

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Elmbridge held at
4.00pm on Monday 08 December 2008 at the
Walton Youth Centre, Walton**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Mr Michael Bennison
Mrs Margaret Hicks
Mr Ernest Mallett
Mr Tim Oliver
Mr Roy Taylor

Mr Peter Hickman
Mr Ian Lake
Mrs Dorothy Mitchell (Chairman)
Mr Thomas Phelps-Penry

Members Present – Elmbridge Borough Council

Cllr David Archer
Cllr Glenn Dearlove
Cllr Alan Hopkins
Cllr Chris Sadler
Cllr James Vickers

Cllr John Butcher
Cllr Barry Fairbank
Cllr Karen Randolph
Cllr David Tipping

PART ONE

IN PUBLIC

**68/
08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor O'Reilly.
Councillor Tipping substituted at the meeting on his behalf.

**69/
08 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**70/
08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**71/
08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that:

1. The work of the Community Reparations Team was being displayed at the meeting.
2. EDF had attended the Transportation Select Committee on 3rd December 2008, and provided an update.

**72/
08** **PETITIONS**

There was one petition received requesting the following:

The signatories on this petition wish to request the construction of a safe crossing in front of Cleves School: In conjunction with traffic calming measures including necessary parking restrictions.

The lead petition attended the meeting and spoke for three minutes.

Approximately 50 members of the public were present for the presentation of this petition.

**73/
08** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were three public questions submitted as set out in Annex A with the answers.

There were supplementary questions asked on questions one and three.

**74/
08** **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

There were three Member questions received as set out in Annex A with the answers.

The Local Committee agreed that Surrey County Council make a formal request to Transport for London to put in place a diversion of the K3 bus route via Coverts Road.

**75/
08** **ONE ELMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP**

The One Elmbridge Partnership Co-ordinator gave a presentation on the report to the Local Committee.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the content of the report and presentation.
- ii) To promote the work of the One Elmbridge Partnership to relevant stakeholders within their organisation and communities.

**76/
08** **COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE**

The Community Safety Manager presented the report to the Local Committee.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the activities of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership between September – October 2008.
- ii) Make representation to the Community Safety Manager on community safety issues to help shape the refresh of the Partnership Plan.

**77/
08** **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS**

The Local Committee and Partnerships Officer presented the report to the Local Committee.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the Criteria and Guidance Note for the use of Member's Funds as set out in Appendix 1.
- ii) To note the funding approved under delegated authority.
- iii) To agree funding of £3000 from Claygate Parish Council for Claygate Highway Garden Sites to be funded from Mr Bennison's allocation.
- iv) To agree funding of £1292.49 for the Walton Centre towards a Lincat Vision (Food) Service Unit from Mr Phelps-Penry's allocation.
- v) To agree funding of £3000 for Surrey County Council's Highway Service towards a Vehicle Actuated Sign on Between Street, Cobham to be funded from the capital fund.
- vi) To agree funding of £3000 from Surrey County Council's Highway Service towards a Vehicle Actuated Sign for outside Cleves School, Weybridge from Mr Taylor's allocation.
- vii) To agree an application for funding of £2000 for Esher Business Guild towards Esher Christmas lights to be funded from Mr Oliver's allocation.
- viii) To agree funding of £1335 for Surrey Police (North Division) towards the purchase of 2 bicycles for Hersham PCSO's from Mrs Hick's allocation.

**78/
08** **PETITION – WINDMILL LANE, LONG DITTON**

The Local Highways Manager presented the report to the Local Committee. The report responded to the petition submitted to the September meeting of the Local Committee requesting the following:

Please could Surrey County Council place parking controls on Windmill Lane KT6, to include surrounding residential streets and Ditton Park car park.

The Local Highways Manager confirmed that Surrey County Council did not own the bridleway in Windmill Lane and investigations were ongoing to confirm ownership.

