

Minutes of meeting

Surrey County Council Local Committee (Guildford)

Date: Thursday 22 September 2011

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Lord Pirbright's Hall, Guildford Rd., Pirbright GU24 0JE

Members present:

Surrey County Council

Mr Mark Brett-Warburton (Guildford South-East) Chairman

Mr David Goodwin (Guildford South-West)

Ms Fiona White (Guildford West)

Ms Pauline Searle (Guildford North)

Mr Keith Taylor (Shere)

Mr Nigel Sutcliffe (Worplesdon)

Mr Bill Barker (Horsleys)

Mr Simon Gimson (Shalford)

Mr Graham Ellwood (Guildford East)

Ms Marsha Moseley (Ash)

Guildford Borough Council (for Transportation matters)

Councillor Mark Chapman (Westborough)

Councillor Gill Harwood (Stoughton) *

Councillor Christian Holliday (Burpham)

Councillor Diana Lockyer-Nibbs (Normandy)

Councillor Bob McShee (Worplesdon)

Councillor Nigel Manning (Ash Vale)

Councillor James Palmer (Shalford)

Councillor Tony Phillips (Onslow)

Councillor Tony Rooth (Pilgrims)

Councillor Jenny Wicks (Clandon & Horsley)

* substitute

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

- The alleged right of way at Fox Corner
- Dangerous parking and traffic warden enforcement around St Luke's Square, Guildford
- The safety of pedestrians and cyclists at the Blackwater junction
- Nuisance and dangerous parking around Rivermount Gardens, Guildford
- The position on the pavement of newly installed street lighting which can affect the space available to pedestrians

22/11 Apologies for absence and substitutions [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Caroline Reeves (substituted by Gill Harwood).

23/11 Minutes of the last meetings (22 June 2011) [Item 2]

Agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/11 Declarations of interest [Item 3]

Declarations of interest were made by:

- Diana Lockyer-Nibbs in relation to Items 12, 13 and 14, because she is a member of the British Horse Society.
- Mark Brett-Warburton in relation to Item 6, because he is a resident of Warwick Road
- David Goodwin against Item 6 as he holds a CPZ permit.

25/11 Petitions [Item 4]

A petition was received relating to residents car parking around Dene Road, Denmark Road and Eastgate Gardens, Guildford (Annexe 1). The petition was presented by Mr Mark Lovatt. The meeting heard that officers were recommending a consultation over the hours of controlled parking and the details were laid out in the report submitted under item 6 of the agenda.

26/11 Written questions [Item 5]

a) There were no written public questions received

b) One written question from Councillor Palmer was received. In response to the written answer (Annexe 2), Councillor Palmer urged Surrey County Council to write to the Highways Agency with regard to the matter of HGV's travelling through Compton.

27/11 Controlled Parking Review [Item 6]

1. Guildford Borough Council's Parking Services Manager spoke to the paper.
2. It was explained that consultation letters to residents would be despatched before Christmas.
3. Members suggested that the entire area of the Mount, all of Millmead, Gardener, Markenham and Drummond Roads might also be included. This was noted.
4. Members moved to enforce parking controls up to 9pm at night and on Sundays at Millmead and Woodbridge Road.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:

- (i) to consult with properties in the area of Onslow village on further parking restrictions,
- (ii) that if additional parking facilities are to be introduced in The Mount during the course of this review, that consultation is undertaken to introduce dual use parking for permit holders and visitors subject to a maximum time limit,
- (iii) to consult with properties in Warwicks Bench between Fort Road and Castle Hill, and area D residents with an H permit, on the proposal in ANNEXE 6 to introduce pay and display parking to create a greater availability of space for residents,
- (iv) to consult with properties in the Millmead area highlighted in ANNEXE 7 on the introduction of pay and display parking to increase the availability of space for residents and for those attending the clinics in the area and to enforce parking controls up to 9pm at night and on Sundays
- (v) to consult with properties in the Woodbridge Road area highlighted in ANNEXE 8 on the introduction of pay and display parking to increase the availability of space for residents and for local shops and to enforce parking controls up to 9pm at night and on Sundays
- (vi) to consult with properties in and around G-Live on extending parking controls to 9.00pm and on Sunday
- (vii) to consult with properties in and around the schools in the Cranley Road area about rearrangement of the limited waiting and unrestricted parking bays, and the shortening of the limited waiting period of those bays in the immediate vicinity of the schools to 2-hours,
- (viii) develop proposals in a number of other locations to make essential changes to the bays and restrictions for safety, access and traffic movement reasons, and technical changes, so that the order reflects changes in the highway infrastructure and the restrictions on the ground.

