

**MINUTES WERE FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING
ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2006**



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

Date: THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2006

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: THE GREAT BARN, WANBOROUGH GU3 2JR

Members present:

Surrey County Council

Mr Bill Barker (Horsleys)
Ms Sarah Di Caprio (Guildford South-East)
Mr David Goodwin (Guildford South-West)
Mr Mike Nevins (Worplesdon)
Mr Tony Rooth (Shalford)
Ms Pauline Searle (Guildford North)
Ms Fiona White (Guildford West)

Guildford Borough Council (for Transportation matters)

Mr Keith Chesterton (Stoke)
Ms Liz Hogger (Effingham)
Ms Vivienne Johnson (Christchurch)
Ms Diana Lockyer-Nibbs (Normandy)
Mr Terence Patrick (Send)
Mr Tony Phillips (Onslow)
Ms Jenny Wicks (Clandon & Horsley)
Ms Caroline Reeves (Friary & St Nicolas)
Mr Nick Brougham (Burpham)*

*substitute

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The Chairman began the meeting with a few words about the late Cllr John Ades; the meeting stood for a few moments silence.

Eric Barker, Chairman of Wanborough Parish Council welcomed the Members of the Local Committee to the Great Barn.

The following issues were raised during the informal public questions session:

- Traffic issues (volume, speeds, dangerous driving) on the roads around Wanborough (Eric Barker, Wanborough Parish Council)
- Possible Mineral extraction site at Eashing Farm (Sarah Hill, Save Surrey Hills Action Committee)
- Traffic issues in Stoughton (Paul Kassell, Stoughton Community Association)
- Sewage spreading on grass verges (Mrs Barnsdale, Wanborough resident)
- Maintenance and capital projects along the A31 Hogs Back (Eric Barker, on behalf of Bill Nelson, Chairman, Seale and Sands Parish Council)
- Controls on (HGV) traffic at Eashing Farm (Nigel Wilkes)
- Consultation on provision of residential accommodation for young people in Wanborough (Mark Champion, Wanborough Parish Council)

All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.

IN PUBLIC

31/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from David Davis, Eddie Owen, Nigel Manning and Sheridan Westlake, who was substituted by Nick Brougham.

32/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (30 March 2006) [Item 2]

Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

33/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Nick Brougham declared a personal interest in Item 10, being the owner of land abutting the area under discussion in the report.

34/06 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Cllr Terence Patrick presented a petition of 407 signatures on behalf of the Head teacher, Governors and parents of Send First School calling for a pedestrian crossing on Send Barns Lane.

Roger Duckworth presented a petition of 375 signatures of residents of Normandy concerning the environmental problems resulting from new activities at Strawberry Farm. Mr Duckworth felt that the authorities had been complacent in controlling the new activities at the site, but thanked the Local Committee for their support and interest in the issue.

The Committee's responses are appended to these minutes.

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35/06 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

The following questions were received:

John Pettett (Downsedge Residents' Association) and Dennis Booth (Tangier Road resident): Effects of the extension of the Controlled Parking Zone in East Guildford

Maurice Barham (Guildford Society Transport Group): Funding for Local Transportation Schemes

The questions and answers are appended to these minutes.

36/06 WRITTEN MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were no written Members' questions.

37/06 FUNDING DELEGATED TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE 2006-2007 [Item 7]

Members agreed:

- £1,500 for computers and materials for Talentaids skills training (Fiona White)
- £1,640 for new furniture for the Guildford Action drop in centre (David Goodwin)
- £800 for Live and Direct (Fiona White, Pauline Searle, Sarah Di Caprio and David Goodwin (£200 each))
- £500 for prevention of anti-social driving in Ash (Tony Rooth) (This proposal - details appended to these minutes - was tabled at the meeting and considered urgent due to the expected rise in anti-social driving over the summer months.)
- £1,508 for basketball equipment at St Peters Catholic Secondary School, Guildford (Capital allocation)
£1,800 for new furniture for the Relate interview rooms (Capital allocation)

Members agreed to have further discussion concerning themes for spending from the remaining Capital pot.

38/06 FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 8]

Members commented on the Forward Programme and themes for informal engagement events and briefings during 2006/7. Possible themes include:

- Waste and Minerals
- Highways maintenance
- Youth facilities

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39/06 BEECH AVENUE, EFFINGHAM - SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT [Item 9]

Mr James Wetenhall (Effingham Parish Councillor) addressed the Committee describing the history of the problems and the responses to them. He argued that the methodology applied by officers does not take account of the range of factors affecting speeds, and that a 30mph limit could be provided within the flexibility of the policy.

