

The **RUGBY AREA COMMITTEE** met at the **TOWN HALL, RUGBY** on the **16th MARCH, 2005**.

Present:-

Councillor Brian Levy (Chair)

“ Katherine King (Vice Chair)

“ Tom Cavanagh

“ Gordon Collett

“ Chris Holman

“ Philip Morris-Jones

“ Jerry Roodhouse

“ Bransby Thomas

“ John Vereker

“ John Wells

Officers:-

Phil Astle, Education Officer (School Organisation)

Hannah Cramp, **Community Partnership Officer**

Nick Darwen, Area Manager

Victoria Gould, Principal Solicitor

Neil Gulliver, Principal Committee Administrator

David Lynn, Head of Warwickshire Engineering

Roger Newham, Group Manager, Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Claire Wildsmith, Area Administrative Officer

John Ware, Head of Planning Services, Rugby Borough Council

1. **General**

1. **Apologies**

An apology was received from Councillor Brassington.

2. **Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Councillors Tom Cavanagh, Gordon Collett, Chris Holman and Jerry Roodhouse declared personal interests in any issue raised at the meeting affecting Rugby Borough Council of which they were Members.

Councillors Chris Holman, Jerry Roodhouse and Bransby Thomas declared personal interests in Agenda item 8 as members of the Board of the Mayday Trust, Rugby CVS and Rugby MIND respectively.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th January 2005 and Matters Arising**

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Rugby Area Committee held on the 24th January 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

2. **Public Question Time**

1. **Statement by Richard Gunstone, Brinklow Parish Council**

Brinklow Parish Council have often expressed their concerns about traffic speeding on the B4455 Bretford to Brinklow Road. I believe this matter will be discussed again tonight. I am grateful for the support of the County Councilors but wish to add that a resident who lives at the north end of this road has noted, over the last three weeks, three vehicles going into the ditch at the bend of the road into Brinklow. I appreciate this is just hearsay evidence but it illustrates a persistent problem. The resident in question suffered no damage to his fence this time.

2. **Question from Councillor Claire Watson**

With the advent of the new financial year, can this Committee please inform me when the new road signs will be installed along the Lawford Heath Lane?

Can I ask if anyone has driven along this Lane lately – if so, you will have seen the damage to the edges of the tarmac surface and the verges, causing deep gulleys due to the heavy traffic not being able to pass other vehicles without going over the sides of the road surface.

Also, after the incident when the RMC lorry overturned and spilt it's load, causing the Lane to be blocked for most of the day, isn't it time for a site visit by this Committee and relevant agencies to see what we can do to improve safety and road conditions along this Lane?

Answer provided by David Lynn, Department of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

The response given to Question 4 at the January meeting of the Committee is still the current situation. The scheme is in the programme, detailed drawings will be completed shortly, and the scheme will then be processed for incorporation in a contract. We are hopeful that this will be in the early part of the financial year.

The condition of the damage to the edges of the road is well known. However, apart from short-term repairs, there is no funding available for more permanent solutions at this time.

A site meeting could be arranged if members consider it appropriate. However, in the medium term, the construction of the Rugby Western Relief Road will attract traffic away from Lawford Heath Lane. The reconvened Public Inquiry is taking place this week.

With regard to the last paragraph of Mr Lynn's response, Councillor Collett, seconded by Councillor Vereker, moved and it was Resolved by 5 votes to 0:-

That the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy be asked to arrange a site for the Rugby Area Committee to inspect the condition of Lawford Heath Lane.

3. Question from Sheela Hammond

How Much Section 106 funding has Warwickshire County Council obtained through the Redrow developments in New Bilton? For what purpose is this being used? Can you explain how this is benefiting New Bilton?

Answer provided by Nick Darwen, Area Manager

The Section 106 Agreement for the Redrow Development for land adjacent to Willans Works, Edward Street/Gladstone Street in Rugby includes contributions to Warwickshire County Council services as detailed below. It is not possible at this stage to identify how much of this has been spent, but this can be provided on request.

Education Contribution

Prior to the commencement of construction of the first Open Market Dwelling the Owner shall pay to the County a contribution of £400,000 or shall provide the County with a bond for the amount of £400,000, toward the cost of expanding educational facilities to be spent at any school within a three mile radius of the Development. If any part of the Education Contribution remains unspent 5 years after receipt of the payment by the county, then the County shall re-pay such unspent monies to the Owner.

