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## SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE

### MEETING HELD AT THE OLD ROAN METHODIST CHURCH, AINTREE ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Blackburn (in the Chair)  
Councillors Byrne, Hubbard, C.Mainey, S.Mainey  
and Robertson

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Councillors Baldwin and Todd  
14 members of the public  
1 member of Merseyside Police

#### 14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howe, Carr, Fenton, Parish Councillor Baker and Town Councillor Walker.

#### 15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor Blackburn	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Byrne	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Hubbard	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor Robertson	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon

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Councillor C.Mainey	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon
Councillor S.Mainey	Maghull Town Council Request for Match Funding	Personal – Is a Member of Maghull Town Council	Stayed in the room, took part in the discussion and voted thereon

## 16. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

## 17. POLICE ISSUES

Sergeant Squire reported that compared to the same period last year overall crime was down 26%; violent crime was down 35%; domestic burglary was down 39%; theft of a motor vehicle was up 18%; theft from a motor vehicle was down 77%; theft from the person was down 25%; theft of a bicycle was down 65%; theft from a shop was up 25%; other theft was down 19%; fraud and forgery was down 13%; drug offences was down 34%; arson was up 80%; criminal damage was down 22%; and other crime was down 67%.

Sergeant Squire said initiatives to remind residents to lock their doors and windows were improving home security and encouraging general good housekeeping in the area as well as reducing the number of burglaries.

Councillors commented on the persistent nuisance of mini-motor bikes residents had reported seeing them around Satinwood Crescent, Jubilee Woods, Brewery Lane and along the canal tow path. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter. A Councillor commented that British Waterways and the Council's Neighbourhoods Team were in consultation with an aim to devise ways to impede and stop mini-motor bike use along the canal tow path, without affecting residents' enjoyment of the canal.

A Councillor commented that they had received reports from residents regarding cars speeding along Brewery Lane. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter.

A resident complained about cars travelling at excessive speed along Lamshear Lane, Lydiate. He commented that if the Police set up a 'speed

trap' on the lane they would catch the offending motorists. Sergeant Squire replied that the Police had, on a number of occasions, operated a 'speed trap' and not one motorist was caught speeding.

A resident complained that inconsiderate and generally poor parking around Brewery Lane created a traffic hazard, obstructing motorists' views when exiting junctions. Sergeant Squire said she would look into this matter.

RESOLVED:

That the Police be thanked for their presentation.

## **18. OPEN FORUM**

During the Open Forum the following questions/comments were submitted:

- (a) Mr.G.Harris, Clerk to Aintree Village Parish Council, asked the Committee to:
- Note that the Parish Council has several times requested yellow lines at the junction of Wango Lane / Felsted Drive due to parked cars in Wango Lane obstructing the sight line of drivers exiting Felsted Drive;
  - Note that on every occasion, the request has been turned down;
  - Note that the matter was raised again at the last Parish Council meeting as it was a real concern for Aintree Village residents; and
  - Instruct Officers to proceed with yellow lines.

Mr.O.Hansen, clerk to the Committee, advised that a full response to Mr.Harris's question, from Mr.R.S.Waldron Assistant Director – Transportation & Spatial Planning, was located at page 51 of the agenda. Mr.Waldron's written response commented, I appreciate your sense of frustration that you have asked for yellow lines to be painted onto the junction of Wango Lane and Felsted Drive and that hasn't happened. However, members of my team have been out to look at this junction and haven't seen any evidence that there is a problem with cars parking there. We have also checked with the Emergency Services, who have said that they have no problems with this junction. On this basis and in the light of ever shrinking budgets and the need to make the best use of what we currently have, I am sorry to have to tell you that there just isn't the evidence of this being a priority for support. For information, besides the time taken by my team to process a Traffic Regulation Order and order the yellow lines, it would cost about £650. I just don't feel that I can justify that level of cost at the moment.

Parish Councillor Baldwin, circulated photographs of the junction of Wango Lane / Felsted Drive that showed cars parked very close to the junction and on the pavement. He added that he fully supported the introduction of yellow lines. He further commented that yellow lines have been introduced around Atholl Crescent / Altway Junction.

Ms.Maxwell, Neighbourhoods Division referred to a conversation Ms.Prewett, Assistant Director- Neighbourhoods Division, had had with Mr.Harris in which she explained the issue could be further pursued if there was some evidence, for example a photograph. Mr.Johnston, Team Leader – Planning and Economic Development Department, commented that his team had conducted several traffic surveys over the last few years, but there was still no hard evidence to suggest that parking was a problem at this junction. Ms.Maxwell added that as Parish Councillor Baldwin had provided relevant photographs, she could liaise with Mr.Johnston after the meeting as to identify the best way forward.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to investigate Mr.Harris's request and submit a report to the Committee.

- (b) Mrs.Graham, asked for a reduction in the speed limit along Brewery Lane and Spencers Lane from the current 60 miles per hour.

