

# **SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 2020**

**CLIFF LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK,  
IP3 0PJ**

**7.00 PM**

**Present:** Gainsborough Ward Councillors: S Connelly, M Cook and S Handley  
Holywells Ward Councillors: E Harsant  
Priory Heath Ward Councillors: S Barber, D Maguire and L Richardson

Suffolk County Councillor B Quinton

There were 32 members of the public in attendance.

**60. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Parry and Studd and Suffolk County Councillors Clements and Gaylard.

**61. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:**

**that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November be signed as a true record.**

**62. To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business**

**It was RESOLVED:**

**that the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the Agenda.**

**63. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**64. To Confirm the Venues of Future Meetings**

**Resolved:**

**that the meetings and venues be confirmed as follows:**

**3 June 2020 – Priory Heath  
8 July 2020 – Gainsborough  
2 September 2020 – Holywells  
4 November 2020 – Priory Heath  
13 January 2021 – Gainsborough  
10 March 2021 – Holywells**

**65. SEAC/19/18 Policing Update**

65.1 PC Kay Hammond provided an update on Policing activity and priorities in South East Ipswich. There had been a number of thefts from motor vehicles and, whilst the police were patrolling to try to prevent these thefts, residents were reminded not to leave valuables on display. There had also been reports of thefts of catalytic converters with thieves wearing high visibility jackets to appear as if they were mechanics. There had also been high pressure doorstep selling in the area, particularly targeting the elderly. Police had supported a bicycle marking session at Gainsborough Library and it was hoped to hold more events soon.

65.2 Councillor Barber asked whether the Police encouraged Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. PC Hammond explained that the Police weren't able to offer the same level of support to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes as they had previously but suggested that Councillor Barber could contact the Police Community Engagement Officer if she had a specific query.

**66. Responses to Public Questions and Open Discussion on Local Issues**

66.1 A resident raised concerns that people were persistently ignoring parking restrictions on Gladstone Road and asked whether the vehicles could be clamped. Councillor Barber explained that Ipswich Borough Council didn't clamp vehicles which were parked illegally but agreed to discuss the specific issue with the resident after the meeting.

66.2 A resident complained that there were large potholes on Murray Road in the vicinity of house numbers 68-74. Suffolk County Councillor Quinton agreed to raise this with Suffolk Highways. Councillor M Cook commented that the contract Suffolk County Council's highway contractors, Kier, held did not encourage proactive work.

66.3 A local resident raised an issue with regular illegal parking on Cliff Lane. Councillor Barber suggested that if the resident observed illegal parking they should call the Parking Enforcement Team on 01473 432840 and if they could they would send someone to issue a ticket.

- 66.4 A resident explained that there were a large number of potholes on Severn Road near to the junction with Wye Road. Suffolk County Councillor Quinton agreed to raise this with Suffolk Highways.
- 66.5 A resident raised concerns about the general weight of traffic and speeding on Cliff Lane, suggesting traffic calming measures were needed. The Chair noted that Suffolk County Councillor Clements had raised this with Suffolk County Council's Highways Department but that despite lots of discussions they were not prepared to install traffic calming.

## **67. Cliff Lane Primary School Update**

- 67.1 The Interim Headteacher of Cliff Lane Primary School, Ms Leek, gave an update on what had been happening at the School:
- There was significant pressure on schools, with limited funding and many new initiatives such as the teaching of British values;
  - The school had been inspected by Ofsted in January but the result had not yet been published;
  - The school had a large proportion of pupils with Special Educational Needs, and there was also an increasing proportion of children for whom English would be an additional language;
  - Cliff Lane Primary School was part of the ASSET Education Trust which gave the school greater resilience as teachers and staff from across the trust's schools who could support each other;
- 67.2 The Chair thanked Ms Leek for her presentation and for the school's generosity in hosting the Area Committee. Councillor Connelly asked whether the school had an active Friends Group or PTA. Ms Leek confirmed that the school did have a Friends Group which raised money for the school. Parents had also got involved in the School's Green Tree Gold Award programme.

## **68. Sir Bobby Robson School Update**

- 68.1 The Headteacher of the Sir Bobby Robson School, Mr Dabin, explained that the school was intended to open on Lindbergh Road in September 2020 and would provide an education for children with social, emotional and mental health issues. The school would open with up to 30 secondary school aged pupils and would expand to 60 pupils in September 2021. A large proportion of those attending the school were expected to be pupils who had been permanently excluded from other schools. The school would be part of the Unity Schools Partnership Academy Trust. A purpose built new school was being erected at the site and good progress was being made.
- 68.2 Councillor Barber asked whether it would be possible for site visits to be arranged, and also if there had been any community engagement activity. Mr Dabin confirmed that visits to the school would be arranged once the site was able to safely accommodate these. Mr Dabin also explained that he hoped that adult education classes could be run at the school.

