

# DULWICH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Dulwich Community Council held on Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 7.00 pm at St Barnabas Church (Community Suite) Calton Avenue, London SE21 7DG

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Andy Simmons (Chair)  
Councillor Rosie Shimell (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor James Barber  
Councillor Jon Hartley  
Councillor Helen Hayes  
Councillor Anne Kirby  
Councillor Michael Mitchell  
Councillor Jane Lyons  
Councillor Charlie Smith

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Matt Hill, Public Realm Programme Manager  
Chris Mascord, Principal Consultant  
Rachael Roe, Senior Arts Officer  
Julian Allen, Youth Development Officer  
Grace Semakula, Community Council Development Officer  
Beverley Olamijulo, Constitutional Officer

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The chair introduced himself, and welcomed councillors, members of the public and officers to the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness was submitted on behalf of Councillor Jon Hartley.

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

The following member made a declaration regarding the agenda item below:

Councillor Jane Lyons, declared a non pecuniary interest in respect, Item 15, local parking amendment for 60 Dulwich Village, as she lives within close proximity of the site address.

## 4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair agreed to accept the supplemental agenda as late and urgent business which contained reports on:

- Deputation request from Dulwich and Herne Hill Safe Routes to School
- Townley Road /East Dulwich junction consultation and the
- Minutes from the previous meeting held on 28 January 2015.

## **5. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED:**

That subject to the amendments mentioned below the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015 be agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the chair.

Amendments:

### **Item 6 – the deputation from the Friends of Dulwich Park**

The paragraph below should be included after the spokesperson's address.

The chair explained that he was happy to rule out any proposals for traffic (including big traffic lanes) going through Dulwich Park. He said a Southwark spine or quietway would not be going through the park in the way people had feared. This followed a conversation the chair had with Councillor Mark Williams, the cabinet member for Regeneration, Planning and Transport.

### **Item 7 – community announcements and presentations**

#### **Police updates**

The second paragraph under police updates which should say Sergeant Victoria Benbow covered East Dulwich ward.

### **Item 13 – cleaner, greener safer capital funding programme 2015 – 2016**

#### **Dulwich Library Annexe**

Village ward and East Dulwich ward awarded funding to the Dulwich library annexe for £6,500 not £10,000.

To include College ward who also awarded funding to the annexe for £6,500.

### **Matters arising from the previous minutes**

#### **Police base for Dulwich**

The issue of a police base was highlighted at the community council meeting on the 3 December 2014 and on the 28 January 2015. The chair and other councillors recently met with the Borough Commander in order to receive clarity on the matter.

The Borough Commander wrote the following which the chair read out at the meeting and said would be noted in the minutes:

“In hindsight, I recognise that a glimmer of hope in some has been misrepresented and while I have remained consistent on my views, I have softened my approach in light of the apparent support for this proposal from the nine councillors in the area.

Ultimately if you decide that the annexe would be a community centre, I respect your decision making and will use it as outlined below. I am sorry we do not agree on this issue but I hope you understand my position; I certainly understand and respect yours.

If Dulwich Library annexe turned into a community room my staff will use it as a “contact point” if it is made available to us. I do not however feel it would improve attendance or indeed visibility in the ward. I have looked at evidence base across London - private space to improve contact points and we have actually determined that the opposite occurs and more people would visit the contact point if we are clearly visible to passers by. We are unable to call it a police base or drop in centre or anything else along these lines. The only thing they would use it for would be as a “contact point” which means if people wanted to meet the police then - for 3 hours a week they would base themselves in that room if it were made available to them.”

In response to the above, Robin Crookshank Hilton, vice chair of the East Dulwich safer neighbourhood panel thought the borough commander’s comments were positive and beneficial to the work of the community and the council as a whole and it was a good starting point to receive clarification that the annexe would be used a contact point by the police.

### **One hour free parking – shopping parades**

Councillor Michael Mitchell mentioned that he anticipated an item on the one hour free parking at shopping parades would be tabled at the meeting.

Matt Hill, public realm programme manager provided the meeting with an update which was covered under item 15, local traffic and parking amendments.

## **6. DEPUTATIONS /PETITIONS**

Laurie Johnston, spokesperson for the deputation introduced herself as a member of the Dulwich and Herne Hill Safe Routes to Schools group. She addressed the meeting to explain that the deputation wanted to support the proposed scheme for the Townley Road junction.

Laurie said evidence in regard to the dangers of this junction and the plans to change it had been in the public domain for a number of years.

Laurie thanked the council and councillors for consulting widely and fairly and also for listening to the concerns of residents about the strong opposition to the right turn ban. Laurie also thanked officers for working so quickly to produce an alternative and more acceptable scheme.

