

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's  
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell  
held at 19.00 on  
Monday 4 June 2007 at  
Bourne Hall, Ewell**

**Members Present – Surrey County Council**

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| Jean Smith [Epsom & Ewell North]        | [Chairman]      |
| Chris Frost [Epsom & Ewell South East]  | [Vice Chairman] |
| Jan Mason [Epsom & Ewell West]          |                 |
| Colin Taylor [Epsom & Ewell South West] |                 |

**Members Present – Epsom and Ewell Borough Council**

Cllr Pamela Bradley [Ewell]  
Cllr Graham Dudley [Cuddington]  
Cllr Michael Richardson [Woodcote]  
Cllr Clive Woodbridge [Ewell] – substitute for Mr Neil Dallen

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**PART ONE**

**IN PUBLIC**

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

**35/  
07 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL  
COMMITTEE FOR 2007/08 [Item 1]**

To note the appointment by Council of **Jean Smith** as Chairman and **Chris Frost** as Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee for the current municipal year.

**36/  
07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 2]**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Nigel Petrie, Mr Nigel Pavey and Mr Neil Dallen.

**37/  
07 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 3]**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2007 were agreed and signed as a correct record.  
Item 29/07 viii] was corrected, as the funds allocated were £900 and not £1800.

**38/**  
**07**     **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]**

County Councillor Jan Mason declared a personal interest in item 15 as being a resident in the area.

County Councillor Jean Smith declared a personal interest in respect of item 20 as she was a Governor at Riverview Primary School.

**39/**  
**07**     **APPOINTMENT OF EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS [Item 5]**

At its first annual Council meeting following the May elections, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council nominated 5 Borough Councillors and 5 substitutes to serve on the Local Committee for the municipal year 2007-2008. Richard Shaw, Chief Executive, has now confirmed these appointments as follows:

**Members of the Committee:**

Cllr Pamela Bradley  
Cllr Neil Dallen  
Cllr Graham Dudley  
Cllr Nigel Pavey  
Cllr Mike Richardson

**Substitutes:**

Cllr Michael Arthur  
Cllr Robert Foote  
Cllr Derek Phillips  
Cllr Stephen Pontin  
Cllr Clive Woodbridge

**40/**  
**07**     **PETITIONS [Item 6]**

No petitions were received

**41/**  
**07**     **WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 7]**

Questions from members of the public were circulated. The Chairman advised that due to technical problems these had not been answered for the meeting, but a written response will be provided to the members of the public shortly. Annex A

**42/**  
**07**     **MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 8]**

The question from a Member was circulated. The Chairman advised that due to technical problems this had not been answered for the meeting, but a written response will be provided to the Member shortly. Annexe B.

**43/  
07 ADJOURNMENT [item 9]**

The Committee adjourned between 7.30pm and 8.00pm to receive questions from the public.

Several members of the public attended to express their views on item 13, and 16, which were duly noted. Annexe C

**44/  
07 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND RECONSTITUTION OF TASK GROUPS [Item 10]**

It was then **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

**45/  
07 KILN LANE LINK UPDATE [Item 11]**

Cllr Graham Dudley asked about the support from the Executive Portfolio holder – Helyn Clack, and Jean Smith advised that David Munro is the current portfolio holder for Transport in this Municipal year and her proposed letter is addressed to him. The Committee agreed to keep this Major Transport Scheme high on the County Councils' agenda and to press for Government support..

The Committee agreed the draft letters prepared, be sent to the Parliamentary Under Secretary State for Transport, urging her to increase the level of funding for regional transport schemes for the South East, copied to the Member of Parliament, Executive Member for Transport and the Chairman of the Regional Transport Board.

It was then **RESOLVED** that this item be noted

**46/  
07 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN – TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL BUDGET [Item 12]**

Discussion took place as regards traffic congestion, particularly in Epsom High Street and Ewell Village. The Officer, Martyn Williams, agreed for the signals at the junctions' to be checked to ensure that they were still correctly timed.

Jan Mason asked about Annexe 2 – Scotts Farm Road to Ruxley Lane and the design and construction comment. Martyn Williams advised that he believed this would take place in the autumn.

Jean Smith advised that Annex 2 – A240 Kingston Road – noise reduction relates to the Petitions item 13.

