

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 10.00 on Thursday 15 December 2005 in Park House, Leatherhead

Surrey County Council Members

Helyn Clack, Chairman
Tim Hall, Vice Chairman
Timothy Ashton
Stephen Cooksey
Jim Smith
Hazel Watson

Mole Valley District Council Members

Hubert Carr
Valerie Homewood
Jean Pearson (substituted by Rosemary Dickson)
David Sharland
Ben Tatham (substituted by Don Webb)
Chris Townsend

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

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

Helyn Clack introduced Geoff Wallace, the new Senior Local Transportation Manager for East Surrey, to his first Local Committee meeting in Mole Valley. She also thanked Steve Williamson who was moving to take up a position at with the Reigate LTS.

64/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received by Jean Pearson (who was substituted by Rosemary Dickson) and Ben Tatham (who was substituted by Don Webb).

65/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]

David Sharland declared an interest in Item 9 as his wife had presented a petition to the Local Committee on a previous occasion about Ashted Waiting Restrictions. No prejudicial declarations of interest were made.

66/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 3]

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman. At the last meeting amendments were made to the green edged minutes of the meeting on the 20 July. These amendments had since been made and were resigned by the Chairman at the meeting.

67/05 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 4B]

Three Members submitted questions in accordance with Standing Order 45. Written responses were provided at the meeting and are appended to this minute. David Sharland queried the consistency of advice provided by officers, and the ATD offered to go through his response line by line with the Member. Hazel Watson asked a supplementary question about performance against BVPIs. The Chairman suggested that the Member raise this question in April when the new data will be available. Rosemary Dickson asked a supplementary

question about the height of the bar. The ATD said he would endeavour to fix the problem, subject to the necessary funds becoming available, and to keep the local member informed of progress.

68/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4C]

No written questions were received. A series of public questions were asked during the open question session. A summary of the questions from Mr Manuel, Mr Cottrell, and Mr Gilchrist are appended to this minute.

During the information session, Vernon Trefry, Surrey Fire and Rescue's Borough Manager for Mole Valley, circulated a copy of the current consultation on the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). He explained that all locations and capacity were under constant review, and Members were invited to respond to the consultation.

Jim Smith expressed thanks to the Borough Manager, whose officers had recently helped assist with the major incident at Hemel Hempstead.

69/05 PETITIONS [Item 5]

One petition was presented in accordance with Standing Order 62 by Sally Horning on behalf of the residents living to the east of the A24 in Dorking. She explained that it was extremely dangerous to cross the road for a number of reasons: the speed limit is 60mph, broken white lines allow vehicles to overtake, and lighting is poor. The petitioner explained that parents had set up an unofficial walking bus with 10-12 children and 4-5 parents walking the route each day.

The Chairman accepted the petition and commented that officers were aware of the problems, and that work was currently underway to address the problem.

70/05 MEMBERS' LOCAL ALLOCATIONS [Item 6]

All proposals were agreed. It was noted that the proposal for the Forest Green Broadband was missing from the report, the wrong proposal for the Box Hill Project had been published, and that the Westcott Cookie Cutters should read Westcott Cookie Club. Officers agreed to circulate the Forest Green and Box Hill proposals to County Councillors following the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) to approve the seven bids for Members' Local Allocation as detailed in the report totalling £24,836**
- (ii) to note the approval of three bids that fall below the £500 threshold totalling £1,491**
- (iii) to approve the five bids for Members' Local Allocation as tabled at the meeting totalling £12,000**
- (iv) to approve additional contributions totalling £2,882 to proposals previously agreed**
- (v) to note the approval of a further five bids tabled at the meeting that fall below the £500 threshold totalling £1,936**

71/05 **THE SURREY WASTE PLAN** [Item 7]

Some Members said they would have preferred to see a more supportive statement in support of the response by Mole Valley District Council to the waste consultation. The Chairman suggested that this be put to a vote and the motion was carried by a show of hands. Jim Smith abstained from voting.

RESOLVED

- (i) that members were encouraged to respond individually as part of the consultation by the deadline of 12 December
- (ii) that this report was submitted as part of the consultation process
- (iii) that officers be thanked for the information provided at the informal workshop session
- (iv) that Member support of the Mole Valley District Council response to the consultation be submitted as part of the consultation process

72/05 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2007** [Item 8]

There was some discussion about the proposals, and from the views expressed there was broad support for the equal preference system. However, it was agreed that Members should submit individual responses as part of the consultation.

