

Evidence item 13

Appendix IX

This section includes;-

- a) Minutes of Neighbourhood Partnership Open Forum meeting for Stoke Bishop on 25th August, hosted and recorded by Bristol City Council Officers with Cllr Clare Campion-Smith Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in attendance
 - i. The minutes correctly state 172 attendees who signed in, but the actual head count was in excess of 250.
 - ii. Please note reference to FAQ sheet (evidence item 17) and over 200 responses (evidence item 21, actually 250 +) in paragraph 2
 - iii. Please note paragraph 10 commitment by Cllr Clare Campion-Smith
 - iv. Please note paragraph 12 unanimous vote to reject Council Briefing Note
 - v. Available on Bristol City Council web site.

**Stoke Bishop – Neighbourhood Forum 25th August 2010- Stoke Lodge Consultation
@ St Mary Magdalene Church
Chair – Geoff Gollop**

The Neighbourhood Forum was attended by over 172 people (those who signed in); the first business of the evening was to introduce the Neighbourhood Forum, and its role in the Neighbourhood Partnership process. The Police then discussed the crime priorities – speeding, parking and house burglary were retained as priorities.

The Main business of the evening was to consult on the subject of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields

Notes for action		
Speaker	Discussion/Action	Action by
Michael Branaghan	<p>Mick explained that the report that had been circulated, and that people had responded to, was written at the request of members who wanted officers to look at all of the issues involved in opening up school playing fields and grounds for public access.</p> <p>Mick also told the room that Cotham School in 2005 had put forward some proposals for the development of the site and the Council had asked for a conceptualisation be developed by an architects firm to see whether it was feasible and how much this might cost – Mick assured the Forum that these were only concepts and not plans.</p>	
Liz Peddle	<p>Referred to the FAQ, which had been developed and circulated as a result of over 200 people responding to the consultation. Liz also spoke about current usage of the pitches. In addition to this Liz told the Forum that Cotham School had confirmed that they did not feel that it was essential that the pitches were fenced off, and were happy to continue the current mixed-use agreement as long as any risks to pupils could be mitigated. Liz mentioned the proposals that were being considered i.e. the replacement of the pavilion, possible levelling to improve drainage, improvements to car parking and access arrangements.</p>	
David Mayer	Made a presentation arguing for the retention of the current shared usage of the site	
David Faulkner	<p>David argued that the School use of the pitches was a fraction of its actual usage (150 hours per year) and that there were other facilities in the area (e.g. Oasis, Portway Rugby Club) that could be used for this purpose. He suggested that Stoke Lodge Playing field was the only green space in the Ward and that it was essential for the health and well being of the younger and older residents.</p>	
Susan Mayer	<p>Spoke about the health needs of the residents, the young, old and infirm, she discussed the lack of other play areas and youth recreation sites, and the importance of the area with the large elderly population (as a flat place walk). Susan suggested that this open space was crucial to the health and well being of the residents and asked what alternatives could be offered if the community lost the right to use the space.</p>	
Henry Alpas	<p>Discussed the wildlife, and the need to retain the park – he commented that the Green Space Consultation paper does not identify Stoke Lodge as parkland</p>	
Robin Philip	<p>Spoke about the research of usage he and the residents had carried out over the past weeks, he discussed the value the space had on mental and physical well being and suggested that there was an opportunity for the NHS and BCC to get together and do a city wide piece of research.</p>	

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Cllr John Goulandris	Proposed that the feeling of the meeting was not to fence off the playing fields	
Questions/comments from the room	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The buildings are not in good repair – there is a need to look at the estate as a whole 2. That for current usage the playing fields didn't need to be constructed to Sport England standards 3. Better facilities could result in higher charges for usage <p>These questions were not given a chance to be answered by the relevant Council officers</p>	
Cllr Clare Campion Smith	<p>Assured the Forum that there were no plans to fence the playing fields, and that the site could be a flagship for shared usage, she requested that a working group be formed –</p> <p>A Resident asked that the consultation paper be retracted, however Cllr Campion Smith suggested that as this was only originally a briefing note which has never been officially adopted there is nothing to officially retract. However she would look into how this might be done.</p>	Cllr CCS
Other comments from the forum	The final statements also again mentioned the value of Stoke Lodge as green space and that there had been four other areas of land in the local area lost to development in recent years	
	The Forum was asked to vote as to its views towards fencing the playing fields, the result of which was unanimously against the idea with one abstention. The group also voted in favour of forming a working group to work with relevant officers and stakeholders to look at the future use of the site.	
	Hayley Ash took names of interested residents and will convene a first meeting of the Residents Working Group in early October, she will assist in the development of a Terms of Reference for the group and will then co-ordinate a further meeting of the group with key Council Officers to discuss a forward strategy	HA

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Alan Aburrow	Gave an update on Transport and Traffic issues in Stoke Bishop	
Hayley Ash	Informed the Forum of consultations which were currently taking place and asked the group if there were any issues that needed bringing to future Forums – there were no suggestions	

Date and time of next meeting

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym Joint Forum will be held on 20th November 10am – 3pm at this Forum we will be developing the Neighbourhood Partnerships priorities for the coming year. The event will be held at the **Westbury On Trym C Of E Primary School**, Channell's Hill, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL, Avon BS9 3HZ. The day will take the form of an Open Space Workshop and attendees are asked to commit to attending the whole event and a buffet lunch will be provided. Please RSVP with your full contact details to Farhan.Ahmed@bristol.gov.uk. Or call 9036442