Mr Peter Large (Bursar at St Teresa's school) also addressed the Committee arguing for a 30mph limit as far as St Teresa's, reporting that the school does not allow boarding pupils to walk or cycle on Beech Avenue due to health and safety concerns.

In starting the formal debate, Liz Hogger disagreed with the officers' assessment that Beech Avenue does not constitute a 'village' road, arguing that it should be considered within the whole village of Effingham. Several Members spoke in favour of a 30mph limit in this case.

Liz Hogger proposed and Fiona White seconded the motion that:
"Because Beech Avenue as far as the entrance to St Teresa's School constitutes part of Effingham Village, the Committee therefore believes that a 30 mph speed limit on Beech Avenue up to the entrance to St Teresa's School is consistent with Surrey County Council's Speed Management Policy, and asks officers to implement the speed limit without further delay."

The Senior Local Transportation Manager disagreed with the views expressed that a 30 mph limit could be permitted under the County Council's adopted Speed Management Policy. He expressed concern that the motion may exceed the powers devolved to the Local Committee by the County Council's Executive, and informed the Committee that he would therefore need to seek advice from County Hall before implementing the resolution.

The Committee agreed the motion.

**40/06 NORTH DOWNS LANDSCAPE RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
[Item 10]**

Members expressed a range of views. There was some support for further investigation of:

- a safe crossing facility across the A25 at Newlands Corner.
- grazing to enhance the landscape
- cattle grids
- physical measures to control vehicle speeds on the A25.

Some Members expressed concern at the possibility of:

- unfenced grazing
- crossing without a 50 mph speed limit
- conflict between walkers and cattle
- fencing that might impede walkers
- cattle grids on a major road

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41/06 GUILDFORD STATION REDEVELOPMENT [Item 11]

The Committee nominated Cllr Fiona White and Cllr Bill Barker (the latter as the substitute for the SCC Executive Member) to represent SCC on the proposed Members Steering Group.

[Meeting ended 9.15 pm]

.....(Mr Bill Barker - Chairman)

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(The next meeting of the SCC Local Committee (Guildford) will be at 7pm on 28th September 2006, at Worplesdon Memorial Hall.)



SUMMARY OF PETITIONS

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)

15th JUNE 2006

SUMMARY

This report shows the status of recently received petitions to the Committee together with an update on progress made.

GUILDFORD B.C. WARD(S)

COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION(S)

SEND
NORMANDY

SHERE
WORPLESDON

LEAD OFFICER

DAVE JOHNSON, AREA DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE NUMBER

01483 517301

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petitions referred to in the report

SUMMARY OF PETITIONS RECEIVED UP TO 8 JUNE 2006

Principal petitioner/organisation	Date received	Division / Ward	Summary of concerns and requests	Date reported to GLC	Proposed action Progress achieved
407 parents, staff and governors of Send Church of England First School (via Cllr. Davis)	11.05.06	Shere / Send	<p>“The Governors and Parents are concerned for the safety of children coming to and leaving Send Church of England First School. Over time, several traffic calming measures have been put in place; hatching marking on the road, flashing warning lights on the approaches to the school plus barriers in front of the school gates. However more still needs to be done to improve the safety measures further. We are asking Surrey County Council Highways Department to consider putting a pedestrian crossing point of some sort in the road, to serve both the school and the community medical centre.”</p>	15.06.06	<p>The Committee’s current minor schemes programme includes two schemes in Send:</p> <p>(1) 7/324: A247 Send Barns Rd / Send Marsh Rd, Send, Pedestrian phasing at the signal junction. This scheme is specifically aimed at the traffic signal crossroads in the centre of Send. This scheme has the support of both local Members.</p> <p>(2) 7/339: A247 Send Barns Lane & Send Road, Send, Provision of Pedestrian & cycle facilities. This scheme is to provide pedestrian and/or cycle facilities along or across any part of Send Road or Send Barns Lane. Exactly what is recommended to the Committee will depend on the outcome of the feasibility study. The Committee is currently reviewing the entire programme to see, in the light of increasing costs and decreasing budgets, whether any schemes could be deleted from the programme. It is therefore possible that either or both of these schemes could be abandoned. This will be known in the autumn. This scheme is supported by one local Member but opposed by the other on the grounds that it is rapidly becoming out of date, due to progress on the highways aspects of the Send Parish Plan.</p> <p>There are certain constraints and considerations on what could be achieved to provide a crossing facility in the vicinity of the school. A pelican crossing would prevent parking in the immediate vicinity, and from past experience this may prove unpopular locally. A pedestrian refuge alone would be relatively inexpensive; if however the road is of insufficient width and required widening, this would probably involve diversion of utilities' services, and this could prove very expensive.</p>