It was **RESOLVED**. that

- (a) The £100,000 Local Allocation capital funding is added to the £413,000 Local Transport Plan capital funding allocated to the Local Committee for the purpose of implementing integrated transportation schemes in 2007/08.
- (b) The programme of highway improvement schemes and projects for progression in 2007/08 as set out in ANNEXE 2 is approved.
- (c) Officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these schemes and projects.
- (d) The East Area Highways Group Manager be authorised to consider any objections received in response to statutory notices in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Committee, and local Borough and County Members.
- [e] Any amendments to the 2007/08 scheme list arising from budgetary adjustments following closing of accounts, be delegated to the East Area Highways Group Manager, in discussion with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee

The Committee agreed the wording of [d] and [e] includes 'Vice Chairman.'

**47/ PETITIONS RECEIVED [Item 13]**

**07** The Committee agreed that a Working Party be formed to consider the road widening of Bracken Path. Colin Taylor will take the lead on this. A member of the public question in Annexe C refers.

The Committee requested that the Chairman write to Surrey Police to ask them to monitor the speed enforcement on the A240.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report

**48/ TOWN CENTRE PARAMICS [Item 14]**

**07**

The Committee requested the Officer, Roger Archer-Reeves, to clarify the funding sources shown in Table 2. It was confirmed that Table 2 was in error and that schemes for the Spread Eagle junction, would be developer funded. The B280 West Street Station approach would be funded £100k developer / £200k LTP; A24 South Street / Ashley Avenue junction would be funded from LTP (£15k).

Spread Eagle Junction - Developer funded (15k+£2k)  
 B280 West Street/Station Approach – Developer (£100k) LTP (£200k)  
 A24 South Street/Ashley Avenue – LTP (15k)

Cllr Graham Dudley requested a copy of the traffic survey that was completed in respect of Epsom High Street from the Officer, Steve Howard.

The Officers were thanked for all the work undertaken, as it was considered that the traffic at these junctions would be improved when the improvements were implemented.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the progress made to date on the testing of options using the traffic model.

**49/07 AMIS AVENUE EXPERIMENTAL ROAD CLOSURE [Item 15] CONSULTATION**

Jan Mason advised that she had received letters of thanks from Residents of Amis Avenue following its closure.

The Officer, Michelle Armstrong, was thanked by the Members for the work she put into this consultation.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) A permanent Traffic Regulation Order for the closure of Amis Avenue is made upon the expiry of the current Experimental Traffic Order.
- (ii) Members note the additional minor measures that will go ahead to complement the current measures on site.

**50/07 PRIORITY 4 WAITING RESTRICTIONS [Item 16]**

The Officer, Martyn Williams, advised that this paper was the start of the legal process

Members raised a few concerns in regards to the following roads:

.1 Chalk Lane – Chris Frost reminded the Officers that this is a Conservation area and should have the narrower primrose coloured road markings.

.2 Chartwell Place – It was agreed by Members that when the restrictions are advertised and the comments received they are discussed in detail at a Members Working Group.

The Committee noted the widely differing views of the public in attendance in regard to Chartwell Place in item 9 above. [Annexe C]

.3 Church Street – Concern was raised as to the ownership between the Borough Council and the Church which should be resolved shortly.

New plans were circulated for Pitt Road and Stevens Close.

Colin Taylor suggested to include Meadway at its junction with West Hill was agreed. It was agreed a 10 metre 'at any time' restriction would be advertised.

The Officer, Michelle Armstrong, advised that the signs and lines relating to the Phase 3 Waiting Restrictions would be installed in the summer, with the priority 4 restrictions being consulted on by the end of the year.

The Officer, Michelle Armstrong, was commended for her excellent work.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- (i) Proposals to amend the relevant Traffic Regulation Order/s, as detailed in Annexe 1 and 2 to this report, be published and if no objections are maintained the Order be made.
- (ii) Authorisation is given to the Local Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Local Members to consider, resolve or over-rule any objections to the proposals.

The wording in ii] above changed from 'Chair' and 'Vice Chair' to 'Chairman' and 'Vice-Chairman

## **51/ 07 ANNUAL HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN [Item 17]**

The Committee agreed that the Chairman should write to the Executive to request financial compensation for the adverse effect on the budget outturn caused by the overspend on the emergency works on the A217 at Burgh Heath.

