

**MINUTES:** of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 12 March 2008 in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking

**Members Present - Surrey County Council**

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

**Members Present - Mole Valley District Council**

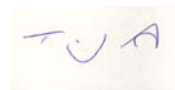
Ann Howarth  
David Howell  
Chris Hunt  
Jean Pearson  
David Sharland

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

**PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

- 1/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS** [Item 1]  
Councillor John Nothcott was temporary substitute for Councillor David Howell.
- 2/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]  
Hazel Watson declared a personal interest in agenda item 09 – Local Committee Funding, by virtue of being a governor of The Ashcombe School.
- 3/08 **MINUTES OF THE LAST** [Item 3]  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting, which took place on the 5 December 2007
- 4/08 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4A]  
Two public written questions were received. The questions and answers are set out in annex a to the minute. Surrey Highways will send a formally written response.
- 5/08 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]  
Three Member questions were received. The questions and answers are set out in annex b to the minutes.
- 6/08 **PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION SESSION** [Item 4C]  
Two public open questions were received.

Mr. Howarth asked commented on agenda item 13, Planning Tariffs. He asked three questions in relation to planning developments and the extra money that will be provided from section 106 monies. The questions are as



follows;

- 1) Do we have support for the Bookham Village plan?
- 2) Is there a protocol regarding local projects that will be funded?
- 3) Will the Committee look to raise Bookham up in priority on the spending plan?

The Chairman thanked Mr Howarth for his questions and assured him an officer would get back to him with a full response to his questions.

Mr Hawkins commented that in a Dorking Rural Transport Forum reference was made to the Highways Maintenance Plan that had been lost in Surrey Highways restructure. Mr Hawkins wished to know if this was the case and if not could the residents of Betchworth see a copy.

The Group Manager East for Surrey Highways assured Mr. Hawkins the plan had not been lost to his knowledge and he would write to the Betchworth Residents Association with a full response.

#### 07/08 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

Three petitions were received.

##### **A) Dorking Controlled Parking Zone**

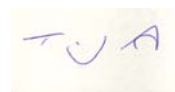
Mrs Hill presented a petition on behalf of the residents of the Dorking area opposing the introduction of a controlled parking zone in Dorking. She informed the committee that at the time of the meeting 2,096 signatures had been collected. Mrs. Hill stressed that those who had signed the petition felt that the scheme would be detrimental to the area and the scheme would only exacerbate a growing problem of inadequate parking in and around Dorking.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Hill and the residents of Dorking for their comments on the issue. The Chairman confirmed that a formal report would be brought back to the next Local Committee, however an update report was scheduled at agenda item 12. He invited all visitors to the Committee to stay and listen to the future discussions.

##### **B) Controlled Parking Zone, Cotmandene Area**

Mr. Wright presented a petition on behalf of the residents of the Cotmandene Area in Dorking opposing the introduction of a controlled parking zone in Dorking. He stated that those who had signed the petition felt the scheme would be detrimental to the Cotmandene area as an amenity and a severe inconvenience to many of the residents. He also stated that the area is a unique public space near the town centre and must be carefully protected from creeping urbanisation and in particular the road over Cotmandene must not be treated as normal traffic thoroughfare.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wright and the residents of Cotmandene. He confirmed a formal report would be brought back to the next committee but as with the previous petition invited the residents to stay for agenda item 12 on the Controlled Parking Zone in Dorking.



### **C) Bus Stop Mays Garage**

Mrs. Johnson presented a petition demanding that bus stand situated in front of May Garage, South Street, Dorking be removed. Mrs. Johnson stated that the bus stand has removed the only parking spaces for residents and customers of the businesses located at the top half of South Street and therefore has had a disproportionate effect on the quality of life of the residents who have to deal with increased noise and pollution.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Johnson and asked the Local Highways Manager to look into the issue and provide a report to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

#### **8/08 RESPONSE TO PETITION – VINCENT ROAD [Item 6]**

Members of the committee were reminded that a petition was presented to highlight the residents' concerns about the double 'rat-run' traffic, traffic speed and parking conditions that were present in Vincent Road, Dorking and the submission of a planning application for 5 new dwellings to be constructed in Vincent Road. Petitioners' requested junction narrowing, residents' access only, traffic calming humps and yellow lines to overcome the issues described.

