



Rutland County Council

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Record of a meeting of the **PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham at 7.00 pm on **Thursday 17 July 2014.**

PRESENT:	Mr J T Dale (Chairman, in the Chair)	
	Mr M E Baines	
	Mrs C J Cartwright	
	Mr W J Cross	
	Mr D Hollis	
	Mr J Lammie	
	Mr D L Richardson	
	Mrs C L Vernon	
OFFICERS PRESENT:	Mr D Brown	Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport)
	Mr P Phillipson	Director for Places (Development and Economy)
	Mr J Frieland	Business Manager - Oakham Enterprise Park
	Mr B Culpin	Senior Planning Officer
	Mr N Tomlinson	Contracts & Maintenance Engineer
	Mrs J Fraser	Parking Services Manager
	Miss S Bingham	Corporate Support Officer
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr T C King	Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance
	Mr M D A Pocock	Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment & Transport) and Resources
APOLOGIES:	Mr B Montgomery	
	Mr M A Oxley	

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, advised the Panel of a change to the running order of the agenda items. The Parking Review Item was to be moved to later in the meeting. This was to accommodate the late arrival of Mr M D A Pocock - Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment & Transport) and Resources.

181 RECORD OF MEETINGS

The Record of the Meeting of the Places Scrutiny Panel held on 24 April 2014, copies of which had been previously circulated, was confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

182 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Interest were received from:

Mr M E Baines – Parking Review 2014 – Mr M E Baines stated that he had interests in this agenda item as he, and his family ran businesses on High Street West in Uppingham. Mr M E Baines advised the Chairman, Mr J T Dale that he would take part in this item, but would not take part in the debate regarding this particular area.

Mr J T Dale (Chairman) - Parking Review 2014 – Mr J T Dale stated that he had interests in this agenda item as he ran a business on Pillings Road, off Lands' End Way, if necessary he would hand the Chair to another member of the Panel and leave the meeting.

Mr T C King – Parking Review 2014 – Mr T C King stated that he had interests in this agenda item as he ran a business on Pillings Road, off Lands' End Way.

Mrs C L Vernon - Parking Review 2014 – Mrs C L Vernon stated that she had interests in this agenda item as she worked for a business, off Lands' End Way, but did not expect this to affect the debate.

183 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

A deputation was received from Mr Naylor – Chairman of Hambleton Parish Council - regarding Hambleton Parking Proposals. The Chairman confirmed that this would be heard before the Parking Review 2014 agenda item.

184 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No Questions with Notice from members had been received.

185 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

No Notices of Motion had been received from Members.

186 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR A DECISION IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

No matter had been referred to the Panel for a decision in relation to call-in of a decision in accordance with Procedure Rule 206.

187 QUARTER 4 FINANCIAL MONITORING & DRAFT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2013-14

Report No.133/2014 from the Director for Resources was received the purpose of which was to report on the draft outturn figures (subject to audit) for the financial year 2013/14 and provide an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited comments from the Panel:

No points were raised or noted.

AGREED:

That Panel noted the contents of Report No. 133/2014.

188 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – QUARTER 4 2013-14

Report No.138/2014 from the Chief Executive was received the purpose of which was to report on the council's Performance for the fourth quarter of 2013/14 and the year to date.

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited comments from the Panel:

No points were raised or noted.

AGREED:

That Panel noted the contents of Report No. 138/2014.

189 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Report No.160/2014 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport) was received the purpose of which was to update the Panel on the requirement to produce a Flood Risk Management Strategy (FRMS) and the processes and timescales involved.

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited Mr D Brown - Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport) to introduce the report:

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. As the Lead Local Authority the Places Scrutiny Panel can request information from other groups e.g. Environment Agency, regarding flooding which must to be responded to.
- ii. Rutland County Council (RCC) has a duty to implement a FRMS. The report sets out the programme to prepare the FRMS.
- iii. Whilst there is no deadline for the production of the FRMS, the aim is to complete it by September 2015.