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Item 4: Petitions

Principal petitioner/organisation	Date received	Division / Ward	Summary of concerns and requests	Date reported to GLC	Proposed action Progress achieved
375 residents of Normandy	04.06.06	Worplesdon / Normandy	Residents feel that the soil recycling operations at Strawberry Farm, Normandy have increased by new additional processes of importing and shredding of up to 20,000 tonnes/year of green waste. The operations cause severe nuisance in the form of a large increase in heavy lorry traffic, mechanical noise, dust and smells in the surrounding area. Residents claim to be adversely affected by some or all of these nuisances and require that the additional activities are stopped or effectively curtailed.	15.06.06	This matter was brought to the attention of the Local Committee first on 1 December 2005 and again on 9 February 2006 in the form of written questions. Since then, officers and Members (Cllrs. Barker and Nevins) have worked with residents and partner agencies (GBC, the Environment Agency) towards a resolution. Residents met with key officers and Members on 27 April 2006. A further meeting, to include the Environment Agency had been scheduled for 16 June 2006 but has been postponed (date to be confirmed) due to the funeral of Cllr. Ades.

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Item 5: Written Public Questions

**JOHN PETTETT of DOWNSEDGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Q1)
& DENNIS BOOTH (Q2)**

- Q1** In view of the fact that the extension of the CPZ in East Guildford has resulted in a greater than anticipated displacement of parking in St Omer and Tangier Roads, with consequent traffic hazards. Can the review of the CPZ be brought forward as a matter of urgency and what palliative measures can be taken in the meantime? Please note photographic evidence can be produced.
- Q2** What is the coordinated approach being taken to a received view of a parking displacement problem in East Guildford and any mitigating measures that may or may not be required?

A COMBINED RESPONSE TO BOTH QUESTIONS

Some parking displacement was expected by officers as a result of the recent CPZ extension. This is a normal occurrence on the edge of a CPZ. 'All day' parking bays were provided within the extended CPZ area to ensure that the displacement was minimised.

It was made clear to residents of St Omer Road and Tangier Road that displacement was likely to occur and they were given the opportunity to be included in the CPZ extension. There was not sufficient support from the residents to warrant inclusion. 75% of residents in Tangier Road were against inclusion while in St Omer Road opinion was divided equally. In Tangier Road a number of residents were already concerned at the risk caused by speeding vehicles and considered that parked cars would reduce this risk. A lack of parking controls was seen as a positive feature in some residents' responses.

The changes came into effect in April 2006. If anything displacement is less than had been expected. Vehicle speeds have been reduced by the presence of parked cars.

Even though the St Omer Road and Tangier Road area was not included in the CPZ extension, the main junctions were protected with double yellow lines to deter parking. At the junction of Tangier Road and Epsom Road these lines extend further than the standard distance into the road to provide a safe manoeuvring distance. These waiting restrictions were clearly displayed at the exhibitions and were subject to the same consultation as the rest of the CPZ proposals.

The Committee agreed at its meeting on 9 December 2004 that the future programme of parking reviews should follow two cycles of review, one for the CPZ and one for the outer parts of the borough. The two proposed cycles of: review - informal consultation - report to Committee - design changes - consult - implement - allow to settle and review again will proceed continuously over a cycle time of approximately two years. The CPZ and outer area reviews will be some 12 months out of phase with each other. This systematic approach was recommended by officers in order to ensure that alterations to parking controls are undertaken strategically, rather than in a piecemeal or reactive fashion, that all parts of the borough are treated fairly, that resources are used wisely and above all that the needs of residents and businesses are taken fully into consideration.

Officers are now implementing the remaining recommendations from the CPZ review and working on initial plans for the outer area review. At the present time, studies are awaited in Stoughton, Park Barn, Ripley and Ash. Under the cycle for reviews the issues in Tangier Road and St Omer Road will be looked at during the next CPZ review. On this basis, the next review of the CPZ is likely to commence in the spring of 2007.

