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**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Epsom and Ewell
Held at 14.00 on
Monday 5 December 2011 at
Epsom Town Hall,
The Parade, Epsom**

Members Present – Surrey County Council

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

Members Present – Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

Cllr Michael Arthur	[Ewell]
Cllr Ian Booker	[Town]
Cllr Mr Neil Dallen	[Town]
Cllr Julie Morris	[College]

39/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item1]

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors Paul Arden-Jones and Jean Smith. Cllr Ian Booker substituted for Jean Smith.

40/11 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 2]

No written public questions were received.

41/11 ADJOURNMENT [Item 3]

Several members of the public attended, and 4 informal questions were put to the meeting answers were provided to all questions at the meeting.

42/11 URGENT ITEM

In accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman agreed that the following item should be considered as a matter of urgency because the consultation has only recently closed and it is necessary to consider the unresolved objections urgently as there are safety concerns arising from parking in this area.

43/11 EPSOM AND EWELL PARKING REVIEW – PHASE 6: CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL OBJECTIONS FOR CHURCH ROAD, EPSOM [Item 14]

It was reported that the unresolved objection was based on the fact that some parking should be retained on the bridge to slow down traffic. However, officers considered that this would not resolve the safety concerns in the area and quoted a recent newspaper report that police had been called to direct traffic which had become gridlocked in the area.

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Resolved:

- i] That the County Council makes amendments to existing traffic regulation orders and introduces new traffic regulation orders as necessary for the recommended parking controls to be implemented.
- ii] That the recommended parking controls are implemented.

44/11 PETITIONS [Item 4]

One petition of 2831 signatures calling for the adjustment or removal of the parking charges in Stoneleigh Broadway/Station approach were received for this meeting. Details of the petition and the response from the Officers are out in Annex A

45/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [12 September and 19 October] [Item 5]

Confirmed as a correct record.

46/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 6]

There were no declarations of interest.

47/11 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 7]

3 Questions were received from 2 Members. The questions and responses are set out in Annex B.

48/11 PROPOSED ON STREET 'PAY AND DISPLAY' PARKING CHARGES IN EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH [Item 8]

The Chairman reported that the cost of advertising the proposals in Epsom & Ewell had been £2,500.

It was reported that there had been a number of requests to retain the advertised parking restrictions in Waterloo Road without the pay and display element to allow parking spaces in this area to be available to local shoppers rather than being used by those wishing to walk into the town centre.

Resolved:

- i] That the advertised restrictions in Waterloo Road of 20 minutes parking Monday-Sunday 8.00-18.30 no return within 1 hour should be retained but that no pay and display be implemented at this site.
- ii] That subject to the amendment above on street parking charges as previously advertised be not implemented in Epsom and Ewell.

49/11 HIGHWAY SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT [Item 9]

The Local Committee noted the report for information.

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Noted in Table 1 that the entry in relation to the Ewell Village Air Quality study for Epsom & Ewell South West should be removed as Ewell Village is not within that division.

Noted that the county budget for parking should be sufficient to meet all costs incurred this year and an extra contribution from the Local Committee should not be required.

Noted that the budget allocated in Table 2 to Signs & Road Markings is for minor additional work agreed by the Local Committee, the line refresh programme currently taking place would be funded centrally.

In relation to the list of roads for local structural repair further information on the work proposed in Cheam Road, (which is not in Worcester Park), Ewell High Street, Worple Road and Hawthorne Place was requested.

Mrs Mason queried whether she had agreed to pay for a grit bin from her community pride/local revenue allocation.

In relation to the signals study it was reported that a study had previously been carried out and a number of options trialled. It was agreed that Cllrs Colin Taylor and Neil Dallen should meet with the Highways Area Team Manager to discuss a way forward. It was suggested that this meeting should take place at the Network Management & Information Centre in Leatherhead so that traffic movements can be observed.

Mrs Mason reported that the lights mounted on the buildings at the Spread Eagle junction had not been operational for some time. Officers agreed to investigate.

In relation to the Stones Road Tunnel it was reported that there had been issues with getting the required permissions from Network Rail and it was possible that the work would not now be completed by Christmas as planned. It was requested that when the work is completed suitable barriers are installed to allow wheelchairs and pedal bikes to pass through, but not motorbikes.

Noted that money held for maintenance and surface treatment schemes that had not been completed in this financial year would be rolled forward to next year.

50/11 EPSOM TOWN CENTRE STREET FURNITURE REVIEW [Item 10]

Noted that the representative Swale House had been representing the Epsom Access Group.

It was reported that Epsom Racecourse had agreed to fund the cost of the roundels in the seats. It was noted that the seat design should be Baltimore Standard and not seat as stated in the report. It was also noted that the police had suggested that benches with dividers to form individual seats were preferable to deter people from sleeping on the benches. The Working Group would need to consider whether these could be incorporated and at what additional cost.

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The Area Highways Team Manager reported that if necessary litter bins could be funded from the available budget, but the Borough Council would need to agree to maintain them. The Working Group was asked to look at the budget implications in relation to other priorities.

Resolved:

i] The recommendations of the Street Furniture Working Groups as set out in the report and that the improvements to the street scene be carried out within the budget specified subject to the following amendments:

[on a vote 7 votes FOR to 1 AGAINST]

The colour theme to be used should be dark green the exact colour specification to be agreed by the Working Group;

The agreed area should include The Parade and Dulshott Green;

[on a vote 4 votes FOR the Working Groups proposals and 4 votes AGAINST the proposals to remove the planters and old concrete bollards from opposite the cinema were agreed on the Chairman's casting vote. However it was agreed that:]

Further consideration be given by the Working Group to incorporating some planting in the area opposite the cinema.

51/11 FLEXIBLE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 11]

Noted the forward plan.

52/11 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [Item 12]

Members were reminded that bids to spend any remaining funding in the current financial year should be submitted by 6 February 2012.

Resolved:

i] That the proposed expenditure from the Members' Allocations revenue and capital budgets be approved, subject to 3.2 being amended to allow £1,000 from Chris Frost and £500 from David Wood.

ii] That the funds approved under delegated agreement be noted.

53/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 13]

Wednesday 25 January 2012, 2.00pm, Epsom Town Hall (Special meeting to consider the results of the consultation on the Phase 6 parking review)
Monday 5 March 2012, 7.00pm, Epsom Town Hall.

Meeting Ended: 4.10pm

Chairman