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Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.00 pm on 10 December 2015
at High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr David Ivison (Chairman)
- * Mr Chris Pitt (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Mike Goodman
- * Mr Bill Chapman
- * Mr Adrian Page
- * Mr Denis Fuller

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Vivienne Chapman
- * Cllr Rodney Bates
- * Cllr Valerie White
- Cllr Josephine Hawkins
- * Cllr Paul Ilnicki
- * Jennings-Evans

* In attendance

53/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Josephine Hawkins.

54/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

55/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Councillor Rodney Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 as he lived along Berkshire Road referred on page 60 of the agenda.

56/15 PETITIONS RECEIVED [Item 4]

There were four petitions received by the local committee, these related to the installation of a pelican crossing on the Portsmouth Road, justification of the proposal to install four-way traffic lights at Frimley Green, stopping traffic using Bagshot Village as a shortcut to the M3 and to establish a proper Traffic Management Plan for Red Road.

57/15 PETITION TO INSTALL A PELICAN CROSSING ON PORTSMOUTH ROAD [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 4a]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that it would refer the request to the highways team to look at the options, consider the accident data and bring back recommendations to the next local committee.

58/15 PETITION TO JUSTIFY PROPOSAL TO INSTALL FOUR-WAY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT FRIMLEY GREEN [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 4b]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that it would refer the request to the highways team to look at the options, consider the accident data and bring back recommendations to the next local committee.

59/15 PETITION TO STOP THROUGH TRAFFIC USING BAGSHOT AS A SHORT CUT [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 4c]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that it would refer the request to the highways team to look at the options, consider the accident data and bring back recommendations to the next local committee.

60/15 PETITION: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR RED ROAD [Item 4d]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that it would refer the request to the highways team to look at the options, consider the accident data and bring back recommendations to the next local committee.

61/15 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) received and answered three formal questions (as per Annex A).

62/15 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

No Member written questions were received for this committee.

63/15 DECISION TRACKER [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 7]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the decision tracker.

In particular, the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- (i) That the issue of the crossing at Collingwood would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee
- (ii) The anti-social parking outside Cordwalles Junior School was not currently enforceable due to lack of appropriate signage.

64/15 PETITION RESPONSE - A322 AT WEST END SPEED LIMIT [FOR DECISION] [Item 8]

The Local Committee considered a report responding to a petition received in March 2015 requesting the reduction of the speed limit along the A322 at West End. The officer recommendation was that the speed should not be

reduced, and this had been supported by Surrey Police but to upgrade a safer crossing point adjacent to The Inn at West End and the Brentmoor Road crossroads. It was noted that the police were not in support of any reduction in the speed limit for this stretch of road

Andrew Milne (Area Highways Manager NW) presenting the item explained that there had been a traffic survey carried out, accident reports consulted and other relevant agencies including Surrey Police. The evidence indicated that a reduction in the speed limit would not meet the criteria within the Surrey Speed Limit Policy. Therefore the recommendation is not to reduce the speed limit.

The Committee felt that the reasons put forward in the report recommending that the speed limit should not be changed were not sufficient especially considering the reduction in similar stretches of the A322 and that the impact on residents was unreasonable. The Committee considered that reducing the speed limit to 30mph would bring the speed limit in line with the rest of the surrounding infrastructure and more in keeping with the surroundings.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- (i) Agreed that the speed limit along this stretch of road be reduced to 30mph, and
- (ii) Noted that the possibility of introducing a dedicated pedestrian phase within the traffic lights is being reviewed with the option to fund during the next financial year.

As this decision was relating to a speed limit change, and contrary to the officer recommendation, the Surrey County Council Speed Limit Policy states that this item be referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding for consideration.

Reasons for decision

The speed limits to either side of this stretch of road are 30mph and the committee considered that this should be amended to be in line with this situation.

65/15 PETITION RESPONSE - BISLEY SPEED REDUCTION REPORT [FOR DECISION] [Item 9]

The Local Committee considered a report responding to a petition received in March 2015 requesting the reduction of the speed limit to 30mph on the A322 from the Gordon's Roundabout to the Knaphill traffic lights.

Andrew Milne (Area Highways Manager NW) presenting the item explained that there had been a traffic survey carried out, accident reports consulted and other relevant agencies including Surrey Police. The evidence indicated that a reduction in the speed limit would not meet the criteria within the Surrey Speed Limit Policy. Therefore the recommendation is not to reduce the speed limit.

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considering the reduction in similar stretches of the A322 and that the impact on residents was unreasonable. The Committee considered that reducing the speed limit to 30mph would bring the speed limit in line with the rest of the surrounding infrastructure and more in keeping with the surroundings.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that a 30mph speed limit should be adopted along this stretch of road.