- iv. Assessments were carried out in 2011 which showed that the flood risk in Rutland is low.
- v. RCC have been working with Peterborough City Council (PCC) who have a FRMS in place, RCC will work with PCC and model the FRMS on the PCC version. This will save time and make the process more efficient.
- vi. The statutory definition that is used in the report for a 'Flood Risk Area' is that more than 10,000 houses must be at risk.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Mr M E Baines informed the Panel that he is the RCC representative for the Environment Agency. He has had discussions with PCC regarding the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and welcomed working with PCC.
- ii. Concern was raised that the report indicated that no flood risks have been identified within Rutland; however, Caldicott has experienced flooding in the past.

AGREED

That Panel noted the contents of Report No. 160/2014.

190 OAKHAM ENTERPRISE PARK (OEP) – PROGRESS REPORT

Report No. 164/2014 from the Director for Places (Development & Economy) was received the purpose of which was to update the Panel on the progress at Oakham Enterprise Park (OEP).

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited Mr T C King – Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance to introduce the report:

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Business Element:
 - Letting of units has been better than expected.
 - Some of the larger units are still available; however, additional marketing was taking place.
 - There are nine units that have, to date, had no interest. This will be looked at in the future. However, a lot of these units are small storage units.
 - Excellent job has been done to maximise the revenue opportunity of the site, with film work, ghost hunts and 'Air Soft' regularly being run at the site.
- ii. Leisure Element:

- The Gym and the Sports Centre are due for completion February/March 2015.
 - There has been a good level of interest in these facilities.
- iii. The demolition and clearing of the site has now been completed. Some hard-core at the site has been sold, however, it is the intention to keep the remaining hard-core as this may be needed in the future as there is a potential for new build on the site.
 - iv. Casterton Business and Enterprise College (CBEC) are currently using the site for training.
 - v. The report indicates that businesses have come from out of the Rutland area; this is a very positive indicator of the site's success.
 - vi. Future grounds maintenance on the site will be carried out by the Site Officer with the support of Mr J Frieland - Business Manager - Oakham Enterprise Park.
 - vii. Broadband is available on site. It is expected that high speed broadband will be available by the end of September 2014.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. The Panel as a whole commended Officers (in particular Mr J Frieland - Business Manager - Oakham Enterprise Park) on the progress that has been made at OEP and the dedication that Mr J Frieland has shown to this important project.
- ii. The Panel welcomed the use of the independent valuer for setting the rent values so as not to undercut other local business.

AGREED

That Panel noted the contents of Report No. 164/2014.

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Mr J Frieland - Business Manager - Oakham Enterprise Park left the meeting at 7.35pm

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191 The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited Mr Naylor to present his deputation:

Background

Increased promotion of Rutland Water as a tourist attraction has hugely increased the number of visitors to Hambleton, probably the only free place to park with

immediate access to the perimeter walking and cycling track.

Parking is on the village roadside as there is no alternative. The village is gradually being paralysed by the number of cars and our verges are being wrecked by bad parking.

There is only one road in and the same road out of Hambleton for emergency vehicles and farm machinery to access over 500 acres of farmland which lie beyond the village on the peninsula.

The village is happy to welcome visitors but is now being swamped and it seems that there is no-one out there to help us. The village has never been invited to join any discussions on tourism promotion.

This issue has been on the agenda of every Parish Meeting for many years.

Last year we wrote to Mrs Briggs asking for help in coming up with ideas to alleviate the problem. None have been forthcoming. We subsequently attended a meeting with the Director for Places and Councillor King, but it became clear that there are no legal options open to us other than yellow lines.

Options were drawn up and sent out to all households in the village to vote on. We were looking for a majority of at least 60% to support each particular proposal. This was important as RCC will not be prepared to execute any such plans unless the village demonstrates that it has undertaken a comprehensive democratic process resulting in a significant majority supporting any given proposal. 80% of the village voted and 80% supported these proposals.

Proposals

Oakham Road [start of village to Finch's Arms]: People bump up onto the pavement to park causing an obstruction for pedestrians as well as a driving blind spot on the bend. The 'whole village' [plus visitors] has to drive in and out through this section. There is no other way. On safety grounds the proposal is for yellow lines both sides on this short section of the bend [approx. 60m].