RESOLVED:

- i) Include a scheme on next year's programme to investigate and seek to introduce local waiting restrictions in Windmill Lane, and other public highway roads leading off it.
- ii) Authorise the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce any necessary waiting restrictions proposed from the investigation, following agreement with the DPE task group and the Divisional Member.
- iii) Approve, subject to statutory procedure, that the agreed waiting restriction scheme for the area be introduced following agreement with the DPE task group and the Divisional Member.
- iv) Approve that consideration and resolution of any objections received be delegated to the East Area Group manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Divisional Member.

**79/
08 PETITION – A245 BYFLEET ROAD, WEYBRIDGE**

The Local Highways Manager presented the report to the Local Committee. The report responded to the petition submitted to the September meeting of the Local Committee requesting the following:

We the undersigned believe that the A245 Byfleet Road between Seven Hills Road and Brooklands to be unsuitable for the national speed limit and accordingly petition for a reduction in the speed limit on this road to a more appropriate 40mph.

The Local Highways Manager reported that the Byfleet Road was only eligible for a reduction in speed from 60mph to 50mph. It was also reported that monitoring of speeds on this road evidenced that the average speed at which drivers were travelling was 41.6 mph.

Mr Taylor proposed the following Motion, seconded by Ernest Mallett:

To not support the implementation of a reduced speed limit on the A245.

The motion was LOST.

RESOLVED:

- i) Include a scheme on next year's programme to reduce the speed limit on the A245 Byfleet Road.
- ii) Approve, subject to statutory procedure, that the speed limit on the A245 Byfleet Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 50 mph from the existing 30mph termination point, 300 metres east of the B374 Brooklands Road to the traffic signals at the junction of the B365 Seven Hills Road.
- iii) Approve that consideration and resolution of any objectives received be delegated to the East Area Group Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, together with the Divisional Member.

80/08 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROGRESS UPDATE

The Local Highways Manager presented the report providing a verbal update on the progress of the schemes listed.

RESOLVED:

- i) To note the report for information.

The meeting closed at 5.51pm

AGENDA ITEM 6

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1 – Mr Gilbert

Parking - Walton

Will you please provide details of the Walton Parking team – its composition, terms of reference, and reporting authority; and explain why paint markings are already being made in some roads, apparently in preparation for line painting, without any notification and prior to the consultation promised before controlled parking zones are introduced?

Officers Response:

The county parking team is overseeing two projects in Walton at present. One relates to a proposed town centre controlled parking zone and the other to a draft Traffic Regulation Order.

Initial consultation in relation to the controlled parking zone took place in 2007. This asked - in broad terms - whether residents, businesses and other stakeholders were in support of a scheme. The results indicated general support for the principle of a zone, but that detailed proposals should be taken to residents to ascertain, on a street-by-street basis, agreement on the exact nature of any final scheme. Work on this element of the project is under way and we aim to consult with residents and businesses on proposals for their roads in February 2008.

A draft traffic regulation order was advertised in November for various parking amendments in the borough. The paint markings to which you refer relate to the potential position of signs and road markings when this order be made. These may be subject to change if any objections are received to the proposals and those objections are upheld by the appropriate authority. The closing date for objections to this order is 29th December 2008.

Question 2 – Mr McNamara

Condition of Roads

What does the council propose to do about the considerable deterioration of roads surrounding local primary, secondary schools (state and private) particularly in cul de sacs where the situation is further exacerbated?

Officers Response:

All roads are inspected by the Health and Safety Inspectors at least annually with the higher classification of A roads inspected 3 monthly, B and C roads, 6 monthly, and unclassified annually. Any identified defect is repaired in accordance with the County Council's Highway Safety Inspection Standards and Procedures Matrix. All other identified or reported defects outside this time will also be repaired accordingly, utilising the identical procedure.

This matrix is used to access a defect and prioritise the repair. This may well mean that a defect is repaired close to another lesser severity defect which does not warrant remedial action under the policy.