RESOLVED

- (i) that members were encouraged to submit individual responses as part of the consultation by the closing date of 16th December 2005.

73/05 **ASHTEAD WAITING RESTRICTION REVIEW – STAGE 2** [Item 9]

Michelle Armstrong introduced the report and drew Members' attention to extra paperwork tabled at the meeting – (i) schedule of objections / comments (ii) plans showing recommendations from the working group, and (iii) a late objection from the Corporation of London. This paperwork is appended to the minute.

There was some discussion about the proposed restrictions at Overdale (Plans 3a and 4a) and Oakfield (Plan 9a). Engineers explained that any increase in waiting restrictions would require going through the whole process again, but that any decrease in waiting restrictions was possible. Members agreed to continue with the recommendations in Annexe 2, with the exception of Overdale.

RESOLVED

- (i) **The Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Ashtead) (consolidation of Waiting Restrictions and Free on-street Parking Places) (No 2) Order be amended and the Order be made as per the recommendations of the Ashtead Working Group as shown in the schedule shown in Annexe 2, with a change for the Overdale proposals (that being the advertised**

restriction will apply on the north side only, between No.1 and No.11 Overdale).

74/05 DORKING WAITING RESTRICTIONS [Item 10]

Roger Archer-Reeves introduced the report and drew Members' attention to extra paperwork tabled at the meeting – (i) an additional recommendation number (vii), (ii) table summarising working group views on installation of a taxi rank, and (iii) a letter from Councillor Derek Burt. This paperwork is appended to the minute.

A number of points raised during the discussion were noted:

- Taxi rank at South Street – Members had concerns about the potential increase in noise and a reduction in on street parking facilities as a result of this proposal.
- Review of loading restrictions – Members agreed they did not want to lose this issue but it was agreed that it was easier to decouple it and tackle it as part of the parking study. Officers suggested that the Working Group could work with the traders to resolve issues. Members therefore did not agree the additional recommendation number (vii).
- As a consequence of Mr. Burt's letter, Members agreed his proposal as an addition to Annexe 2.

All recommendations (other than recommendation (vii) relating to the revocation of a parking place in South Street) were agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) That proposals to amend the “Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Dorking) (Consolidation of Waiting Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions and Free on-street Parking Places) Order 2004” as detailed in ANNEXE 2 to this report be published and if no objections are maintained the Order be made.**
- (ii) That proposals for ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions in A2003 Ashcombe Road and A24 London Road Dorking be added to the scheme, as shown on plan number 9a and 10a**
- (iii) That authorisation is given to the Area Transportation Director in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Local Members to consider and resolve any objections to the proposals advertised.**
- (iv) To note that discussions are taking place with Mole Valley District Council to ensure compatibility of a ‘Residents Only Parking Scheme’ with the Mole Valley Parking Study currently being undertaken by Colin Buchanan and Partners Ltd and note that the results of the study will be reported to a future meeting of this Committee (likely March 2005).**
- (v) That discussions take place with Mole Valley District Council to clarify the administration of and funding of ‘Resident Only Parking’ schemes as well as the calculation of the cost of permits and other charges.**
- (vi) That further proposals regarding the introduction of Residents Only Parking Schemes, or if deemed appropriate Controlled Parking Zones, be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee.**

75/05 BOOKHAM LIBRARY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PATH [Item 11]

It was noted that Mole Valley District Council had agreed planning consent for the scheme. Rosemary Dickson explained that she had requested the installation of low-level lighting at MVDCs Planning Committee to enable children to walk safely to school.

RESOLVED

- (i) to note the contents of this report**
- (ii) to agree to the installation of a gate with auxiliary works as outlined in Annexe 1 with the detailed design delegated to the Area Transportation Director in consultation with Local Members**
- (iii) to acknowledge the possible legal consequences of ii above, as identified in paragraph 4.3 C.**

76/05 LINDEN PIT PATH PROPOSED HIGHWAY RAMP [Item 12]

Michelle Armstrong outlined the report. An amendment to recommendation (iii) and an additional recommendation were tabled at the meeting. Rosemary Dickson thanked officers and explained that it will now enable affordable housing on the site. David Sharland agreed and thanked Rosemary Dickson and Tim Hall for their efforts. The Chairman asked that David Gollin, the previous Chairman of the Local Committee, be included in the tributes.