Laurie mentioned that children were generally forgotten about when important debates and decisions were made, especially when it was likely to affect them. Laurie said the key issue was the safety of the community's children and it was the duty of responsible adults to keep children safe. The Townley Road junction was considered unsafe and as a result, two lollipop ladies were deployed to help the large number of children that use the road.

Laurie responded to detailed questions from the audience and referred to the tremendous support the group had received as many of the local schools were actively involved in travel plans. Many of the children were also encouraged to cycle to school.

Laurie also said from the options the council were proposing, the group would consider the option that reduced traffic and benefitted the children, pedestrians and cyclists.

## **7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

The community council heard announcements and presentations from the following:

### **Dulwich Helpline**

Gemma Juma spoke about some of the work the project does and their involvement with intergenerational work, helping people with dementia and organising community fund raising events and working with other advisory groups. They thanked the community council for the funding they had received.

### **Safer Southwark Partnership Board (SSPB)**

Aril and Eleanor from the Safer Southwark Partnership Board (SSPB) were present to talk about the work that the SSPB were involved in. The SSPB works in conjunction with the police and safer neighbourhood teams. The board tackles issues of strategic concern that are generally crime related and address matters of local concern, e.g. traffic and cuts to the police budget.

### **Launch of the Three Perpetual Chords**

People were informed of the celebration launch of a new sequence of sculptures for Dulwich Park, Three Perpetual Chords by Conrad Shawcross.

Venue: Dulwich Park, off College Road, London, SE21 7BQ

Website: [www.southwark.gov.uk/dulwichparkart](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/dulwichparkart)

Contact: Rachael Roe, Senior Arts Officer at [rachael.roe@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:rachael.roe@southwark.gov.uk)

### **Police updates**

Inspector Barton gave an update on policing matters and reported on the priorities for each of the wards.

**Traffic** – 20 mph zones, excessive speed and collisions. A traffic co-ordinator was assigned to look at the roads that have introduced a 20 mph speed limit and to check that the signage was visible. Inspector Barton confirmed the 20 mph was enforceable across the borough. Other London boroughs were also in the process of introducing 20 mph

speed limits in their area. In addition the mayor of London would be introducing 20 mph speed limits on TfL roads.

**Police shift pattern** – due to recent changes in the shift pattern, the dedicated police officers in the wards would be more visible in the area.

**Road safety issues** – the police agreed to monitor the road traffic around Sydenham Hill (around the Horniman Museum) and would look at preventative measures to reduce the speed limit.

**Burglaries in East Dulwich** – due to the recent spate of burglaries in East Dulwich – the police would monitor the situation and look at ways to address the problem.

Aggressive begging and anti social / inappropriate behaviour near East Dulwich train station, the police said they would look into this. The incident at the train station was currently being investigated by the police.

## 8. TOWNLEY ROAD / EAST DULWICH JUNCTION CONSULTATION

Matt Hill, public realm programme manager introduced the report and responded to questions from the audience.

Members of the community council debated on the proposal and options.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the following traffic proposals referred to as option 8a below be approved in order to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction of East Dulwich Grove /Townley Road and Green Dale:

### **Proposals:**

Removal of existing staggered pedestrian crossings with the implementation of shorter, single movement facilities.

Introduce a diagonal pedestrian crossing to link footways adjacent to both schools and cater for an existing pedestrian desire line.

All pedestrian facilities to operate at the same time to reduce waiting time for pedestrians and improve the efficiency of the junction.

Introduce a cycle pre-signal on Townley Road and Green Dale to allow cycles to enter the junction and undertake turning movements before general traffic.

A new signalised cycle gates on both Townley Road and Green Dale where cyclists are held on a red signal whilst general traffic movements operate.

This removes the risk of both left hook and right hook collisions. Cyclists will still be allowed to use the general traffic lane to traverse the junction from either Townley Road or Green Dale.

Semi-segregated cycle lane and advanced cycle waiting area on East Dulwich Grove (westbound) to allow cyclists to bypass waiting vehicles and gain priority at the junction.

Footway build outs to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians and to visually improve the streetscape.

A new two stage right turn facilities for cyclists to assist right turning movements into either Townley Road or Green Dale from East Dulwich Grove.

A new semi-segregated cycle lane is proposed on Townley Road to allow cyclists to safely pass queuing traffic and access the cycle facilities at the junction.

A new segregated cycle lane is proposed linking Calton Avenue with Townley Road to allow cyclists to bypass the Calton Avenue / Townley Road junction.

All existing turning movements at the junction are retained, including for coaches. There will be a slight loss of capacity over the existing layout but the junction will continue to operate within acceptable levels of saturation.