A resident suggested that the speed limit should be reduced to 40 miles per hour.

RESOLVED:

That the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to investigate Mrs.Graham's request and submit a report to the Committee.

**19. LAMBSHEAR LANE / KENYONS LANE, LYDIATE - PROPOSED 'ROUTE ACTION' LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director that advised on the results of the consultation carried out with residents regarding the proposed 'route action' Local Safety Scheme on Lambshear Lane / Kenyons Lane, Lydiate. The report also sought approval to proceed with implementation of the scheme.

The Committee and residents raised a variety of queries and concerns regarding the proposed scheme, which were answered by Mr.Johnston, Team Leader – Planning and Economic Development Department.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director be authorised to proceed with the scheme and the revised measures detailed within paragraphs 3.2 – 3.4 of the report;
- (2) the Traffic Regulation Orders detailed in paragraphs 3.3.4 & 3.4.8 and shown in annexes F and G be approved; and
- (3) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Orders, be approved.

## 20. BUDGET MONITORING

Further to Minute No. 11 of the meeting held on 27 May 2010, the Committee considered the report of Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that indicated that the balance available for the allocation of 2010/11 budget was as follows.

	Balance b/f	2010/11 Budget	2010/11 Litterbins	2010/11 Street Signs	2010/11 Available	2010/11 Commitments	Balance Available
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

SEPAC-wide by Ward							
<a href="#">Molyneux</a>	93.33	1,767.00	-	-	1,860.33		1,860.33
<a href="#">Park</a>	720.33	1,767.00	-	-	2,487.33		2,487.33
<a href="#">Sudell</a>	200.34	1,766.00	-	-	1,966.34		1,966.34

Parish/Town Councils							
<a href="#">Aintree</a>	-	3,860.00	-	-	3,860.00	3,860.00	-
<a href="#">Lydiate</a>	7,220.00	3,610.00	-	-	10,830.00		10,830.00
<a href="#">Maghull</a>	12,035.00	12,035.00	-	-	24,070.00		24,070.00
<a href="#">Melling</a>	20.00	1,520.00	-	-	1,540.00		1,540.00
<a href="#">Sefton</a>	350.00	175.00	-	-	525.00		525.00

Litterbins by Ward							
<a href="#">Molyneux</a>	-	-	557.00	-	557.00	430.00	127.00
<a href="#">Park</a>	-	-	557.00	-	557.00		557.00
<a href="#">Sudell</a>	246.00	-	557.00	-	803.00		803.00

Street Signs by Ward							
<a href="#">Molyneux</a>	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
<a href="#">Park</a>	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
<a href="#">Sudell</a>	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>20,885.00</b>	<b>26,500.00</b>	<b>1,671.00</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>52,056.00</b>	<b>4,290.00</b>	<b>47,766.00</b>
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RESOLVED: That

- (1) the balance of the budget available for each Parish/Town Council from the general budget and to each Ward from the SEPAC-wide budget allocations for the year 2010/11 be noted;
- (2) the balances of the litter bin budget for each Ward be noted;
- (3) progress to date on items agreed in 2009/10 be noted; and
- (4) an allocation of £380 from the Park Ward Budget for a metal litterbin to be located outside Stanley Newsagent, Moss Lane, Lydiate be approved.

## 21. MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST FOR MATCH FUNDING

The Committee considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that requested an allocation £17,870 from the Maghull Town Area Committee budget for match funding of the below schemes:-

	Maghull Town Council Funds	Area Committee Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Bowling Green's Fencing, HGV Playing Field	7,320	7,320	14,640
New Play Swings & Safety Surfacing, Glen Park	2,773	2,773	5,546
Play Equipment Areas' Fencing in Moorhey, Mersey Avenue & Lathom Gardens Parks	7,777	7,777	1,554
	17,870	17,870	35,740

RESOLVED:

That an allocation of £17,870 be made from the Maghull Town Council for the proposed capital schemes detailed within the report.

## 22. PROTOCOL FOR LIFTING MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF MOBILE PHONE MASTS ON COUNCIL LAND

The Committee considered the report of the Environment and Technical Services Director, which sought comments on the draft protocol to govern

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the lifting of the current moratorium on siting telephone transmission masts on Council owned land, prior to re-consideration of the matter by Cabinet.

Councillors discussed the matter in detail and raised a number of queries with a representative of the Environment and Technical Services Department. The Committee suggested that in addition to consultation with individual Ward Councillors, Area Committees should also be formally consulted; as Area Committees represented an important layer of discussion and consultation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Protocol for Lifting the Moratorium on the Siting of Mobile Phone Masts on Council Land report be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be requested to note the Committee's comments regarding consultation with Area Committees.

**23. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS**

The Committee considered the correspondence relating to items raised from the previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence be noted.

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

In accordance with the agreed schedule of meetings for this Area Committee, the next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 September, 2010, at Maghull Town Hall, Hall Lane Maghull commencing at 18:30.

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