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MAURICE BARHAM of GUILDFORD SOCIETY TRANSPORT GROUP

Q3 In February this year a press announcement stated that SCC was celebrating the receipt of a £26 million “cash bonus” for its transportation service - an increase of 5.2% on last year’s allocation. Now that the Local Transportation Service Schemes have been agreed for implementation in 2006/7, how much can we be told about the funding allocated to the Intermediate Scheme projects for this and subsequent years? The Guildford Intermediate Scheme Programme appearing on SCC’s website – updated in February – provides a listing of projects without any indication of priorities or funding.

A The press release was issued by the County Council on 15 February 2006 and reported a 5.2% increase in government funding for transport in Surrey during 2006/07 compared with the previous year.

The £26 million is not, as the question suggests, a cash bonus, but is an annual capital grant from the government to all highway authorities to be used for highway maintenance and improvements.

The funding has been allocated as shown overleaf.

Other than maintenance allocations, £540,000 has been allocated for the Merrow Park & Ride roundabout, which is now under construction. In addition, £596,000 has been made available for Guildford bus priorities. This will enable the completion of Phase 2 of the Woodbridge Road bus lane, and commencement of the Millbrook bus lane, as already agreed by this Committee

Neither funding levels nor their allocation for 2007/08 and beyond are known, so it is not possible to say at this stage what progress will be made in future years.

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LTP2 ALLOCATIONS 2006/07

	£000	
Committed Major Schemes		
Major schemes contingencies	<u>50</u>	50
Committed Intermediate Schemes		
A322 Church Road, Bisley (Hen & Chicks roundabout)	400	
Marrow Park & Ride	540	
Guildford bus priorities	<u>596</u>	1,536
Policy commitments		
Network Management Centre	550	
DPE (Decriminalised Parking)	80	
Cycle schemes	240	
Rights of way improvements	100	
Dual carriageway safety barriers	350	
Vehicle actuated signs	100	
Section 106	100	
Demand Responsive Transport	<u>200</u>	1,720
Central Services		
Passenger Transport	1,510	
Walking Strategy	50	
National Cycle Network Route 22	50	
Central Safer Routes to School (capital only)	200	
Mobility Management	100	
Surrey Hills	50	
Low Cost Remedial Schemes	200	
Travel Awareness / planning	<u>200</u>	2,360
New Intermediate Schemes	0	
Horley Interchange	600	
Integrated Transport Contingency	<u>300</u>	<u>900</u>
TOTAL	6,566	
LTS Local Allocations		<u>5,410</u>
Total Integrated Transport		11,976
Maintenance		
Road Maintenance	7,700	
Devolved maintenance	1,400	
Traffic Signal Maintenance	250	
Bridge Maintenance	4,209	
A244 Walton Bridge	300	
Maintenance Contingency	<u>100</u>	<u>13,959</u>
TOTAL LTP SETTLEMENT		<u>25,935</u>

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URGENT ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL - ITEM 7**

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN
GUILDFORD



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PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL BUDGET

1.	Name of Member:	Tony Rooth
2.	Name of project:	Footpath maintenance near Old School Close, Ash
3.	Organisation responsible for carrying out the project?	Surrey County Council, Countryside Access (formerly Rights of Way)
4.	Description of Project: What outcomes are expected? What needs will it address? What geographical area will it cover? Who will benefit? How many people?	Installation of additional barriers/fence/bollard under s.66 Highways Act 1980 (Public safety issue) at the junction of FP 354 Ash with Railway footbridge. To prevent dangerous & illegal use of motorbikes, quadbikes etc. Many local pedestrians use the rail bridge and footpath to access the playground and shops
5.	Who has been consulted?	Ash Parish Council, GBC Community Safety Warden, SCC, Police, Safer Guildford Partnership, local residents
6.	When will the project be started and completed? When will outcomes be seen?	Measures to be implemented by the end of June.
7.	What is the total cost of the project? Estimate/breakdown of costings.	Up to £1,000
8.	Amount and purpose of proposed Local Committee funding?	£500 contribution
9.	What alternative funds have been sought or secured?	Balance has been secured from Safer Guildford Partnership and SCC Countryside Access
10.	Has any other part of Surrey County Council been approached for this funding?	No
11.	Has the Local Committee given funding for this purpose in the past?	No
12.	If this project will need funding in future, how will that be met?	N/A
13.	Area Director's / SCC Service Manager's comments	Recommend approval. The urgency of this proposal relates to the expected rise in anti-social behaviour expected in the summer months.
14.	Date of Local Committee	15 th June 2006