

BRAINTREE LOCAL COMMITTEE



AGENDA

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Date: Tuesday 24th November 2009

Time: 7.15pm

Venue: Causeway House, Braintree CM7 9HB

Local Chairman: Councillor Simon Walsh

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Membership:

Councillor M J Banthorpe	Councillor E R Lynch	Councillor Mrs J W Schmitt
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Councillor Ms L B Flint	Councillor Mrs C Sandbrook	

PUBLIC SESSION

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest.

- (a) To declare the existence and nature of any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members in Part 5 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.
- (b) Any member with a personal and prejudicial interest to indicate whether he/she intends to make representations in accordance with paragraph 12 (2) of the Code of Conduct as part

of Question Time

3. **Minutes of meeting held on 14th July 2009 and 29th September 2009 and any Matters Arising.** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the above meeting. (Copies previously circulated)
4. **Question Time – for items not on the Agenda.**
(Please see paragraph at the end of the Agenda)
5. **Local Decisions**
 - (a) **Footpath 61, Portersfield Playing Field to Panfield Lane, Braintree – Additional Width and Cycle Track.** To consider the attached report. (Page 1)
6. **Local Priorities and Action Plan**
 - (a) **Local Committee Budget and Priorities.** To consider the priorities for 2009/10 and to receive the results of the consultation event held on 29th September 2009 and those issues which should be taken forward on behalf of the local community for 2010/11 and beyond. Report attached (Page 6)
 - (b) **Local Committee Draft Action Plan and Key Priorities.** To endorse the action taken by the Chairman of the Committee in approving seasonal tree planting and coppicing works under the Living Landscapes initiative. Authority attached (Page 30)
7. **Consultation Documents**
 - (a) **Local Highways Panel – Localism Schemes.** Report attached (Page 31) and minutes of the Panel's meeting held on 16th July 2009 (Page 35)
 - (b) **Braintree Outdoor Gym Project.** Report to follow.
8. **Future Items**

To note the following items for the meeting of Braintree Local Committee to be held on 26th January 2010

 - Budget Consultation
 - Cultural Strategy
 - Litter Strategy
 - Review of Off-Street Car Parking
9. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.
10. To agree the exclusion of the public and press for the consideration of the following item for the reasons set out in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

At the time of compiling the agenda, there were no items for inclusion in this part of the Agenda.

PRIVATE SESSION

11. **Urgent Business.** To consider any matter, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered in private by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

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Member Services Officer

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Date of Meeting

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