Members were informed that Surrey County Council had programmed in improvements for the junction of Vincent Road and South Street to improve the pedestrian crossing facilities across both roads. It was anticipated that these measures would be constructed during the 2008/2009 financial year.

The Group Manager East, noted that options may exist to alter the layout of Vincent Road to prevent 'rat running', whilst maintaining access to all public highway users and alterations at Vincent Road junction with Vincent Lane may be appropriate. However the feasibility of these outline proposals will require funding from the unilateral undertaking when this becomes available.

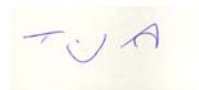
#### **RESOLVED**

That the Committee note the report and be aware that no further action will be taken until the funding becomes available from the developer.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

No further action can be taken until funding becomes available.

#### **9/08 PUBLIC BRIDALEWAY, CAPEL [Item 7]**



Members were updated that Hanson Building Products had permission to extract clay at Clockhouse Brickworks, Capel. To allow that development to take place part of Public Bridleway No.186 Capel, which ran across the site, needed to be temporarily stopped up. The County Council has powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to make such an order. Orders were also being made under the Highways Act 1980, under officer's delegated powers, to create Public Bridleway No. 269 and extinguish a section of Public Footpath No. 185. The proposals are shown on Drawing No. 3/1/41/H43A attached as Annex A to the report.

Members thanked the officers for the report and were happy to support the temporary stopping up.

## **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed that:

- a) an order be made under sections 257 and 261 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to temporarily stop up Public Bridleway No.186 Capel, between points 'D' – 'E' as shown on Drawing No. 3/1/41/H43A and if objections are made and sustained the order be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination; If no objections are received the order shall be confirmed;
- b) If objections are made and sustained to the proposed creation and extinguishment orders for Public bridleway no.269 and footpath no. 185, Capel (Orders to be made under officer's delegated powers) shown on Drawing No. 3/1/41/H43A, they be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Members are asked to approve the making of a temporary stopping up order to allow the continued extraction of clay to take place in accordance with planning permission. The proposed creation of bridleway no. 269 will provide an alternative route during extraction, and the extinguishment of a section of footpath no. 185 will resolve an anomaly on the ground. Officers do not have delegated powers to make orders under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 nor to submit opposed orders to the Secretary of State.

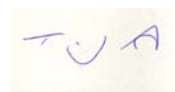
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## **CONTINGENCY PLANNING [Item 8]**

Surrey County Council's Head of Contingency Planning and Mole Valley District Council's Head of Community Support Services updated the committee on the work to in Mole Valley and Surrey wide.

The committee thanked both officers for their presentation and congratulated them on the good results they are achieving.

## **RESOLVED**



That the Local Committee noted the report.

11/08 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING** [Item 9]

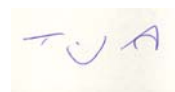
A supplementary paper was tabled at the meeting, which contained one additional allocations bid, which fell below the £1,000 threshold.