As this decision was relating to a speed limit change, and contrary to the officer recommendation, the Surrey County Council Speed Limit Policy states that this item be referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Flooding for consideration.

Reasons for decision

The speed limits to either side of this stretch of road are 30mph and the committee considered that this should be amended to be in line with this situation.

66/15 REPORT: CAMBERLEY TOWN CENTRE PLANS & PETITION RESPONSE ON BUS LANE, LONDON ROAD [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 10]

Members considered a report which outlined the joint Surrey County Council and Surrey Heath Borough Council work that is developing the A30 and Camberley Town Centre Highways Improvement Scheme. Paul Millin (Group Manager Travel and Transport) presented this report.

Members were supportive of the work that had been carried out by the team to date. It was noted that the Meadows Gyratory system had already received funding from the Enterprise M3 (EM3) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and that a further bid would be submitted covering the stretch of the A30 from Frimley Road to Knoll Road. The LEP have identified Camberley as a “step-up” location.

The intention was to undertake an extensive consultation exercise in a number of locations starting in Spring 2016. It was noted that the villages should also be consulted. Paul explained that he anticipated bringing the parish councils together to receive a joint presentation as part of the wider consultation.

It was noted that the petition must be borne in mind as part of the consultation exercise. The caveat concerning the Bracebridge Link was noted and it was pointed out that without the completion of this link it would not be possible to remove the car parking along that stretch of the A30 and thus improve traffic flow.

The future report should note that the buses using the A30 were now fitted with equipment to change the traffic light sequence. The existing traffic lights may need to be modified to utilise this on-board technology.

Noting the number of past accidents along the A30, the future report should analyse whether the presence of a bus lane had been a contributory factor in causing those accidents.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- (i) The progress achieved to date and the future steps in the development of the A30 and Camberley Town Centre Highways Improvement Scheme and the role it will have in supporting the delivery of the Town Centre Area Action Plan
- (ii) The establishment of the Major Scheme Members Task Group that is overseeing and scrutinising the development of the A30 and Camberley Town Centre Highways Improvement Scheme
- (iii) That a future report setting out the detail of the A30 and Camberley Town Centre Highways Improvement Scheme is to be brought back to the Local Committee in summer 2016, post public consultation but pre submission of the business case to the Enterprise M3 Local Economic Partnership.

67/15 RESPONSE TO THE PETITION ON SAFETY MEASURES AT MIDDLETON ROAD BRIDGE {FOR DECISION} [Item 11]

The Committee considered a report responding to a petition that had been received at its meeting in July 2015. The report was suggesting that signage improvements should be made to the area. Andrew Milne (Area Highways Manager NW) presented this item.

Members welcomed the report. It was noted that the vegetation had already been cut back. It was noted that if any of the soil were to be removed it would require a full structural survey to ensure that the possibility of a future landslide was not increased.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that signage improvements are implemented as identified within the agenda report.

Reasons for decision

This will enable the highways team to carry out the works proposed to address the issues raised in petitions received.

68/15 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [FOR DECISION] [Item 12]

The Committee considered a report on the position of the 2015/16 schemes funded by the Local Committee, and the proposed schemes for 2016/17. Andrew Milne (Area Highways Manager NW) presented this item.

It was noted that the Local Committee Highways budget for 2016/17 had not yet been agreed by Cabinet. There was a possibility that a reduction of £35k - £40k might be imposed which would impact on the projects that could be funded.

It was noted that only one third of the funding allocated towards drainage and ditches had been allocated. This was because other funding had been drawn to cover those costs so that other works could be carried out.

It was noted that compliments had been received about the quality of work undertaken at School Road in Windlesham.

It was understood that colleagues working on Project Horizon were currently reassessing and prioritising future work and it was anticipated that an update would be issued in the next two to three months.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- (i) Noted the progress with the Integrated Transport, highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2015-16 financial year
- (ii) Agreed the proposed capital works programme for 2016-17
- (iii) Noted the budgetary position, and that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

Reasons for decision

This will enable the highways teams to plan and progress the highways work for the 2016-17 programme.

69/15 MEMBER ALLOCATIONS FUNDING [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 13]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the amounts that had been spent from the Members' Allocation budget, as set out in Annex 1 of the committee report.

70/15 FORWARD PLAN [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 14]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the forward plan contained within the report, with the addition of the response to the Collingwood College petition at the March 2016 local committee meeting.

It was suggested that a future meeting of the Private Members' Meeting should look at issues surrounding Cross Rail 2.

Meeting ended at: 8.52 pm

Chairman