The absence of unlimited highway maintenance budgets mean that identification of defect severity is key to equitably utilising these limited funds across the network. The funds are not available to resurfacing as many roads as the Highway Authority would like and whilst we utilise funds to resurface the worst locations on the network the reality is that many others can only be repaired when defects arise. Priority is naturally given to roads high on the County network which are used by high volumes of traffic ahead of more minor roads and lanes.

Question 3 – Councillor Macleod

Weybridge North Parking Issues

At the last Elmbridge Local Committee meeting we were pleased to hear that details of a scheme, with funding for 2008/9, to research the parking issues in Weybridge were to be worked on, "to ensure that the area of coverage, the consultation, and all other elements are all in accordance with residents' expectations wherever possible". Can the Committee give an update on progress, and any news on the specific objectives, coverage and timing of the consultation in Weybridge North?

Officer Response:

Work is ongoing in relation to the proposed extension of the existing controlled parking zone in Weybridge. In addition to those roads already within the zone, we are reviewing whether the following streets could be included within a wider zone. These are:

Portimore Park Road
Wey Road
Round Oak Road
Devonshire Road
Portimore Way
Oakdale Road
St Albans Ave
The Crescent
Elmgrove Road

Mount Pleasant
Glencoe Road
Radnor Road
Dorchester Road
Gascoigne Road
Darnley Park
Montrose Walk
The Willows
Cedar Road
Holstein Ave
Thames Street (part)
Minorca Road

The objectives are to ascertain whether residents feel that an extension of the current zone would be of benefit in light of complaints relating to other road users parking in residential streets.

Outline design will be complete by the end of the current calendar year and we intend to engage with residents and other stakeholders in late January/early February. This will involve the distribution of leaflets explaining our ideas and seeking input from those who would be affected. The results of this consultation will be brought to the local committee so a decision can be taken on how to proceed in a way which best meets the needs and wants of residents and other stakeholders.

AGENDA ITEM 7

MEMBER QUESTIONS

Question 1 – Mr Bennison

K3 Bus Route - Claygate

Some time ago I endeavoured to get the K3 bus route in Claygate extended to include Coverts Road.

At the time I was unsuccessful, but would now like this investigated again.

Officer Response:

The bus service K3 through Claygate is provided by Transport for London (TFL), who control the planning of the route and timetable. It is not run under contract to, or funded by the County Council. The ultimate decision on implementing any route adjustment lies with TFL. The County Council's Passenger Transport Group can make a formal approach to Transport for London in terms of the request for a diversion via Coverts Road, if requested by the Committee. TFL's response can be reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee.

Question 2 – Mr Bennison

Puddle by Bus Stop in Church Road

Could we investigate the extremely large puddle that forms by the bus stop in Church Road by the recreation ground entrance?

Officer Response:

Issues of this nature must be directed to the local Community Highway Officer for resolution.

The Community Highways Officer has inspected the site and Carillion have subsequently cleared the pipes which are now running well.

It is worth noting that there appears to be a system of herringbone drainage pipes that have been laid on the Borough Council's recreation ground which have been connected to a gully on the public highway and would appear to be the cause of the problem.

The Divisional Member may wish to raise this with Elmbridge Borough Council's Leisure and Cultural Service.

An order has now been raised to rod the connection from the gully to the recreation ground in an attempt to clear the system, however this will require regular maintenance by the highway authority due to the ground water being feed directly to this highway gully.

Question 3 – Mr Bennison

Yellow Lines in Manor Drive

What is the latest on the Yellow Lines in Manor drive, and could a date be given for completion?

Officer Response:

The proposed waiting restrictions for Manor Drive are currently being advertised. Respondents have until 29th December 2008, to submit comments or register formal objections to any of the proposals contained within the draft traffic regulation order.

Subject to the receipt of objections about any part of the proposal (which is a borough wide amendment), we expect to commence work on the ground in late January. As with all work of this nature, the prevailing weather conditions will have a bearing on the time it takes to complete the scheme as a whole.