

**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's  
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell  
Held at 19.00 on  
Monday 14 September 2009 at  
Epsom & Ewell High School, Ewell**

**Members Present – Surrey County Council**

Colin Taylor	[Epsom & Ewell South West] [Chairman]
David Wood	[North East] [Vice Chair]
Eber Kington	[Epsom & Ewell North]
Jan Mason	[Epsom & Ewell West]

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

Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Mr Neil Dallen	[Town]
Cllr Robert Leach	[Auriol]
Cllr Anna Jones	[College]
Cllr Jean Smith	[Ewell Court]

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**20/ APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [item 1]**

**09** Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Frost.

**21/ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [item 2]**

**09** Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2009 were agreed

**22/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [item 3]**

**09** Cllrs Jan Mason and Jean Smith declared an interest in item 9 as members of Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators. Cllr Eber Kington declared an interest in Item 10 as chairman of the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

**23/ WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [item 4]**

**09** Written public questions were received from 3 members of the public. The questions and responses are set out in Annexe A.

**24/ MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [item 5]**

**09** Written questions were received from 3 Members. The questions and responses are set out in Annexe B.

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee send the following Resolutions to the Cabinet Member for Transport Decision Making

Resolution 1 - Joint Parking Strategy Working Group  
Member Question 2

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] notes that Epsom & Ewell Borough Council is developing its new Local Development Framework and has to prepare a Parking Strategy.

As off-street parking is a Borough matter, but on-street parking is a County matter (with enforcement delegated to the Borough) the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] believes this should be a Joint Parking Strategy.

Accordingly, the Local Committee decides to establish a joint working group. The Local Committee nominates County Councillors Frost, Taylor and Wood to serve on this working group and invited Epsom & Ewell Borough Council to nominate three borough councillors to it.

The first task for the working group should be to agree the details of its scope and terms of reference and present them to the next meeting of this Local Committee for approval.

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] also calls upon the Cabinet Member for Transport to approve the Surrey Parking strategy before the end of 2009.

Note: It was reported that Cllrs Neil Dallen Julie Morris and Jean Smith will be proposed by the Borough Council.

Proposed by Cllr Colin Taylor, seconded by Cllr Jean Smith.

### Resolution 1 VAS signs – Member Question 3 Maintenance of VAS's

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] welcomes the fact that a number of Vehicle Actuated Signs (VAS's) have been installed in the Borough over the last few years, funded in a variety of ways.

Whilst they cannot stop motorists deliberately speeding, they seem to have reduced speeding generally, by warning motorists who are speeding accidentally.

However some of them have stopped working. It is unacceptable that there are no plans to repair them, because there is no budget for maintenance of VAS's.

The Local Committee urges the Cabinet Member to consider whether it is a better use of public resources to repair unserviceable VAS's or to replace them, then make arrangements accordingly.

Proposed by Cllr Jan Mason, seconded by Cllr Colin Taylor.

### **25/ ADJOURNMENT [item 6]**

09 Several members of the public attended, and 5 informal questions were put to the meeting with responses from Officers present or agreement to provide a written response

### **26/ PETITIONS [item 7]**

09 There were two petitions received for this meeting.

#### 1] Sri Raja Rajeswary Amman Temple Procession, Stoneleigh

From local residents in the Stoneleigh area regarding the route of a procession led by a hand drawn chariot that takes place annually for devotees of the Hindu Temple. The lead petitioner, Mrs Olga Nitsche attended the meeting and spoke for three minutes.

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] noted the petition, but agreed that no alteration is made to the existing route. Cllr David Wood agreed to meet with the residents and other agencies, and report back to the Local Committee.

Proposed by Cllr David Wood, and seconded by Cllr Colin Taylor

- 2] From residents in Church Road, Epsom regarding the use of this road as a short cut to avoid Epsom Town Centre, and alarmed at the speed at which some cars and vans drive through the road especially given the number of young children that live in the street. The residents appealed to the Council to impose traffic calming measures in the road.

The Local Committee agreed for the Local Highway Manager to propose that this road is on the list for the Anti social behaviour initiative.

Details of the petitions, and responses from the Officer are set out in Annexe C.

**27/ EPSOM & EWELL HIGH SCHOOL – IMPROVEMENTS INITIATIVES**

**09** [item 8]

The Local Committee agreed to send the following Resolution to the Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning:

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] registers its dismay that Epsom & Ewell High School is in the 7th network on the list for Building Schools for the Future. The Local Committee recommends that Epsom and Ewell High School should be prioritised on its own merits [i.e. that it is adjacent to areas of deprivation, and standards of the buildings are poor]. It should be in the first group of schools in Surrey to benefit from the programme, not disadvantaged because the other secondary schools in the Epsom and Ewell network already have good buildings.

Proposed by C Cllr Jan Mason and seconded by C Cllr Colin Taylor

It was RESOLVED that this report be noted.

**28/ RIGHTS OF WAY MAINTENANCE [item 9]**

**09** It was RESOLVED that this Local Committee noted this report.

**29/ MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – SURREY & BORDERS**

**09** **PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST [item 10]**

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] ask the Officer from the Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to take this Resolution to the next meeting of the Trust and NHS Surrey.

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] noted the valuable work undertaken by the Surrey and Borders Partnership Foundation Trust in the provision of mental health services.

The Local Committee urged the Trust and NHS Surrey to consider providing financial support for the Epsom and Ewell CAB Mental Outreach Service, which provides a unique and valuable advice service to over 230 clients in the local area, and enables mental health professionals to focus their work and time on the clinical needs of their patients. The Local Committee noted that

without new funding the CAB Mental Outreach Service would be closed, placing additional resource and casework demands upon the Surrey and Borders Partnership Foundation Trust and its local support workers.

Proposed by C Cllr Eber Kington and seconded by C Cllr Jan Mason.

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee noted the report.

**30/09 CHALK LANE, EPSOM – OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER [item 11]**

The Epsom & Ewell Local Committee agreed:

l] That the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order were acknowledged, but that the proposed restrictions should be implemented to allow the proposed works be carried out.

The revised wording was proposed by Cllr David Wood and seconded by Cllr Jan Mason

**31/09 WEST STREET, EPSOM – PELICAN CROSSING [item 12]**

It was RESOLVED that the Committee agreed:

l] That authorisation be given to advertise the removal of the pelican crossing in West Street, Epsom

**32/09 CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [item 13]**

It was RESOLVED that the Local Committee send the following Resolution to the Cabinet Member for Transport:

The Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell] expressed its concern at the unacceptable delay in the waiting restrictions agreed at the 2 March 2009 meeting of the Committee.

It was RESOLVED that this report be noted

**33/09 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [item 14]**

That the Local Committee [Epsom & Ewell ] agreed the following expenditure from the Members' Allocations budget.

i] Christmas Lights for Epsom Town Centre - £3,000  
[£1,000 each from Cllrs Frost, Mason, and Taylor

ii] White Directional Signs for Ewell Court House  
C Cllr Eber Kington - £336

Agreed from the Capital Grant Allocation:

i] Intergen – laptops £2,000  
£1,000 each from Cllrs Mason and Taylor.

Agreed under delegated powers

Wallace Fields Infant School, part fund of greenhouse  
£500, from C Cllr Chris Frost.

The Vehicle Activated Sign [£2,500, Cllr Frost] was deferred as clarification was requested.

**34/** **FORWARD PROGRAMME** [item 15]

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

**35/** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** [item 16]

**09** Thursday 17 December 2009 at Christ Church Hall, Epsom Common, Christ Church Road, Epsom KT19 8NE

Meeting Ended: 10.05pm