RESOLVED

- (i) The ramp, as set out in Annexe A, or similar, is constructed without inclusion in the planning consent for the housing development.**
- (ii) The ramp be constructed by Millgate homes, at their expense, for subsequent inclusion in the highway structure portfolio.**
- (iii) That any land negotiations and subsequent acquisitions are progressed by the Property Department in accordance with the instructions of the Area Transportation Director and that any subsequent decisions are made either under the relevant delegated powers of the Valuation & Estates Manager or any other such County Council Panel or Committee as appropriate.**
- (iv) That any further decisions that are required regarding the detail of this project are delegated to the Area Transportation Director, in association with the Chair and the Vice Chair of this committee.**

77/05 A25 WESTCOTT ROAD PROPOSED CYCLE PATH [Item 13]

The recommendations were agreed without discussion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Consultation by letter with local residents of Westcott Road and those roads leading from it to determine reaction to the proposals.**
- (ii) Construction of the cycle path, as set out in Annexe A, subject to a positive response to the consultation; to the safety audit and subject to Sustrans funding being made available.**

- (iii) **Conversion of the existing footway to a shared footway and cycle path as set out in Annexe A.**

78/05 A25 WESTCOTT ROAD PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO UNUM INSURANCE ENTRANCE [Item 14]

The recommendations were agreed without discussion.

RESOLVED

- (i) **Development of the design in association with Sustrans and Unum Insurance.**
- (ii) **Construction of the scheme based upon the design outlined in Annexe A, subject to safety audit and subject to funding being made available.**

79/05 CAPITAL PROJECTS SCHEMES LIST REVIEW [Item 15]

Roger Archer-Reeves drew Members' attention to the amended Annexe circulated at the meeting. He explained that the scoring system used had originated in Mole Valley and had now been used to rank schemes for the last 3 years. The model is now used to rank LTS schemes across Surrey.

The ATD explained a series of difficulties in proceeding with the widening at Station Approach. Property colleagues have decided that the ATD does not have sufficient delegated authority to proceed as was agreed in the minutes of 48/05. The Local Committee agreed a further recommendation - that the Station Road approach would comprise 3 lanes – in order to enable work to progress.

A number of points raised during the discussion were noted:

- In response to a question about whether the LTP settlement would impact on schemes, the Chairman confirmed that APR had rated Surrey as excellent which would lead to an increase of 12.5% across Surrey (an additional £1.8 million), and that funding for Local Committees would be agreed through the County Council's budget setting process.
- In response to a question about what the difference between the published annexe and the amended one tabled at the meeting were, officers confirmed that the published had an extra column that lead to score being adjusted twice.
- Some Members asked that the Local Allocation be split evenly between the north and south of the District. The Chairman said that the Local Allocation (as part of LTP funds) had been allocated based on the ranking scheme. The ATD confirmed that in totality more LTP funds were going to the south of the District.

RESOLVED

- (i) **Approve the revised total schemes list (Annexe A) for future progression within the Local Transport Plan.**
- (ii) **Agree in principle the funding of schemes during 2006/7 as set out in Annexe D and note that firm recommendations on the level of**

funding to be assigned, will be brought to this Committee early in the new financial year.

- (iii) Note that the Local Allocation will be utilised this financial year, as set out in the table under paragraph 3.1**
- (iv) With reference to minute 48/05 Leatherhead Decongestion Study – in particular Station Approach widening; this scheme shall now comprise 3 vehicles lanes.**

80/05 LTP SCHEMES PROGRESS [Item 16]

This item for information was noted.

81/05 ROAD TRAFFIC CASUALTIES 2004 [Item 17]

This report was for information. Jim Smith pointed out that although the rolling average tended to suggest there had been an upward blip in 2004, he reassured Members that countywide KSI (killed and seriously injured) figures were at their lowest. Valerie Homewood drew attention to the accidents at the Beare Green roundabout as shown in Annexe B and asked for action to be taken.

82/05 PETITIONS RECEIVED [Item 18]

This report for information was tabled at the meeting and is appended to this minute.

83/05 FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 19]

Due to the difficulty in agreeing suitable dates, this item was withdrawn from the agenda. Officers agreed to circulate dates for future meetings as soon as they were confirmed.

[Meeting ended: 16.45]

Chairman.