Reason for decision:

To enable local residents and businesses to engage with the decisions of, the Local Committee.

28/11 The Safer Guildford Partnerships [Item 7]

Guildford Borough Council's Community Safety Officer and the Chief Inspector of the Neighbourhood Police Team spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- (i) note the contents of the report and the activities of the Partnership in the year 2010-2011.

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Reason for decision:

It was important that the Local Committee continued to play an active interest and involvement in local partnerships.

29/11 Local Prevention Framework [Item 8]

1. The Committee heard from the Councillor Keith Taylor, Chairman of the Youth Task Group, which had met that day. A workshop will take place during October in order to establish the needs of young people in the Guildford Borough to enable them to remain in education or enter employment or training schemes. The workshop will invite those currently delivering services for young people in Guildford from all agencies, community and voluntary sectors.
2. The Local Committee will receive a report at the December meeting informing on the outcomes of the workshop and delivering further information on the contract process.

30/11 Byway open to all traffic 514 [Item 9]

Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Officer spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed that:

The grounds for making a seasonal TRO as outlined were met, and a Order should be made for Byway Open to All Traffic 514 (Shere) (D260) to prevent damage to the surface and to facilitate the passage of all other class of traffic on the byway during wet conditions, as shown on Drawing Number 3/1/68/H29 ([Annexe 1](#)).

Reason for decision:

To safeguard the BOAT from further deterioration.

31/11 Byway open to all traffic 511 [Item 10]

Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Officer spoke to the report.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed that:

The grounds for making a seasonal TRO as outlined are met, and a Order should be made for parts of Byways Open to All Traffic 511 (Shere) & 511 (Albury) (D224) to prevent damage to the surface and to facilitate the passage of all other class of traffic on the byway during wet conditions, as shown on Drawing Number 3/1/68/H30 ([Annexe 1](#)).

Reason for decision:

To safeguard the BOAT from further deterioration.

32/11 Alleged public right of way at Fox Corner [Item 11]

Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Officer spoke to the report.

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1. Councillor Sutcliffe reflected that there had been debate over this matter for many years. He recounted historical and anecdotal supporting evidence that the route was used sufficiently by local people to justify a designation as a public right of way.
2. Officers consultation had revealed that 6 people had used the route for the past 20 years and 4 people for slightly longer. It was the officer's opinion and legal advice that the route was not used sufficiently to justify a designation of a public right of way.
3. When put to the vote, members voted against the officers' recommendation.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed:

- (i) Public footpath rights are recognised over A-D on plan 3/1/61/H9 and that this application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a footpath is approved.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee agreed the evidence was sufficient to raise a presumption that a public right of way exists.

33/11 Highways Schemes Update Report [Item 12]

The Area Highways Manager spoke to the report.

1. The meeting heard that it was intended schemes at Papercourt and Tannery Lane would be in place this year.
2. It was noted that the Woodland Avenue scheme was not yet complete.
3. Members requested that the Highways Priority Scheme list be brought to the next informal meeting for discussion.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- (i) Note progress on highway improvement schemes, including three developer funded schemes.

Reason for decision:

The report updated Members on Highways schemes progress.

34/11 Update on Winter Maintenance Arrangements [Item 13]

The Area Highways Manager spoke to the report and tabled details of the extended priority one routes at [Annexe 1](#).

1. Members heard that the efficiency savings made since the new highways contract had been in place had enabled the extension of the Priority 1 gritting routes by 107 miles around the county and salt stocks had been increased.
2. A new Priority 3 designation had been awarded to the access roads to primary schools around the county.

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3. A new grit bin deal was on offer to communities and residents at a cost of £1,000 which would be maintained and refilled for a total of four years.
4. The meeting heard that some communities had purchased grit bins and then found they were unable to place them on the public highway.
5. Members were reassured that all grit bins purchased through Members Allocations would be in place before winter.
6. A schedule was requested for the next meeting and members requested that the schedule be brought to the next informal meeting for discussion.

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- (i) To note the revised winter maintenance arrangements for Guildford; and
- (ii) the Chairman would write to the Cabinet Member for Transport to request that consideration be given to the County Council entering into contracts that would enable the placing of non-County Council grit bins onto the highway without liability to Surrey County Council.

