

Minutes

Community Committee Thursday, 20th November, 2014

Attendance

Cllr Chilvers (Chair)	Cllr Mrs Hones
Cllr Mrs Squirrell (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Mrs Hubbard
Cllr Barrett	Cllr Parker
Cllr Mrs Coe	

Substitute Present

Cllr Mrs Murphy (substituting for Ms Sanders)
Cllr Mynott (substituting for Carter)
Cllr Reed (substituting for McCheyne)

Also Present

Cllr Aspinell
Cllr Mrs Davies

Officers Present

Kim Anderson	Partnership, Leisure and Funding Manager
Chris Potter	Monitoring Officer & Head of Support Service
Jean Sharp	Governance and Member Support Officer
Philip Cunliffe-Jones	Planning Solicitor

297. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carter, McCheyne and Ms Sanders.

298. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 21 October 2014 Community Committee meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chair. Members noted that the Play Strategy meeting mentioned under minute 194 – Chair's verbal update – had yet to take place.

299. William Hunter Way - Asset of Community Value

Members were reminded that the Localism Act 2011 required local authorities to keep a list of assets (meaning buildings or other land) which were of community value. Once an asset was placed on the list it would usually remain there for five years. The effect of listing was that generally speaking an owner intending to dispose of the asset must give notice to the local authority. A community interest group then had six weeks in which to ask to be treated as a potential bidder. If it did so, the disposal could not take place for six months. The theory was that this period known as the “moratorium” would allow the community group to come up with an alternative proposal- although, at the end of the moratorium, it was entirely up to the owner whether a disposal went through, to whom and for how much. There were arrangements for the local authority to pay compensation to an owner who lost money in consequence of the asset being listed.

A nomination had been received from Brentwood Access Group in relation to the existing blue badge holders’ car parking area within William Hunter Way Car Park.

The report before Members provided information to enable them to consider whether or not to list the blue badge holders’ car parking area within William Hunter Way Car Park as an Asset of Community Value.

Following a discussion Cllr Chilvers MOVED and Cllr Parker SECONDED recommendation 2.1 from the report and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to list the existing blue badge holder’s car park located in William Hunter Way as indicated on Appendix B of the report as an Asset of Community Value.

In addition, Cllr Barrett MOVED and Cllr Parker SECONDED and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that:

This Committee recommends to the Asset and Enterprise Committee that the Council offer equitable or improved disabled car parking provision in the William Hunter Way Development including consultation with Brentwood Access Group and other relevant groups as proposals progress.

300. Iris Close Amenity Green - Asset of Community Value

Members were also requested to consider the nomination received from the Flowers Estate Residents Association for the land adjacent to 61 and 42 Iris Close, Pilgrims Hatch to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Chilvers MOVED and Cllr Parker SECONDED recommendation 2.1 in the report. Following a discussion it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to list the land (excluding 3m either side of the public sewer as this is operational land and therefore exempt from listing as a community asset) adjacent to 61 and 42 Iris Close, Pilgrims Hatch as indicated in Appendix B of the report as an Asset of Community Value.