The Officer, Roger Archer-Reeves, requested that all Members, (County Councillors and Borough Councillors) advise the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of suggested areas of concern that could be funded from the additional Revenue budget of £100k, which will be collated into a collective response to the Officer.

Cllr Mike Richardson raised concern that Borough Members are informed of activities such as weed control, which affect the Borough's CPA rating. He agreed to write to Roger Archer-Reeves on the issues on behalf of the Borough Members.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee

- .1 Approved this report of the East Area Maintenance and Delivery Plan for 2007/08 of which includes Epsom and Ewell
- .2 Note the anticipated outturn figures for the East Area Maintenance and Delivery Plan for 2006/2007.
- .3 Delegated the authority for authorising expenditure of the £100,000 revenue monies to the East Area Manager in

consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this Committee.

**52/  
07** **MINOR HIGHWAYS/LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT [Item 18]**

The Committee noted the scheme progress

**53/  
07** **SURREY FIRE & RESCUE [Item 19]**

Jan Mason raised her concern over Epsom Fire Station remaining a two pump station and the Officer, Dave Steggles, advised that priorities for the service are changing to a flexible fleet from different locations, but that any moves to change crewing or sites would be subject to full public consultation.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee:

- (a) Note the performance of the Service within Epsom & Ewell.
- (b) Applaud the achievement of the personnel at Epsom Fire Station.

The wording changed to 'applaud the achievement' as the Committee commended the work of the personnel in Epsom.

- (c) Endorse the initiatives by the Service to reduce the hazards of fire and other incidents in the community.
- (d) Endorse the initiatives by the Service to work with partners to influence behaviour in the community.
- [e] Recognise that following evaluation of initiatives funding may be requested in order for them to be implemented, maintained or continued.

**54/  
07** **CHILDREN'S CENTRES [Item 20]**

The Officer, Karen Edwards, advised that in Area 37, Epsom they are looking at an alternative site. Phase 3, areas 58 and 76, Cuddington, Stoneleigh, Nonsuch, Woodcote and College Wards are currently at the consultation stage with meetings in early July.

The members asked Karen for a copy of the map of the Children Centre boundaries as there was some concern as to where the Children's Centres in Epsom & Ewell are sited.

The Committee agreed the wording of the draft note the Chairman had prepared to send to the Executive in regard to the Committee's concern about the progress of the Children's Centres in the Epsom and Ewell area. The Committee agreed to send the note to the Executive.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report.

**55/  
07**     **COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING [Item 21]**

The budget of £24,000 devolved to the Local Committee for community safety be transferred to the Local Strategic Partnership to be spent to further the work of the Partnership, with £12,000 of this funding specifically ring-fenced to fund work to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse locally>

The Officer advised that the wording be changed from Epsom & Ewell Community Safety Partnership to 'Local Strategic Partnership' as this is the Board responsible for funding decisions in the Epsom & Ewell area.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report.

**56/  
07**     **MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS ANNUAL REPORT [Item 22]**

Colin Taylor commended the Officer, Lynda Tarling, on a very clear report.

The Officer advised that Appendix 1 item 35 was subject to conditions agreed at the March 19 2007 meeting of the Local Committee, and would be reviewed in September 2007.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report.

**57  
07**     **MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS [Item 23]**

The Committee agreed to adopt the criteria for the use of Member's Funds.

The Committee agreed to fund the following from the Councillors Members' Allocations Revenue Budgets  
£5000    Amis Avenue closure [Jan Mason]

The Committee agreed to fund the following from their Capital Budget  
£6510    Children's Library at Ewell  
£7,500    A pedestrian table on the Watersedge Road, with the rest of the funding to be found from LTP monies

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report.

**58/  
07**     **FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 24]**

The Officer advised that

#### 10 September 2007 meeting

- .1. The venue will be the Ebbisham Centre.
- .2. The Community Safety item would report on neighbourhood policing.
- .3. The Self Reliance item would be removed as covered in March 2008 meeting
- .4. An update on roads and lighting deferred from the June. 2007 meeting would be reported on.

#### 3 December 2007 meeting

- .1. A report would be provided by the PCT on Community Engagement.
- .2. The Borough Youth Plan would include a report from YELL.

#### 10 March 2008

- .1. The report on Neighbourhood Policing would be removed, as covered in September 2007.
- .2. A presentation from YELL will be included.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Committee noted the report.