Public Transport Contribution

Prior to the commencement of construction (as above) the Owner shall pay to the County a contribution of £25,000 or shall provide the County with a bond for the amount

of £25,000, as a public transport subsidy to improve the accessibility of the Development and the existing neighbouring properties by public transport services and/or improve public transport infrastructure to the benefit of and/or promote the use of public transport to those wishing to access the site and/or existing neighbourhood. If any part of the Public Transport Contribution remains unspent 5 years after receipt of the payment by the county, then the County shall re-pay such unspent monies to the Owner.

Highways Contribution

Prior to the commencement of construction (as above) the Owner shall pay to the County a contribution of £90,000 or shall provide the County with a bond for the amount of £90,000, towards:

- a. The provision of highway works to improve the junction at Oliver Street and Lawford Road, Rugby. Including the replacement of the Zebra Crossing on Lawford Road with a Pelican Crossing and/or
- b. More general transport improvements (including the encouragement of walking cycling) within the vicinity of the development as determined by the County in consultation with the Council.

If any part of the Highways Contribution remains unspent 5 years after receipt of the payment by the county, then the County shall re-pay such unspent monies to the Owner.

Mrs Hammond requested details of how much Section 106 funding had actually been spent by the County Council. The Chair asked that this information should be made available to members of the Committee.

The following questions were submitted too late for a detailed response to be made available at the meeting. Responses were provided at a later date and are set out in the appendix to these minutes.

4. Question from Tony Gillias

Our villages in the Revel area, Pailton, Stretton-under-Fosse, Brinklow, are still being used as rat runs by HGVs to and from Magna Park. Much of this traffic is occurring during the small hours and is generally speeding. What and when are appropriate measures going to be put in place to deal with proper routing on designated routes for Magna Park HGVs.

3. The Future of Health Services in Rugby

The Committee received a presentation by Mark Newbold, Managing Director of Hospital of St Cross on the range of services which are currently provided or will be provided for the Rugby area.

The Committee were very supportive of the proposals put forward during the presentation and the Chair reminded Mr Newbold that both Members and Officers of the County Council and Borough Council would be happy to give support wherever necessary.

It was agreed that a copy of Mr Newbold's presentation should be circulated to the Committee.

4. Rugby Borough Council Off-Street Parking Places Order 2005/06

The report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was considered.

Councillor Collett, seconded by Councillor Wells, moved and it was Resolved by 6 votes to 2 with 2 abstentions:-

That Rugby Borough Council's proposed changes to off-street car parking charges in Rugby be endorsed.

5. Capital Programme for Integrated Transport 2005/06

The report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was considered.

Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Collett, moved and it was Resolved:-

That approval be given to the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for Rugby as set out in Table 1 and the actions recommended for the delegated budget in Table 3 of the Director's report with the additional inclusion of the following project:-

Ashlawn Road, Rugby – reduction in speed limit 40mph to 30mph, installation of signs including a vehicle activated sign.

6. Proposed No Waiting At Any Time – Bawnmore Road/Plantagenet Drive/Edyvean Close, Rugby

The report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was considered.

Resolved:-

That the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Bawnmore Road with Plantagenet Drive and Edyvean Close be implemented as advertised.

7. Avon Valley School

The report by the County Education Officer was considered.

Resolved:-

That the Cabinet be informed that Rugby Area Committee are fully supportive of the proposals to increase the Indicated Admission Number of Avon Valley School.

8. Report of the Funding Group

was considered.

Councillor Roodhouse, seconded by Councillor Thomas, moved and it was Resolved:-

(1) That Brinklow Parish Council be requested to return the grant awarded through the Wellbeing Fund in January 2003, that this sum is added to the Community Development Fund for 2005-2006, and that the Parish Council be supported to find funding for its new project.

2. That approval be given to the allocation of an additional £1,250 from the WellBeing Fund in support of the Rural Partnership Project
3. That approval be given to the use of the Social Inclusion Fund for the project proposal ('Enabling Active Communities') as detailed in Appendix C of the Sub Group's report.
4. That the progress of projects funded through the Area Committee's delegated budgets in 2004/05 be noted.

Councillor Roodhouse, seconded by Councillor Cavanagh, then further moved and it was Resolved:-

5. That confirmation be requested from Rugby Borough Council of their intentions with regard to the proposed Community Building on the Cattle Market Site.
6. That a meeting be sought at the earliest opportunity with the Chair and Party Spokespersons of the Area Committee, the Leader of Rugby Borough Council and the Chair of the Rugby Primary Care Trust to discuss the feasibility of providing a Community Building on the Cattle Market Site

9. Any Other Items

There were no urgent items to be considered.

10. Future Business Items

were noted.

11. Report containing Exempt Information

Resolved: -

That the members of the public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item No 12 on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. Countywide Bus Shelter Advertisement Agreement

The report by the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy was noted.

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Chair of Committee

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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