Ketton Road: For the majority of its length parking happens on the north side leading to one very long continuous restricted road width.

Immediately east of the village 'green' where the road narrows, we get parking on both sides causing a complete blockage for large vehicles as there is 'nowhere to go'. It has resulted in damage to residents' vehicles by those forcing their way through.

Ketton Road from this point eastwards becomes a continuous line of parked cars on the north side: vehicles passing the parked cars meet head on with no option other than to reverse. This proposal is to create passing places for vehicles coming in opposing directions.

To resolve both these problems we propose one 50m and three 20m yellow line sections.

Outcome

The submitted proposals were supported by 80% of the voters and represent a small but important step towards rescuing the village from total paralysis by visiting traffic. The locations proposed for additional yellow lines represent a modest

proportion of the village 'frontage' and still leave many good parking options without causing unacceptable seizure.
We ask RCC to support this proposal please and to expedite implementation.”

The following question were asked of Mr Naylor regarding the deputation:

- i. Has the change of ownership of The Finches Arms Public House in the centre of the village affected the parking situation in the village?
Answer – No, as the sale has not completed yet, however, the extension of the building has caused the car park to reduce by approximately 12 spaces, and therefore, this may have had some impact.
- ii. Has there been any enforcement of the current parking restriction in the village?
Answer – No, however, this is not a concern, the restrictions alone have had the intended impact.
- iii. The Chairman commended Mr Naylor on the suggestions that had been put forward in the deputation.

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Mr Naylor Left the meeting at 7.40pm

Mr M D A Pocock – Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment & Transport) and Resources joined the meeting at 7.50pm

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192 PARKING REVIEW 2014

Report No.159/2014 from the Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport) was received the purpose of the report was to:

- To consider amendments and additions to on-street parking restrictions; and
- To consider changes to off-street parking provision and charges

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited Mr D Brown – Director for Places (Environment, Planning & Transport) to introduce the Parking Review report:

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Appendix 1 outlined all requests that have been submitted from outside Rutland County Council (RCC). If any of the requests did not receive Parish or Town Council support, Ward Member support or are not in accordance

with Parking Policy then the recommendation was 'no'.

- ii. Parking in the village of Hambleton has been through this process previously.
- iii. Appendix 2 outlines Officers recommendations where unrestricted areas or where restrictions could be altered.
- iv. The additional option for paying for parking by mobile phone will give customers more flexibility.
- v. The Parking Review is an annual report. Therefore, there has been some urgency to publish. RCC are still waiting for the comments from Uppingham Town Council (UTC), this may not have been made clear in the report.
- vi. The report has been published in the same format for several years. The names of residents or businesses requesting changes to restrictions have never been published.
- vii. Any changes that could be made to Catmose Car Park are all subject to Planning Permission. RCC can only construct what the owner will agree to.
- viii. The Task and Finish Group set up by this Panel defined the Parking Policy. This states that 1500 cars per day makes a busy road, this is approximately 300 dwellings on a residential development.
- ix. If a proposal is not recommended then it may role over to the Parking Review for 2015.
- x. RCC only has powers of enforcement where a Road Traffic Regulation Order is in place.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Mr M E Baines raised concerns regarding the following areas:
 - Size of the print used to display the information on page 22.
 - What business has been consulted on the proposals on High Street West in Uppingham, the block of business that are situated immediately in front of the location referred to in the report are all owned by Mr M E Baines and his family. None of his family members have been consulted on these proposals.
- ii. Concern was raised that the Uppingham Ward Members had been contacted by email only. It was not made clear by officers that if no comment was given on a proposal this would indicated that it was supported by the Ward Member.

