

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 8 December 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

The Chairman apologised for the delayed start of the meeting.

68/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

An apology of absence was received by Cllr. Jean Pearson. She was substituted by Cllr. David Sharland.

69/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]

No declarations of interest were made.

70/04 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 3]

The minutes of the last minute were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the rewording of 73/04. Officers agreed to make the necessary changes.

71/04 PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 4]

The Chairman, using his discretion, asked the committee to agree to take public *and* member questions relating to the A24 together before other members of the public and committee members asked their questions. The committee agreed.

72/04 The Local Transportation Director agreed to respond to Mr Skulfer's written questions in writing. The Local Transportation Director could make no comment because the matter is being dealt with at a corporate level.

73/04 David Timms thanked officers for the written response to his question. A supplementary question on whether a phased approach to the design, with an island being the first stage, would be possible. The LTD confirmed that an

island or crossing would be prioritised but that it was not possible to take a decision at this moment.

Hazel Watson did not ask any supplementary questions in response to her written questions.

Valerie Homewood asked whether work following the flooding on 14 October was included in the £20,000 costs for Dorking. The LTD agreed to send a full breakdown of these costs to Valerie Homewood.

74/04 Revd. Nelson Porter thanked the Chairman for the written reply to his questions (which were tabled at the meeting), and asked whether officers could give an indication of how long the processes and stages referred to in the response would take. The LTD in reply said it would take time to understand all issues associated with the accident. He confirmed that engineers were working on a possible scheme. This would require the support of partners as well as support in the way of necessary funding.

Revd. Nelson Porter asked whether an immediate solution would be to close the footpath. The LTD said he could put up signs immediately directing people to use the footpath.

75/04 3 questions were asked by members of the public. Mrs Sharland asked a question about the works in Leret Way, Leatherhead. Mrs Dilley asked a question in relation to item 9. Mrs Griggs asked a question about drainage in Rothes Road, to which the LTD agreed to respond in writing.

76/04 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

A petition bearing in excess of 700 signatures was presented by Mr Steve Willoughby on behalf of the Bartlett family requesting the installation of a safe crossing between the footpaths between Chart Downs and Goodwyns. The Chairman accepted the petition without comment and informed the petitioner that officers would prepare a response to the next transportation committee meeting on 23 February 2005.

Mr Willoughby then went on to ask if it would be possible to put up signs on the highway warning motorists. The LTD explained that he could not put up signs that do not conform to guidance, nor did he have any powers to put up non-standard signage.

77/04 **MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATION** [Item 6]

The proposals for spending local revenue allocation were agreed by county members of the committee.

RESOLVED

- (i) to approve a proposal for £5,000 for the East Surrey Rural Transport Forum to pilot an evening demand responsive bus service on two evenings a week to the residents of Fetcham and Bookham
- (ii) to approve a proposal for £2,000 for improvements to the playground facilities at Eastwick Junior School
- (iii) to approve a proposal for £2,000 towards costs of the second Leatherhead Drama Festival to note the proposal of £400 to

construct a drop kerb in order to allow access to wheel chair users via Greville Court

78/04 **A24 – (Major) – RESPONSE TO PETITION** [Item 7]

In light of recent guidance from the Government Office of the South East (GOSE), which was tabled at the meeting, the Chairman asked the committee for permission to reverse the order of items 7 and 8 of the agenda. Members agreed to this.

The LTD confirmed he would be discussing settlement schemes with GOSE. Helyn Clack expressed her regret at the government decision, but welcomed the extra time to come up with a scheme that was more acceptable. It is thought unlikely that the route will become a regional priority, even though it is of local significance.

Asked whether a report on the scheme would come back to the local committee, the LTD said the assumption was that it would be referred to the Regional Transport Board. It was agreed that a briefing note for members on how the RTB would work would be of benefit.

The LTD withdrew recommendation 2. The committee agreed to note the first recommendation with reference to the revised recommendation of the planning agreement.

RESOLVED

In light of the changes in government funding (letter from GOSE circulated at this meeting) for major road improvements, members are asked to note the report only. The Local (Transportation) Director recommends that an assessment of the implications of the GOSE letter is carried out and that this scheme will not be progressed until confirmation of government funding is certain.

79/04 **A24 – (Major) – PLANNING AGREEMENT** [Item 8]

RESOLVED

(i) Agree that the contents of the petition be noted with reference to the resolution agreed under Item 8.

80/04 **BOAT 116 LEATHERHEAD – RESPONSE TO PETITION** [Item 9]

The Chairman welcomed Sue Todd, Head of Rights of Way, to the meeting. A petition was presented to the A folder of paperwork relating to Byway Open to All Traffic 116 (Leatherhead) was made available for inspection at committee. There had been a number of letters of support as well as objections to the A number of issues were raised during the discussion.