## **9. NORTH DULWICH PARKING CONSULTATION**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the information contained in the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the consultation methods detailed in the report be approved for implementation.
2. That the consultation boundary, detailed in the appendices to the report be amended to include either option A or option B below:

Casino Avenue (all), Red Post Hill (all) and Sunray Avenue (south of Casino Avenue) then those properties in Sunray Avenue (south of Casino Avenue) and Red Post Hill should be added to the consultation; or

Casino Avenue (all), Red Post Hill (all) and Sunray Avenue (all) then all properties west of Green Dale should be added to the consultation.

## **10. YOUTH COMMUNITY SLOT**

The youth community council presented a short film which they compiled themselves. The young people were able to do this from the funding they received from the cleaner greener safer funding programme. The film focused on what young people thought about issues like crime, refuse, green space and environmental topics.

The group said since they received the funding from College ward they would like to

continue with this project so they could address other things that concern or relate to them in the area.

In recognition for their hard work during the year, the young people were each presented with a certificate of appreciation by the chair of the community council.

## **11. REHABILITATION AND LEARNING DISABILITIES SERVICE IN HALF MOON LANE**

Alex Slade, head of disability and independent services, in the children and adult and social care department of the council. Alex talked about developing a rehabilitation service for people with learning disabilities at 46 Half Moon Lane, SE24.

### **Why is the council developing this service?**

Alex explained that a BBC programme on Panorama which exposed the shocking abuse, (physical, emotional and mental) that took place in an assessment and treatment hospital for people with learning disabilities. This was called the Winterbourne View and eleven members of staff at Winterbourne were given lengthy prison sentences as a result.

Alex advised that although no Southwark residents were living at winterbourne view at the time, there were implications for Southwark residents. The government held an extensive national enquiry into the care of people with learning disabilities and those with autism that were placed at assessment and treatment hospitals. It published a formal response called transforming care in 2012.

The transforming care report set out a number of key elements for national care providers in order to ensure that Southwark residents with learning and disabilities and autism should only be placed in an assessment treatment centre unless it was absolutely necessary and was the best option for them.

Alex mentioned that the key issues was to make sure that Southwark residents with learning disabilities and autism are not placed in treatment or assessment centres for long periods in order to help them live in a non restrictive environment. The disability and independent services work closely with the clinical commissioning group and Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals and South London Maudsley hospital which makes it a multi agency approach.

This had been considered a high profile initiative that was monitored closely by NHS England and the joint improvement board which reports to the Minister of State for care and support.

### **Local response and initiatives**

The council has developed an innovative local service which consists of psychological, speech and language therapy and occupational therapy. Working together in a model for positive behaviour support which had been success for the support it provided local residents that moved from a restrictive setting like the assessment and treatment units back into the local community. The key is for them to be part of their community particularly as Herne Hill has a community environment which would help this social

integration.

The property at 46 Half Moon Lane is owned by the council which was previously used as a day centre for older people and for office accommodation that was used by the health and social care staff. After refurbishment it would house up to 10 residents. The residents referred to have a learning disability or autism and some had mental health problems. The area was considered ideal because the property was close to local shops, leisure facilities, with open spaces and had good transport links. The project would promote the local green policy – walking, cycling, and public transport which should minimise car park spaces. Some of the vulnerable adults were already involved in this kind of setting elsewhere - outside the borough.

The proposal is the residents at 46 Half Moon Lane would be supported by highly trained staff at home and when they are out. The rehabilitation service would work in partnership with optimum care that would help develop this service. The rehabilitation service hosted a number of community conversations with local residents in the area that were held on the days: 15 April, 18 April and 25 April 2015. Leaflets which publicised the dates were distributed to residents.

Alex said they welcomed people's views and recommendations regarding the development. Links to their website and information on frequent asked questions were available at the meeting. The representatives said they welcomed views and recommendations about this development.

Richard McKenzie, chief operating officer for optimum care spoke about the operating model and explained they were delighted to be in partnership with Southwark on this project. Richard said he would be present at the open days and community conversations.

The speakers said the rehabilitation centre was a stepping stone into the community it was not a permanent arrangement for those adults living at the centre.

## 12. NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND - DECISIONS 2015 - 2016

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the following projects were approved for funding:

Boroughwide funding allocated to:

<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
What I know about Islam (from College ward)	£400

Wards within the Dulwich Community  
Council area funding allocated to:



Southwark Eid 2015  
(from College and Village wards) £478

Southwark Pensioners Club  
(all 3 wards) £1,500

**College ward**

**Name of project** **Amount**

Community warden £5,000

Kingswood Festival  
Carnival Parade and workshops £3,000

Not for Human consumption (dangers  
Of drugs misuse) £3,000

Out and about Club £3,000

Connecting Kingswood Community £3,840

Kingswood Art works £3,850

The Home Front project £2,300

Communities Reducing Social Isolation  
for older people in the Dulwich area  
Southwark £1,421

Southwark Guides Carnival Camp weekend £334

Love West Dulwich Spring Fair £7,500

Dulwich Devolved Planning Issues (deferred)

