

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 29 September 2004 in the Council Chamber at Mole Valley District Council Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Surrey County Council Members

David Gollin (Chairman)
Bob McKinley (Vice Chairman)
Helyn Clack
Jim Smith
David Timms
Hazel Watson

Mole Valley District Council Members

Hubert Carr
Rosemary Dickson
Valerie Homewood
John Northcott
Jean Pearson
Ben Tatham

[All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting]

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

66/04 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** [Item 1]

No apologies of absence were received.

67/04 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

John Northcott declared an interest in Item 15 as the Mole Valley District Council representative on the Consultative Committee for Ashted Common. David Gollin, as the Surrey County Council representative on the same group, also declared an interest in Item 15.

68/04 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** [Item 3]

The minutes of the last meeting were signed as an accurate record following an amendment to 49/04.

69/04 **PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4]

Two public questions were received. The Local Transportation Director agreed to respond to Mr Spiers in writing to his question about the relocation of the A24. A response to a question on statutory parking provision in Leatherhead High Street and Church Street from Mrs Sharland was read aloud at the meeting.

Three Member Questions were received from Hazel Watson. Written responses were tabled at the meeting and are appended to this minute.

70/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

A petition bearing 135 signatures was presented to the committee by Mr Norman Gilham on behalf of the Clockhouse/Clarks Green Action Group. Of

the 32 affected properties on the Horsham Road, 27 reject the 2004 proposals put forward and agreed at the meeting of the local committee on 26 May 2004.

A copy of the text read aloud and supporting materials were circulated to members at the meeting and these are appended to this minute.

The Chairman accepted the petition without comment and agreed that officers would report back to the committee at the next meeting of the local committee in its transportation mode on 8 December 2004.

71/04 MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION [Item 6]

A supplementary paper was circulated at the meeting listing proposals not circulated with the full committee papers.

County members of the committee agreed to:

- (i) **Re-approve a contribution of £12,500 towards the cost of a Leatherhead Healthcheck, now that Mole Valley District Council have agreed to match fund the project**
- (ii) **Approve the proposal of £11,000 towards St. Michaels' Community Nursery to provide a dedicated nursery site at Mickleham Village Hall**
- (iii) **Approve the proposal of £10,000 towards the Play-way pre-school in Fetcham**
- (iv) **Approve the proposal of £1,000 towards the replacement costs of the Beare Green Sports Pavilion**
- (v) **Note the bid of £500 for the Mayflower Centre**
- (vi) **Approve the proposal of £2,500 for All Saints' Church Vestry**
- (vii) **Approve the proposal of £1,000 for Walliswood Village Hall's cesspit**
- (viii) **Approve the proposal of £1,000 towards the replacement costs of Charlwood Parish Council's lawnmower**
- (ix) **Note the bid of £355 for the Buckland community composter**

72/04 SOUTH STREET, DORKING – REPOSNSE TO PETITION FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING [Item 7]

Local member for Dorking South, David Timms, welcomed the proposals put forward by the petitioners and urged the committee to welcome the proposals. Jim Smith drew attention to the low accident record at this site and asked for an assurance that any facility would not increase the likelihood of further accidents.

RESOLVED

- (i) **that further investigations for the establishment of a pedestrian facility are carried out as part of the Dorking Decongestion Study, to ascertain the most desirable type and location for a pedestrian facility, whilst balancing the need of safety against**

the need to not cause an unnecessary traffic 'throttle' within Dorking Town.

73/04 D2612 MINCHIN CLOSE, LEATHERHEAD – RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING [Item 8]

Local member for leatherhead South, Rosemary Dickson, stated there was a need for residents parking in Minchin Close, as it is a cul-de-sac with no garaging. A request was made for consideration of residents parking in Waverley Place, as parking is particularly problematic in this street also. The Local Transportation Director expressed caution at having a prescriptive list and stressed the need for an even-handed approach to be taken across the District.

The Local Transportation Director also stated there were aspirations amongst officers to implement a residents parking scheme. However, partners must be a period of enforcing Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement before any review takes place.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Minchin Close be kept under review and be included in any scheme for residents parking or for changes to waiting restrictions in the future, subject to the necessary finance and resources being available.**

74/04 SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP [Item 9]

The safety camera due to be installed at Mickleham by the end of 2005 will be the first site under the new Safety Camera Partnership. The Local Transportation Director tabled revised recommendations at the meeting and announced that an order was being placed for two vehicle activated signs to be installed at Swan Lane prior to the installation of the safety camera. Additional chevrons will be put in place at Burford Bridge, and crash barriers will also be installed from the section between the Frascati restaurant and the start of the trees. The Local Transportation Director also confirmed that this stretch of road has a high level of skid resistance and that accidents are caused by excessive speed and failure on the part of drivers to read the road properly, especially in wet conditions.

RESOLVED

- (i) to note the benefits of the creation of the Surrey Safety Camera Partnership.**
- (ii) that the installation of a safety camera and associated vehicle activated signage be installed at Mickleham (A24) as soon as is practical.**
- (iii) that, in addition, the following course of action be implemented:**
 - the installation of 2 VAS signs at the start of the 50mph section of the A24 north bound**
 - more chevrons, edge markers and some signage improvement**
 - a limited section of crash barrier at the worst accident site**

75/04 JOINT ROAD SAFETY LOCAL ACTION PLAN [Item 10]

The report set out the Joint Road Safety Strategy and the local action plan agreed between the Local Transportation Service and the Casualty Reduction Team of Surrey Police. The Chairman commented on the close working relationship between the county and police, the frequency of meetings between the Borough Inspector and Local Transportation Director, and pointed out the uniqueness of the proposed co-location of the Casualty Reduction Officer with the Local Transportation Service.