- None of the objections were from local residents. It was noted that the objections, though legitimate, could have come from a standard letter, because they were drafted in a similar manner.
- The TRO has the support of Mole Valley District Council officers.

- Safety of children was cited as a reason for supporting the TRO.

The Chairman confirmed the support of Cllr. Peter Smith, the local district councillor. Cllr. John Northcott moved, and Cllr. Hubert Carr seconded, that the committee accept the making of TRO on BOAT 116 Leatherhead.

The motion was supported and the committee agreed to publish notice of intention to make the order.

RESOLVED

that the notice of the intention to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prohibit use by all vehicles on a section of Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 116 Leatherhead be published.

- 81/04 **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO. 78 (ABINGER)** [Item 10]
The recommendations were agreed.

RESOLVED

that an Order be made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert Public Footpath No. 78, Abinger, as shown on Drawing No. 3/1/38/H48 and either confirmed as an unopposed order or, if objections are received, submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for determination.

- 82/04 **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NO. 299 (NEWDIGATE)**
[Item 11]
The recommendations were agreed. Valerie Homewood stated that way marking is useful as routes on the ground are different to those on OS maps. These comments were noted.

RESOLVED

that the Surrey County Council Footpath No 299 (Newdigate) Public Path Diversion Order 2004 be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

- 83/04 **PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH NOS. 211/217/303/304 & 312 (NEWDIGATE)** [Item 12]
The recommendation to make a Map Modification Order was agreed.

RESOLVED

that the Surrey County Council Footpaths Nos. 211, 217, 303, 304 and 312 (Newdigate) Public Path Diversion Order 2004 be sent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

84/04 PUBLIC BRIDLEWAYS NOS. 114A LEATHERHEAD AND 514 HEADLEY – PROPOSED DIVERSION [Item 13]

The recommendations were agreed.

RESOLVED

that the Surrey County Council Bridleways Nos. 114A (Leatherhead) & 514 (Headley) Public Path Diversion Order 2004 be sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

85/04 PUBIC BRIDLEWAYS NOS. 139/141/142/143 (WOTTON) – PROPOSED DIVERSION/EXTINGUISHMENT [Item 14]

The recommendations were agreed.

RESOLVED

that the Surrey County Council Bridleways Nos. 139, 141, 142 and 143 (Wotton) Public Path Diversion Order 2004 and Surrey County Council Bridleway No. 143 (Wotton) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2004 be sent to the Secretary of Sate for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

86/04 DUKES DRIVE BRIDLEWAY RIGHTS (NEWDIGATE) [Item 15]

The recommendations were agreed.

RESOLVED

(a) a Map Modification Order be made under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981:

(i) to include on the map a bridleway shown 'A'-'B' on drawing 3/1/46 H25. The route will form part of R/W 313.

(ii) to upgrade that section of public footpath 313 shown 'B'-'C' on the same drawing to a bridleway.

(b) if objections are maintained the Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation.

87/04 A29 ROUTE STUDY FEEDBACK [Item 16]

The Chairman thanked members of the task group for their contributions. A number of comments were made with regards to safety and the designs of the scheme were during the discussion.

- A question was raised on behalf of Ockley Parish Council as to whether it was possible to do anything regarding the vehicle-activated signage (VAS) in the village.
- Valerie Homewood asked whether signage could be put up just past Beare Green roundabout so that the whole road is signed. The LTD said the road is signed appropriately and he cannot put up additional signage that does not conform to guidance. Furthermore, non-standard signage is not easy to implement.

- Jim Smith warned of the conflict between aesthetics and safety. If the purpose is anti-skid this must be borne in mind when considering the design.
- Officers pointed out that the scheme is an accident reduction scheme. Officers will be seeking firm commitments regarding surfacing because coloured surfacing is known to be effective.

The LTD tabled a change to the published recommendation.

RESOLVED

**(i) the progression of measures on the A29 as outlined in this report,
(ii) the negotiation of land issues as required as well as any necessary acquisition of land, both subject to the necessary funding being available.**

88/04 PROJECTS CAPITAL BUDGETS [Item 17]

RESOLVED

**(i) the indicative programme of schemes and funding levels as listed in Annexe A.
(ii) that authorisation is given to the Local Transportation Director for delegated authority to resolve the final programme, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee once the outcome of the bidding process is known.**

89/04 LOCAL £35,000 CAPITAL ALLOCATION [Item 18]

This item was for information. In response to a question as to what were the top priority schemes, the LTD confirmed the top priority schemes were those mentioned in response to the written questions by Hazel Watson.

90/04 LTP SCHEME PROGRESS [Item 19]

This item was for information only.

91/04 FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 20]

This paperwork for this item was missing from the committee papers. It was agreed that dates of future local committee meetings would be circulated by email.

[Meeting ended: 17.00]

Chairman.