

Minutes: of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell held at 19.00 on Monday 31st October 2005 at Stoneleigh Methodist Church, Stoneleigh Crescent.

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Mr Chris Frost (Epsom and Ewell South East) Colin Taylor (Epsom and Ewell South West) (Vice Chairman)
Jean Smith (Epsom and Ewell North)

Members Present – Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Pamela Bradley (Ewell) Cllr Nigel Pavey (Stamford)
Cllr Graham Dudley (Cuddington) Cllr Michael Richardson (Woodcote)

PART ONE

IN PUBLIC

[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]

83/
05 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jan Mason, Cllr Nigel Petrie and Cllr Alan Carlson. No substitutions were made.

84/
05 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]**

The minutes of the meetings on the 18th July 2005 and 19th September 2005 were agreed.

85/
05 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

Cllr Graham Dudley declared a personal interest in Item 8 by virtue of being President of Stoneleigh Residents Association and a personal interest in Item 12 by virtue of being Chairman of the Borough Council Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Colin Taylor declared a personal interest in Item 12 by virtue of being a member of the Borough Council Scrutiny Committee.

86/
05 **PETITIONS [Item 4]**

No petitions were received.

87/
05 **WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 5]**

One public question was received from Mr Colin Wing, the question and answer were circulated at the meeting (attached as an annexe to these minutes).

88/
05 **MEMBERS WRITTEN QUESTION TIME [Item 6]**

No written Members' questions were received.

89/
05 **ADJOURNMENT [Item 7]**

The Committee agreed to adjourn for up to half an hour for questions from the public. A record of the questions received from members of the public and the answers is attached as an annexe to these minutes.

90/
05 **STONELEIGH TRAFFIC CALMING – RESULTS OF RESIDENTS SURVEY [Item 8]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member asked who sat on the Members Working Group and who attended.

The Chairman of the Members Working Group responded that all local Members were canvassed to attend. The Members that did attend were Alan Winkworth, Ruby Smith, Chris Long and Mike Richardson.

It was then

RESOLVED

- i) that the traffic calming in Stoneleigh should not be removed;
- ii) that changes be made to the approach ramp profiles to lessen the gradient in Rutherwyke, Park Avenue East and Cumnor Gardens as part of the Major Maintenance Rolling Programme; and
- iii) that, where practicable, the table lengths are increased to 7.5m in Park Avenue West.

91/
05 **TOWN CENTRE PARAMICS MODELLING [Item 9]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members put forward various suggestions for the composition of the Members Working Group. It was proposed that the three County Councillors whose divisions would primarily be affected by measures implemented in the Town Centre should sit on the group; they are Chris Frost, Nigel Petrie and Colin Taylor. Two Borough Councillors volunteered to sit on the group. One Member asked if a Borough Councillor who was not a Member of the Local Committee could sit on the Members Working Group.

The Committee decided that it was not appropriate to have non Local Committee Members on this Members Working Group.

The Officer stated that although it was not logistically possible to have all of the Members of the Local Committee on the Members Working Group a presentation would be made to the whole of the Committee on how the PARAMICS modelling would work.

It was then

RESOLVED

- i) that a Members Working Group consisting of County Councillors Chris Frost, Nigel Petrie, Colin Taylor and Borough Councillors Graham Dudley, Nigel Pavey and Mike Richardson be formed to review the Town Centre measures; and
- ii) that the Members Working Group report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

92/
05 **REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF EPSOM & EWELL [Item 10]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member enquired if there were sufficient staff resources to manage the waiting restrictions in the Borough.

A Councillor responded that currently there are 8 attendants doing on and off street parking. If it was determined that additional staff needed to be recruited, then the funding would have to be found either by the Borough Council, County Council or local businesses.

The Officer stated that the review will look at Waiting Restrictions in their totality and not in a piecemeal fashion.

Members agreed that all five County Councillors should sit on the Members Working Group and two Borough Councillors, Nigel Pavey and Mike Richardson, volunteered to sit on the group.

It was then

RESOLVED

- i) that a Members Working Group be established consisting of the five County Councillors and Borough Councillors Nigel Pavey and Mike Richardson and that they be asked to consider the results of the parking surveys and the outstanding lists of requests for additional Waiting Restrictions and agree which locations might meet the approved parking objectives as set out in the County Council's manual of Policies and Standards; and
- ii) that following the agreement by the Members Working Group, a further report be considered by the Local Committee to agree the process of advertising the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders for public comment.

93/
05 **KILN LANE LINK WIDER MEASURES [Item 11]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members wished to congratulate the Officer who wrote the report on his work surrounding the Kiln Lane Link.

A Member requested that the Committee write to SEERA (South East England Regional Assembly) who are now responsible for making the decision on funding for the Kiln Lane Link.

The Officer agreed to draft a letter to SEERA on behalf of the Committee.

A Member requested a list of all of the wider measures associated with the Kiln Lane Link.

The Officer agreed to circulate the list of wider measures.
It was then

RESOLVED

- i) that a Members Working Group be established consisting of County Councillors Jan Mason, Nigel Petrie and Colin Taylor and Borough Councillors Pamela Bradley and Mike Richardson to review the Kiln Lane Link wider measures; and
- ii) that the Members Working Group report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

94/
05 **STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE [Item 12]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member asked if any inspections of lights were made during the day to check for day burners.

The Officer responded that no day time inspections were made.

A Member brought to the Officer's attention the situation in Pam's Way where there are no street lights along the road, which causes local residents particular concern regarding personal safety.

Officers agreed to look at the street lighting along Pam's Way.

Members highlighted that it appeared that more lights were out along footpaths. Lights that are out along a footpath could be perceived as being a higher priority than street lights as more attacks are likely to occur on footpaths and the lack of lighting heightens people's fear of crime.