Reason for decision:

Members were concerned that communities had been purchasing grit bins only to find that they may not place them on the highway.

35/11 Members Local Allocation [Item 14]

The Local Committee (Guildford) :

- i. noted the actions carried out under delegated authority.
- ii. agreed the proposed expenditure from the Members' Capital and the Members' Revenue allocation budgets.
- iii. noted the change of use of funding.

Reason for decision:

The spending proposals put forward to the meeting had been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money.

36/11 Forward Programme [Item 15]

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed to:

- (i) the Forward Programme 2011/12, as outlined in Appendix 1 with the exception of the Hog's Back report which will be deferred until the March 2012 meeting.

Reason for decision:

To enable preparations to be made for future meetings, reflecting members' wishes. The Hog's Back report has been deferred on the advice of the divisional member who has reported work is in progress.

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37/11 Local Sustainable Transport Fund (Key Component) [Item 16]

The Local Sustainable Transport Fund Manager spoke to the report.

1. Members commented that, although deadlines were tight to commit the spending to projects, that there should be close consultation with local walking groups
2. The meeting also felt that there should be a significant role for members to monitor and contribute to the consultation process.
3. Members requested the item be placed on the agenda for the next informal meeting of the committee

The Local Committee (Guildford) agreed that:

- (i) The draft Plan and Programme for 2011/12 attached as Annexe A (Guildford section only) is approved.
- (ii) Where a Traffic Regulation Order was to be made it would be brought to the Local Committee (Guildford) for agreement; and that where significant objections were received to a made TRO for the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee (Guildford) and the divisional member to decide if the TRO may be confirmed.
- (iii) Officers will update members of the Local Committee in relation to progress of the LSTF (Key Component) Project, at appropriate times during the year.
- (iv) The Local Committee delegate authority to the Transportation Task Group to monitor and review the current draft programme and develop a draft programme of works for 2012/13 to be submitted to this committee before March 2012.
- (v) The Local Committee would be the steering group for the preparation of the Guildford element of the large bid; delegation of the detailed work would be to the Transportation Task Group which would report at each Local Committee public meeting for decision making.

Reason for decision:

The Local Committee welcomed the report and draft programme. Members agreed more local influence and member involvement should be included in the process and that the delegation process should be clear.

[Meeting ended at 10.00pm]

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The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday 7th December 2011 at 7pm, at Park Barn Day Centre.

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Petitions [Item 4]

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| Principal petitioner/ organisation | Birinder Agora, on behalf of 52 signatories |
| SCC Division / GBC Ward | Guildford South East / Holy Trinity |
| Summary of concerns and requests | <p>Being a resident of (Dene Rd / Denmark Rd / Eastgate Gardens, Guildford), I would strongly urge the authorisation of an extension to the controlled hours for residents parking on these roads prior to the opening of the new G-Live and Guildford Hotel.</p> <p>We, the residents of the above roads, have patiently suffered a great deal of inconvenience since the start of the new G-Live facility and Guildford Hotel construction for almost two years now, including but not limited to noise, heavy vibration, dust (and permanently filthy vehicles as a result), and a never ending stream of heavy goods vehicles coming down a road that was wholly inappropriate to use as a through road for the works vehicles. This is not just restricted to the new Civic Hall but also applies to the construction of the Guildford Hotel, which has not been without issue. As the construction now nears completion and the venue and hotel prepare for opening, we are now likely to suffer further and ongoing major frustrations and inconvenience with respect to residents parking.</p> <p>When the venue opens, visitors to the new G-Live (and the new Guildford Hotel) will undoubtedly be looking for a convenient and FREE place to park in order to attend the venue or hotel rather than using any of the paid car parks. Therefore, the first place people will look to park will be Dene Rd, followed by Denmark Rd or Eastgate Gardens. Resident spaces will then be occupied from 6pm until such time as the event is over, making it impossible for local residents to park on their return. This will quite often follow with visitors going into town to dine and then the subsequent noise with car doors slamming till late into the night or early hours of the morning, which we believe will contravene the noise regulations in a residential area. Many of the residents of these roads have lived here for many years and speak from experience, as this was exactly what used to happen when the old Civic Hall was operational. This will happen again, only on a considerably greater scale this time as the venue itself is much larger and, as a multi-purpose venue, it will be used on many more days and evenings than the old Civic Hall, on top of which we also have the new hotel to take into account, which will only worsen the situation further.</p> <p>There are more than enough car parks for shoppers to park in Guildford, and venue visitors should be parking in the venue facilities provided (in this respect, road signs to assist visiting motorists are non-existent and need to be put in place). Such visitors should not be disrupting the peaceful lives of residents. As the people closest to the two new venues, we have borne the brunt of the inconvenience and it is only right and proper that our views are now taken into serious consideration and that</p> |