#### **59/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**07** The Committee noted the date of the next meeting

Meeting Ended: 10.25pm

**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL – 4 JUNE 2007**

**AGENDA ITEM 7  
WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Question 1 – Mr Colin Wing**

**Streetscape Blenheim Road**

Is there anything that can be done to improve the streetscape at the north end of Blenheim Road? A visit one recent weekend found the following problems:

- \* Cars parked on the 'grass' near the stream
- \* Several potholes, including one 5cm deep
- \* Kerbstones breaking away from the footway
- \* 'Keep Clear' markings nearly worn away outside the Epsom Coaches depot
- \* Cars parked on the footway
  - The road closed by a ramshackle arrangement of plastic cones and barriers outside the waste depot

**Officer Response:**

I thank Mr Wing for his questions and will answer each point in turn.

The instances of cars parking near the stream and on the footway will be investigated to see if there is any action that can be taken in the form of the use of bollards to prevent this. It maybe the case that vehicles have been parked in a haphazard way if the queues for the household tip was excessive or people were using the mobile café.

The road is the subject to an annual highway inspection to pick up defects that meet certain criteria. If any are then appropriate repairs are put in hand. The local Community Highway Officer for the area will be asked to visit the site to see if there are any repairs that should be addressed via this route or any more cosmetic appearance issues that can be addressed via the Highways Community gang.

The Keep Clear Markings that have become worn will be added to the schedule of work for the white lining contractor

It was agreed some time ago that Blenheim Road (north) would be closed to vehicular traffic on weekends and bank holidays so that access to the household tip would be via Felstead Road. Surrey County Council has made a Temporary Traffic Order to allow this to happen and provided the signs to enable this to be implemented.

The Household Tip Site Management agreed to ensure that the signs on Longmead Road would be opened and closed as appropriate when the site is in operation. In addition, it was agreed that road closed barriers would be put out across the entrance to Blenheim Road (north) to stop access by any vehicles.

It is clear from the number of complaints received by the East Area Office that the signs are not being operated as agreed and that the barrier is only erected around midday on Saturday mornings when quite often a queue has already built up making implementation impossible. It also leads to confusion during the week when motorists see signs indicating Road Closed but no physical measures to enforce it and therefore abuse ensues.

Officers are disappointed that the arrangements are not being adhered to and are in discussion with the Site Management to improve the situation. It should be noted that the traffic order has only been made on a temporary basis and that it applies to all motor vehicles not just cars and not just members of the public.

If after the experimental period it is not felt that the arrangements have been successful or fulfilled their original aim then this Committee would be asked to reconsider whether the Temporary Order should be made permanent or not

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## **Question 2 – Mr Colin Wing**

### **Fencing – Spring Street**

Some Heras-type fencing has been put up in Spring Street, Ewell, across the concave feature in the wall of Bourne Hall.

- \* **What is the purpose of this fencing?**
- \* How long is it likely to be there?
- \* Is there a less ugly solution?
- \* Why are the lamps on it not lit at night?

### **Officer response:**

The County Council has no responsibility for this structure. It is understood that the Building Control Section of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have deemed this a dangerous structure.

As such they took the decision to erect the fencing referred to which was done to protect the public from the structure. The fencing is considered the appropriate solution by the Borough Council and is maintained by them. The Community Highway Officer has passed the absence of lights on the fencing to them for action.

The fencing will be in place until such time as repairs can be take place. It is understood that funding has now been made available to undertake the repairs but as yet no time scale for when these might happen.

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### **Question 3 Ruth Holmes**

#### **Street Lighting – Avenue Road/Madans Walk**

I have emailed twice concerning the lights not working at Avenue Road/Madans Walk and through Rosebery Park and also as you turn into Worple Road from Ashley Road towards Avenue Road. I do not have the ref No. from the 1st report but I reported this again on 3rd May Ref:90074314. These lights are still not working and although we are now in 'summer season' they are a necessary precaution and what else as residents can we do other than report them to the appropriate department.

#### **Officer Response**

This concerns a private cable faults that have affected lamp columns. in Worple Road and Avenue Road

Balfour Beatty (Raynesways) attended to investigate the fault, they found that the cable was an old paper / lead cable. Unfortunately Balfour Beatty no longer work on this type of cable, as they do not have anyone accredited to work on this cable. An order was then placed with them to excavate & run new private supplies to the three lamp columns from the nearest points of supply.