- 68.3 Councillor Harsant asked whether the school had any relationship with the Raedwald Trust which was located next to the school. Mr Dabin explained that he would be meeting staff from the Raedwald Trust in the near future and would ensure that arrival and departure times were staggered to minimise the disruption caused to local residents.
- 68.4 A resident asked whether the school was linked to the Parkside Pupil Referral Unit. Mr Dabin explained that the school was part of a different trust and that there was a lot of demand for specialist school places of the type both Parkside and the Sir Bobby Robson School would provide.

**69. Feedback: Margaret Catchpole Bowls Club**

- 69.1 John Bloomfield, President of the Margaret Catchpole Bowls Club, explained that the club had completed the extension to their clubhouse which provided a kitchen, changing rooms and an accessible toilet. Most of the internal work had been carried out by members of the club which had meant that the extension had been completed quite economically. The project had also included the clearance of an area of scrub land, which was now used by the community, and the installation of a defibrillator. Mr Bloomfield explained that the club was always open to new members and that he hoped the better facilities would mean that high quality games would be held at the club.
- 69.2 Councillor Barber noted that one of the objectives of the grant had been to increase local membership and the number of young people taking part in bowls and asked how this aspect of the plan was progressing. Mr Bloomfield explained that the club had spoken to groups of children from Cliff Lane Primary School and held Friday afternoon sessions for learners. Further community involvement was planned, with the next visit expected to be from the 18<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group.
- 69.3 Councillor Harsant asked Mr Bloomfield to tell the Committee about the Christmas Carol Service which had been held at the club. Mr Bloomfield said that there had been a very successful Carol Service at the Bowls Club with 350 people in attendance. The service had been led by St Luke's Church, with the Bowls Club arranging refreshments, and Cliff Lane School also participating. It was hoped to hold another Carol Service at 4pm on 24 December 2020.
- 69.4 A resident asked who owned the land where the Bowls Club was located. Mr Bloomfield explained that the land was leased from Admiral Taverns but that the Bowls Club was responsible for all maintenance.

**70. SEAC/19/19 Spending Proposal - Jumpers for Goalposts**

- 70.1 Andrew Wilesmith, Operations Manager for Sport and Leisure, explained that the 2019 Jumpers for Goalposts activities had been very successful, with notable increases in participation in Basketball and Tennis sessions and by females. The total number of participants was slightly down owing to the works taking place at Maple Park and very poor weather on the same days as some of the bigger sessions.

- 70.2 Mr Wilesmith detailed the proposals for 2020, noting that there would be a wider leadership programme to allow young people to develop their skills to the point that they might be able to gain employment in the leisure industry. There would also be changes to the programme to make it fit well with the free summer iCard programme. Marketing of Jumpers for Goalposts activities and the free summer iCards would take place with schools and local organisations targeted.
- 70.3 Councillor Harsant asked why no activities were planned for Holywells Park, noting especially that there was demand amongst the Roma children in the area for football sessions. Mr Wilesmith explained that there would be a number of, separately funded, activities in Holywells Park, such as the fun days.
- 70.4 A resident noted that it might be difficult for some children to make use of their free Summer iCards if they couldn't afford to travel to sports centres. Mr Wilesmith explained that the Jumpers for Goalposts programme delivered activities across Ipswich which should be accessible to all.

**It was RESOLVED:**

**that £2,081 be allocated to the Sports and Leisure Service for the Jumpers for Goalposts programme.**

Reason: The Jumpers for Goalposts programme has increased participation numbers over the last 5 years and this will allow young people across the town to participate in physical activity over the summer and half-term holidays.

## **71. Community Intelligence - Verbal Update from Ward Councillors**

- 71.1 Councillor Barber explained that residents could sign up to receive Council Tax Bills by email and also receive Ipswich Direct, the Council's email newsletter.
- 71.2 Councillor Handley explained that Gainsborough Library had developed a plan for an extension and that they had launched fundraising initiatives to pay for this.
- 71.3 Suffolk County Councillor Quinton explained that there had been an issue with flooding on Nacton Road and that recently 5 Gulleys had been cleaned to alleviate this, and that Maryon Road had benefitted from similar work in the last few days. There had been problems with queuing traffic at the McDonalds Restaurant in Ravenswood and the restaurant had made changes to help alleviate this.
- 71.4 Councillor Harsant explained that there had been fly-tipping issues in an alleyway between Gladstone Road and Foxhall Road; noting that this had already been cleared but the waste was starting to build up again. Councillor Harsant noted that there had been issues with some tenants in Flagship

Housing properties around the waterfront but that the Police were treating the issue as a priority.

**72. SEAC/19/20 Area Committee Financial Update**

- 72.1 Ian Blofield, Head of Housing and Community Services, reported that at the start of the meeting £548.86 of the Main South East Area Committee Budget had been available to spend. This had been allocated to the Jumpers for Goalposts programme and so there was no remaining budget for 2019/20.
- 72.1 Mr Blofield noted that the remaining balance of the Nacton Road Community Fund for 2019/20 was £169.61 and the remaining balance of the Ravenswood Community Fund was £33,400.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

**Chair**