The Officers responded that more lights may be out along footpaths because a health and safety issue has emerged which particularly affects lighting along footpaths as opposed to other types of street lighting. The health & safety issue has meant an increase in the amount of time it takes to repair lighting along footpaths. Officers stated that currently a new contract for street lighting provision and maintenance is being negotiated and, as part of the contract, new street lighting would be directed at areas where there is personal vulnerability. Officers agreed that the minutes of this meeting would be forwarded to relevant Officers drawing up the new contract to ensure that the issues surrounding lighting on footpaths were taken into account.

It was then

RESOLVED

That the Committee noted the report.

95/
05 **B284 CHESSINGTON ROAD INSTALLATION OF 40mph SPEED LIMIT [Item 13]**

The Officer introduced the report.

It was then

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of a 40 mph speed limit on the north-west bound section of the B284 Chessington Road, between the junctions of Hook Road and Ruxley Lane.

96/
05 **MINOR HIGHWAYS/ LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SCHEME
PROGRESS REPORT [Item 14]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members queried when the new Vehicle Activated Signs would be erected.

The Officer replied that the signs had been delivered and that installation would be soon.

A Member asked that a Members' Allowances scheme for a feasibility study into widening footpaths within the Borough be put back on to the progress report.

A Member asked for an update on the Langley Vale traffic management scheme.

The Officer responded that the contractors are now able to construct and that a construction order was imminent although there was no start date.

It was then

RESOLVED

That the Committee noted the report.

97/
05 **FLEXIBLE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 15]**

The Officer introduced the report.

Members asked that the reports due from the three Members Working Groups be included on forward programme.

The Officer responded that these would be included.

It was then

RESOLVED

That the Committee noted the report.

98/
05 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES [Item 16]**

The Officer introduced the report.

A Member asked that funding for a Vehicle Activated Sign be considered for Grafton Road, the Member asked that either the funding be found from the £35,000 capital fund or from their own Member's Allowance.

The Officer replied that before making a decision on how to spend the £35,000 the Committee needed to take a view on the £35,000 in its totality and not on a project by project basis to ensure that the £35,000 is used to its maximum potential.

It was then

RESOLVED

That the Committee fund £2,400 towards Epsom & Ewell District Scout Council to carry out Type 2 asbestos surveys on all of their properties in the District (Chris Frost, Jan Mason, Jean Smith and Colin Taylor).

Meeting Ended: 21.03

Chairman

Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Epsom & Ewell
31st October 2005
Public Question
Colin Wing

Air Quality in Ewell High Street

Q1) "According to Epsom & Ewell's Air Quality Progress Report of June 2005, a monitoring station in Ewell High Street recorded an annual mean concentration of nitrogen dioxide level of 56.8 µg/m³ in 2003 and 55.3 µg/m³ in 2004. The Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 have an objective of 40µg/m³ to be achieved by 31st December 2005.

The report implied that the exceeding of this limit was immaterial since the monitoring station was some distance from the façade of the residential properties. Is the well-being of people who work in Ewell High Street not relevant? Is it not important that people should not be deterred by traffic fumes from shopping in Ewell?

Given that road traffic is a significant source of this pollutant, what do the County and Borough Councils intend to do to improve the situation?

Officer Response

The measure of 40µg/m³ as an annual mean of nitrogen dioxide is only relevant to locations where members of the public might be regularly exposed such as the building facades of residential properties, schools, hospitals or libraries. People shopping or carrying out their daily business in Ewell Village High Street are unlikely to be exposed for any significant length of time and therefore do not constitute relevant exposure.

The addendum to the Air Quality Report identified a nearby residential area which potentially could exceed the annual mean objective. The Borough Council is currently carrying out in depth modelling in to this area to ascertain the likelihood that the area is in breach of the annual mean. It is expected that the results of this modelling will be available in early spring of next year and will be consulted upon. If the objective is found to be breached then the law requires an Air Quality Management Area be declared and an Action Plan completed which would necessarily involve the County Council.

Currently this is a matter for Epsom & Ewell's Borough Council's Environmental Health Department. If you wish to know any further information on this matter then the Environmental Health Department should be contacted on: 01372 732 000

**Informal Minutes of Public Question Time at
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Mr Barnhurst, Stoneleigh Traffic Calming

Mr Barnhurst asked why had Councillor Petrie not replied to his two letters requesting a meeting regarding Stoneleigh Traffic Calming and stated that he would expect a reply from Cllr Petrie.

Officer Response

Mr Barnhurst's comments would be forwarded on to Cllr Nigel Petrie.

Geraldine Goddard, Stoneleigh Traffic Calming

Mrs Geraldine Goddard asked who owns the reports about Stoneleigh Traffic Calming. Is it the Chairman, the Local Committee, the Members Working Group or is it the Officer's full and final responsibility? Were there any dissensions to the Members Working Group report? Where does the buck stop?

Officer Response

The Officer responded that the report was written by the Officers, with advice from the Members Working Group and that there were no dissensions to the Members Working Group's report. It is the Local Committee who own the report.

John Goddard, Stoneleigh Traffic Calming

Mr John Goddard asked why had the residents who are not directly affected by the traffic calming not been included in the further analysis of the survey and is this an effective way of communicating with local residents?

Officer Response

The Officer responded that there was no mandate to include all residents in the further analysis, it was agreed that only the results of those residents who were directly affected by the traffic calming should be analysed further.

Officer Response

Mr Cyril Fraser, Illuminated Warning Signs

Mr Cyril Fraser enquired about illuminated highway signs and the length of time it takes to repair them and that perhaps at any one time 50% of illuminated signs are not working.

Officer Response

The Officer responded that they would investigate specific incidents of illuminated signs that are not working.