**East Dulwich ward**

**Name of project** **Amount**

Asian Elders lunch club £4,000

Eid and Christmas event £970

Open day – East Dulwich Community Centre £640

Road Safety Feasibility Study – St Anthony’s RC  
Primary School £5,000

Safe Crossing Patrol for St Anthony’s RC

Primary School	£5,000
Physic gardening	£1,900
Communities reducing Social Isolation for Older people in the Dulwich area	£1,421
Southwark Guides Carnival camp weekend	£334
Crystal Palace Road Big Lunch 2015	£500
Dulwich Devolved Planning Issues	(deferred)

### **Village ward**

<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Delawyk Autumn Outing	£1,500
Dulwich schools cricket	£3,000
Dulwich Festival	£1,500
Dulwich Park Fair 2016 £1,000	
Dulwich Concert in Park	£300
Schools rugby	£2,500
Community opera performance by Charter school opera	£1,500
GT Cherry Tree project	£1,600
Hanging baskets	£2,520
St Faith's Summer Playscheme	£2,263
Dulwich Sports Club	£5,000
Dulwich Helpline	£1,421
Girl Guides	£334
Judith Kerr Summer scheme	£2,000

### **13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were submitted at the meeting.

#### **14. COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTION TO COUNCIL ASSEMBLY**

Members agreed to submit a community council question to a future council assembly meeting on the consultation processes and constitutional procedures for the proposed one free parking at shopping parades.

##### **Community council question previously submitted to council assembly**

The previous community council question was submitted to council assembly on 25 March 2015:

How will the council improve consultation on traffic and transport schemes in the Dulwich area?

##### **Response**

We recently consulted on the first draft of the new Southwark Plan (NSP) for an extended four month period. The plan sets out updated and new draft planning policies that will be used to decide planning applications across the borough once the plan is adopted in 2017. This included draft visions for neighbourhoods and areas where an updated vision for Dulwich that builds on the contents of the adopted Dulwich supplementary planning document (SPD). Undertaking a consultation for the new Southwark Plan is a statutory requirement. It is also important to involve local residents at this early stage in the preparation of such an important planning document and provide the opportunity for views to be put forward. The consultation included a series of meetings, events and mailings throughout the borough.

The Southwark cycling strategy was also consulted on during the NSP consultation period. Planning and transport officers coordinated marketing materials and meetings to ensure both documents were promoted and discussed together, ensuring effective use of resources and consistency in approach. While the council received overwhelming support in favour of stronger cycling policies and programmes, officers were made aware of concerns that some residents, particularly in Dulwich, have in regard to what impact a cycle route, such as a Quietway route may have on their street.

The council is committed to working with and involving local residents, as part of the cycling strategy delivery programme there will be a Dulwich wide consultation on possible improvements to the road network for pedestrians and cyclists. This will ensure all issues are considered together and local residents will be able to share their views before formal consultation takes place. The next stage of consultation on the New Southwark.

#### **15. LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENTS**

**Note:** This is an executive function.

Councillor Jane Lyons left the room when the local traffic and parking amendment for 60 Dulwich Village was being considered. Councillor Lyons re-joined the meeting afterwards.

Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the local traffic and parking amendments be approved subject to the outcome of any necessary statutory consultation and procedures:
  - Dulwich Village – install double yellow lines adjacent to a proposed vehicle crossover that will provide access at No. 60.
  - Aysgarth Road – install double yellow lines at the entrance to Mitchell’s Place to provide unrestricted access and to improve inter-visibility.
2. That the North Dulwich triangle be approved but the implementation of the yellow lines to improve visibility be deferred until the North Dulwich CPZ had been decided.
3. That Dulwich Community Council formally requests the strategic director of environment and leisure to review the council’s policy on crossovers and the installation of double yellow lines particularly where there are dropped kerbs. Details of the council’s crossovers be reported at the next community council.
4. That the following parking amendments be deferred:
  - Friern Road
  - Overhill Road
  - Upland Road
  - Lordship Lane
  - Underhill Road

**One hour free parking at the shopping parades**

After the conclusion of the local traffic and parking amendments members discussed the issue of the one hour free parking at shopping parades and expressed their disappointment because they were hoping this information would be available at the meeting.

Matt apologised and explained that details of the one hour free parking had not been fed back to members before the meeting. He said he had not looked at Dulwich sites it was generally across the borough. Also there was a clear difference of opinion between traders and residents, hence the reason the cabinet member for regeneration planning and transport asked officers to look at this again.

This would involve a site by site analysis in order to break up the difference between the views of residents and the views of traders. Matt said this was a tough balancing act for officers because in principle, the scheme was meant to help traders who were generally in support of the one hour parking, most of the objections came from residents. Matt agreed to provide feedback at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 11.00 pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**