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| | <p>the changes requested are granted. Please rest assured that this issue will not rest until it has been resolved to the satisfaction of the local people affected, and we will campaign as necessary to achieve the goal and to ensure that this is not just brushed under the carpet.</p> <p>There can be no solid or rational reason why this change cannot be implemented, and we the residents directly affected by this issue deserve to have this one small thing agreed to, having patiently endured two major construction projects and (being the people closest to both these new and substantial venues), the people who will be most and continuously inconvenienced once the doors open, whether it be day, evening or night, event or conference or hotel guests.</p> <p>As a bonus to the council, this request will also serve to provide additional revenue in the form of parking charges, as the visitors will be forced to park in paid spaces, which is only right and proper.</p> |
| Response | Officers advise that the response to this petition is contained within the report to be found at item 6 of the agenda. |

Written public questions [Item 5a]

None submitted

Written members' questions [Item 5b]

Question from Guildford Borough Councillor James Palmer (Shalford Ward)

In relation to the B3000 between the A3 and A3100, is the Local Transportation Manager aware that:

- a) there was another serious accident resulting in personal injury involving an HGV in the village of Compton (on 1 August 2011);
- b) in places the road is too narrow for two HGVs to pass without mounting the pavement or without difficulty;
- c) in the period 2003-2009, according to Surrey County Council figures obtained by Compton Parish Council, 81 people were injured in accidents on this stretch of road; and
- d) Signs on the southbound carriageway of the A3 direct traffic, including HGVs, travelling to Godalming through Compton and Peasmarsh?

In light of the above points, will the County Council please:

- (i) consider an HGV ban on this section of road or,
- (ii) ask the Highways Agency (who have referred to current signs as an anomaly) to change the signage on the A3 so that traffic bound for Godalming is directed along the equidistant and more suitable route of the A3100 from Milford?"

Answer

a) Yes, the local highway office is aware of the incident and has discussed this matter with Surrey Police. The initial investigation by Surrey Police suggests the cyclists lost control after being passed by a HGV.

b) Narrow roads are not uncommon in rural areas and villages across Surrey, and in some respects helps to regulate traffic speeds, especially that of HGV's.

c) Not wishing to comment regarding the data, period or method of extraction of the information, there is a need for numbers quoted to be put in context. Firstly, the data does not include recent years and from comments made it applies to section of B3000 from the A3 to A3100 which is approximately 3 miles (4.8 kilometres) in length. Secondly, the causation factors for the injuries quoted are considered and finally no indication of type of vehicles involved and circumstances of these incidents.

Notwithstanding this, considering the Personal Injury Accidents (PIA's) for the length of built-up area of the village, which is just over 1/2 mile in length, for the same period (2003- 2009) there were 8 accidents recorded by the police, an average of 1.15 per annum. Of these accidents, only one incident involved a Heavy Goods Vehicle and remainder were cars. During the most recent 3 year period, 1/08/2008 to 31/07/2011, there have been 4 incidents in the built-up area, none of which involved Heavy Goods Vehicles.

d) There is a sign prior to the slip road only indicates Farnham & Godalming and the separation section signs indicating Farnham, Godalming, Puttenham & Compton. These signs are the responsibility of Highways Agency (HA).

i) The B3000 is a very important local distributed route which is used to reach local communities such a Compton, Binscombe, Shalford, Godalming and other villages and communities. The issue of banning HGV's on this road and many similar roads in Guildford and for that matter Surrey are received on regular basis. This issue has been considered on many occasion and officers have not supported such a restriction due to importance of the route to local communities and economy of the area as whole, while appreciating the local concerns of Compton residents.

ii) This matter has been raised by SCC in the past, and have informed the HA of our support in relation to any proposals which they may decide to put forward in respect of the changes to the signing. HA have not responded to past requests, and officers will take this up with them again.