A new supply was installed into one of the lamp columns, the supply being taken from a post approx one metre away. Balfour Beatty did not carry out any further works as they had decided that they would only carry out trenching works in 'tarmac' up to a maximum of five metres. This was due to their inability to carry out permanent re-instatement works.

Balfour Beatty have now employed a sub-contractor to carry out trenching works, they have completed the trenching works for the lamp column in Worple Road near to the junction with Ashley Road. A new lamp column has been installed opposite 35B Worple Road to replace the existing lamp column, which was found to be structurally unsafe, this is awaiting an EDF connection.

A new lamp column has been installed in Avenue Road near Madans Walk to replace the existing lamp column, which was found to be electrically unsafe, this is awaiting an EDF connection.

The faults in Rosebery Park were attended by Balfour Beatty on 16 May 2007 , five lamps were replaced and the lamp columns were left in working order.

## ANNEXE A

### Question 4 Howard Asbridge

#### Pavements in Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh

Most of the paving stones in the roads running between The Broadway/The Glade and Sparrow Farm Road have already been replaced with tarmac. Despite the damage from pavement excavations for cable TV and gas pipe replacement, as well that caused by the cyclical heaving and shrinking of the subsoil, Bradstock Road remains in a very poor state of repair. Severely uneven paving is a constant trip hazard for able-bodied residents, but elderly people find it especially difficult.

In 2006, I happened to meet a highways inspector in Bradstock Road carrying out a condition survey. Despite the road being, in his informal view, one of the worst in the Borough, nothing has yet been done.

I should like to ask the Local Committee to consider this issue and state when remedial works will be programmed. I will provide some photographs showing the condition of the pavements, at the meeting on Monday 4th Jun

#### **Officer Response:**

Bradstock Road is inspected yearly with the last statutory inspection carried out on 10/08/06. The next statutory inspection is therefore due in August 2007.

**Any relevant defects at the time of the 2006 inspection would have been picked up then.**

Since the 2006 inspection there have been a few orders raised for displaced kerbs and the like.

Any issues regarding Utility company works (gas/water/electric etc), would have been passed through to the NRSWA clerk at the time for any necessary action.

However, it is my intention to include Bradstock Road in this years footway bids for resurfacing which will resolve the issue if successful.

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL – 4 June 2007**

**AGENDA ITEM 8  
MEMBER QUESTIONS**

**Question 1 Mrs Jean Smith**

**VAS in The Avenue, Cuddington**

Some months ago a VAS was installed in The Avenue, Cuddington, opposite the junction with Salisbury Road. It has never worked.

Please would you say what the problem is and when this sign will be operational?

**Officer Response**

The supplier of the VAS had claimed that there was no electric supply to the lamp column but an Officer confirmed on Monday that it was in fact connected. I informed the supplier who said they will attend this week to find out why the sign is not working and remedy.

## ANNEXE C

### Informal Minutes of Public Question time at Surrey County Council Local Committee In Epsom & Ewell – 4 June 2007

**Mr Mrs Abeysinghe** wished to register their objections to the level of noise and vibration caused by traffic on the A240 – Item 13 Petitions refers – see Minutes for further details.

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**Dr Beatrice Worthing** expressed her views on Bracken Path and the need to widen the road – Item 13 Petition refers. See Minutes for further detail

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**Mrs Julie Morris, Mr Michael Steptoe, Mr Malcolm Marriott, Mr Alan Lawrence and Mrs Bryson** expressed their views on the proposed waiting restrictions in Chartwell Place – Item 16 on the Agenda

#### **Officer Response:**

This item follows on from Priority 3 waiting restrictions in the Borough, and are proposals at this stage. Members are asked to approve all the changes to any waiting restrictions prior to formal advertising. Notices will be placed in the press, [and sometimes on site], and members of the public can object. The Transportation and Highways Department analyse any incoming representations and Members would then again be asked [either at Committee or working group] to decide on whether the proposals should be amended in light of the objections. A new scheme may well be advertised [i.e the whole scheme starts again] or a 'lesser' scheme could be implemented with no further advertisement or the scheme is completely abandoned.

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**A member of the public raised a question in regard to waste at the rear of houses adjacent to Ewell by Pass**, he was asked to refer this issue to the Epsom & Ewell Borough.