RESOLVED

- (i) to note the actions being undertaken by the LTS under the Joint Road Safety Strategy**
- (ii) to adopt the Local Action Plan for Mole Valley as detailed in the attached Annexe**

76/04 (OLD) LONDON ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS [Item 11]

Additional paperwork was distributed by officers at the meeting and is appended to this minute. Members welcomed the proposals, especially in light of the convenience for mums with prams. Some concern was expressed about the height of kerb on the path side. Officers confirmed that a safety auditor had visited the site informally and deemed it to be safe. Members asked that the proposal be passed to the Mole Valley Access group. The Local Transportation Director agreed to pass this on.

RESOLVED

- (i) authorisation is given for the implementation of the scheme as detailed in Annexe A.**

77/04 THE RIDGEWAY TRAFFIC RESTRAINT MEASURES – KENNEL LANE, PENROSE ROAD AND COCK LANE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS [Item 12]

The results of the consultation were tabled at the meeting. On the basis of these the Local Transportation Director requested that a staged approach be taken to this scheme following consultation with the local member. This would mean that £40,000 would be allocated this year towards The Ridgeway improvements and £60,000 would be allocated next year towards the Cock Lane improvements. This would free up the necessary funds to use for the A24 safety improvements referred to at 74/04. This decision was put to a vote and carried by 6 votes for and 4 against.

RESOLVED

- (i) The Ridgeway scheme design is developed and carried forward for implementation.**
- (ii) A restricted semi permanent portion of the Kennel Lane / Penrose Road / Cock Lane design (close to the shops) be**

- implemented, and subject to further consultation extended at a later time.
- (iii) **The LTD is authorised to vire from the FBE budget head to the A24 Mickleham bends scheme.**

78/04 LEATHERHEAD DECONGESTION STUDY [Item 13]

The report outlined the findings of the Leatherhead Decongestion Study. It was noted that the findings of the study present an opportunity to tackle the problem of parking provision in Leatherhead.

RESOLVED

- (i) **that the timescale and measures set out in section 5.7 of the attached briefing note is approved for implementation.**

79/04 TRAFFIC ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HEADLEY [item 14]

The Chairman invited local member for Dorking North, Hazel Watson, to comment on the report. Officers and Headley Parish Council were complimented on the constructive work done in Headley in preparing the report.

RESOLVED

- (i) **to note the contents of this report and to give support to the action plan as shown in Annexe A.**

80/04 A24 CYCLE PATH – CRADDOCKS AVENUE TO EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH BOUNDARY [Item 15]

The wording of recommendation 1 was altered, with the replacement of the word “acquire” with “obtain highway rights”. Following a question about the width requirement for a segregated facility, the Local Transportation Director confirmed that 3.0 metres is the required with for shared access and 3.5 metres for segregated access.

RESOLVED

- (i) **approve further negotiations with the Corporation of London to obtain highway rights over the necessary land and, if these are successful, implement the scheme.**
- (ii) **approve to redesignate the existing footway to a shared use facility through clause 66(4) of the 1980 Highways Act.**

81/04 CAPITAL PROJECTS SCHEME LIST REVIEW [Item 16]

This report was primarily for information, following an earlier committee decision to authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to rationalise the

capital projects scheme list in consultation with the Local Transportation Director. The report outlines their conclusions.

RESOLVED

- (i) **to approve the revised total schemes list (Annexe B) for future progression within the Local Transport Plan.**
- (ii) **to note the intention to review the schemes list in the future (likely yearly).**

82/04 DISPOSAL OF HIGHWAY LAND AT SHAMROACK CLOSE, FETCHAM
[Item 17]

The local member for Leatherhead and Fetcham East noted that this was a sensible and unavoidable report.

RESOLVED

- (i) **that the area hatched red on plan number 2393/15 rev L (to be displayed at Committee) be declared unnecessary and surplus to highway requirements;**
- (ii) **That Legal Service be instructed to proceed with the extinguishment of public highway rights over the area hatched red on plan number 2393/15 rev L.**

83/04 CASUALTY REDUCTION REPORT [Item 18]

This item was for information only.

84/04 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT [Item 19]

This item was for information only.

85/04 PETITIONS RECEIVED [Item 20]

This item was for information only.

86/04 FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 21]

This item was for information only.

[Meeting ended: 17.00]

Chairman.

ANNEXE TO MINUTES:

- 1. Member Questions from Hazel Watson (Dorking North)**
- 2. Supplementary papers for Item 5, Petition from Mr N. Gilham**
- 3. Supplementary papers for Item 6, Members Local Allocation**
- 4. Revised recommendations for Item 9, Safety Camera Partnership**
- 5. Supplementary papers for Item 11, (Old) London Road Pedestrian Improvements**
- 6. Supplementary papers for Item 12, The Ridgeway Traffic Restraint Measures (FBE Study)**
- 7. Supplementary papers for Item 15, Capital Projects Schemes List Review**