- iii. Concern was raised that all Town Council and Parish Council consultation should have happened before the report was published.
- iv. The Panel stated that they believe that a high proportion of the properties on Kings Road in Oakham are tenanted, therefore, this is the reason for the low turn-out by the residents when previous consultation had taken place, and therefore there had been no majority to the proposal to make the road one-way. It was suggested that a door-knock survey be carried out by Oakham Town Council to gauge the tenant's feelings on this proposal.
- v. The following individual proposals in appendix 1 were discussed:
 - V6 – Concern was raised that this is a busy junction and there may be issues for emergency vehicles gaining access.
 - V7 – The proposal has been recommended, this is essential work that needs to be carried out.
 - V8 – The panel supported the recommendation.
- vi. The Panel commented that more detail would be welcome, but will support Officer Recommendations.
- vii. Parking is a difficult and emotionally charged subject. Officers have worked hard with Rutland residents on the report.
- viii. Concern was raised regarding Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) parking. It was clarified that there are no rights to park anywhere on public highways. The Police have enforcement powers if an obstruction is caused.
- ix. The proposal to make up to 1 hour parking in Rutland free, was welcomed, but concerns was raised regarding the increased charges to longer stays to cover this change.

AGREED

That Panel noted the contents of Report No. 159/2014, with the following comments:

- 2.1 – To recommend to Cabinet that the on-street restrictions recommended in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 be approved with the Chairman, Mr J T Dale, to take the Panel's comments to Cabinet;
- 2.2 – Noted the introduction of pay-by-phone;
- 2.3 – Noted that a planning application will be made for the extension to the Catmose Car Park with The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, to take the comments to Cabinet;
- 2.4 – To recommend to Cabinet the construction of an extension to the Catmose car park funded from the Spend to Save reserve with The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, to take the comments to Cabinet;
- 2.5 – To recommend to Cabinet the removal of the half hour and 1 hour tariffs in

Oakham with an increase to the long stay tariffs to recover the costs as shown in appendix 6 with The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, to take the comments to Cabinet.

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The remaining members of the public left the meeting at 8.30pm

Mr N Tomlinson and Mrs J Fraser left the meeting at 8.30pm

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193 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGING SCHEDULE

Report No.163/2014 from the Director for Places (Development & Economy) was received the purpose of which was to consider the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the final Draft CIL Charging Schedule and supporting documentation prior to it going out for public consultation with the key stakeholders and local community followed by submission to a public examination by an Independent Planning Inspector.

The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, invited Mr T C King – Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance to introduce the report:

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. This is an interim report of the new CIL scheme that when adopted will take over from Section 106 contributions.
- ii. Due to the impact of government reforms to CIL, the programmed introduction of CIL has been delayed until mid-2015.
- iii. For residential development a viable rate of CIL is estimated to be a levy of approximately £100 per square meter, currently Section 106 levy is needs driven but has a maximum possible tariff charge of £140 per square meter.
- iv. Towns and Villages would receive 15 or 25% of the monies raised by CIL, (depending on whether or not a Neighbourhood Plan has been made in the area) and is therefore a potential opportunity for local investment.
- v. The introduction of CIL will include a 'Regulation 123 list'; this is a larger and less fixed list of types of infrastructure' that the CIL contributions could be spent on.
- vi. During the development of CIL by Central Government this simple scheme has become more detailed, with more aspects of the scheme to be clarified

before implementation.

- vii. The value of property is driven by the market and CIL should have no effect on property value.
- viii. Affordable Housing requirements would only be applied in residential developments of 10 dwellings or more. Developments that are below the 10 dwelling threshold, but may increase to be more than 10 in the future would, wherever possible, require an Outline Planning Application to be submitted, therefore, the whole development would be considered at one time. There are concerns regarding the monitoring of 'creeping developers' and the avoidance of paying Affordable Housing contributions. Further clarification is needed before implementation.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- i. Concern was raised regarding the implementation of CIL and if it is the right way forward.

AGREED

The Panel noted the contents of Report No. 163/2014.

194 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND TOPICS

WORK PROGRAMME 2014/2015 AND REVIEW OF FORWARD PLAN

The Panel was asked to consider the Forward Plan and Work Programme 2014/2015.

No points were raised or noted.

195 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

No items of urgent business had been previously notified to the person presiding.

196 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 September 2014

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The Chairman, Mr J T Dale, closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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