standing down as Councillor from May and thanked everyone for their support and help over the last two years. Councillor Means thanked Councillor Greaves for her contribution as a Councillor.

9pm end