Members were asked to support the twenty proposals for formal approval from the funding from the Members' Local Allocation. Detailed proposals are outlined in Annexe A to the report:

- £3,500 (revenue) Mole Valley District Council – Costa Coffee Youth Nights
- £3,000 (revenue) Surrey County Council Highways – Fortyfoot Road
- £2,000 (capital) Surrey Youth Development – The Bridge Youth Club
- £1,000 (capital) Bfree Youth Café – Folding chairs and storage trolley
- £1,725 (revenue) Taxi Vouchers – Support in south of the district
- £1,500 (revenue) Taxi Vouchers – Support in Fetcham/Leatherhead
- £1,500 (revenue) Friends of St Nicholas Church – Repairs to graves
- £1,500 (revenue) National Trust – Provide new hard standing for a bus stop
- £2,000 (revenue) Surrey Youth Development - Ashtead Youth Centre
- £1,548 (revenue) Mole Valley District Council – New gates for Ashtead Recreational ground
- £1,800 (revenue) Betchworth Parish Council – Parish Plan
- £2,500 (capital and revenue) Leatherhead Museum Disabled access
- £6,500 (capital) Mole Valley District Council – CCTV in Ashtead Recreation Ground
- £4,500 (capital) Ashcombe School – new display boards
- £3,000 (capital) PLAY – purchase outdoor recreation equipment.
- £4,300 (capital and revenue) Capel Youth Action Team
- £4,385 (capital and revenue) Beare Green Playground – new surfacing
- £3,335 (revenue) Youth Offending Team – targeted projects
- £1,446 (revenue) Liquid Connection – Freestyle Camp
- £1,500 (revenue) Links Partnership – quarterly newsletter.

Member were asked to note twenty-one bids that fall below the £1,000 threshold plus the additional bid tabled on the day:

- £495 (revenue) Mole Valley CDRP - Junior Citizen event
- £250 (revenue) Surrey Community Action – Village of the Year 2008
- £500 (revenue) Advocacy In Action Charity – Training for volunteers and staff
- £950 (capital) Polesden Lacey Infant School – Fence for organic garden
- £720 (revenue) North Leatherhead CSG – Publicity leaflets to raise profile
- £500 (revenue) Melisma Music – Subsidised concerts for people of Mole Valley
- £950 (revenue) DDOS – Funding to support TAP and Young Stagers



productions

- £350 (revenue) Dorking & District Museum – Publicity leaflets
- £500 (revenue) The Freewheelers Company – To stage a musical marionette performance by both disabled and young people in the Mole Valley area
- £750 (revenue) Ralph Vaughan Williams anniversary festival
- £450 (revenue) The Pitstop - respite vacation for Fetcham families
- £500 (rev&cap) Little Bookham RA – new road sign
- £500 (revenue) Leatherhead Angling Society – Ashted Pond
- £500 (revenue) Betchworth Parish Council – Village plan
- £810 (revenue) Leigh & District Cottage Garden Society –update electrics
- £600 (revenue) Brockham Parish Council – Ditch maintenance 08-09.
- £500 (revenue) Royal British Legion Brookham War Memorial Repairs
- £500 (revenue) Royal British Legion refurbishment of notice boards
- £400 (revenue) Mole Valley District Council Chairman's Fund
- £800 (capital) Butter Hill Steps
- £533 (capital) Holmwood Residents Association

## **RESOLVED**

### **The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to:**

- to approve the proposals detailed in Appendix A totalling £52,539**
- to note the approval of proposals which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £12,058**
- to note the additional proposal which falls below the £1,000 threshold totalling £458**

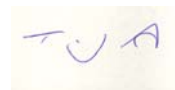
## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money and it is recommended that they should be approved.

### **12/08 PUMP CORNER [Item 10]**

The Group Highways Manager East provided the Committee with a brief history of Pump Corner. He explained that work commenced in 2002 on the Dorking Paramics Model and the desire to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. He explained that the current situation was statistically at its best and officers needed a steer from

The Officer explained the key issue at Pump Corner was one of capacity and the only link in the immediate network that could have had some spare capacity was Junction Road. The original Paramics work in 2002 looked at reversing the flow in Junction Road and making the southern section two-way, to and from Waitrose with South Street. It was considered that this



should be looked at further to mitigate traffic flows through Pump Corner and ease congestion. Members were pleased other options were being looked at but stressed the urgency to find a solution. Some Members requested that the recommendation task the officers, to ensure more consultation was carried out. Officers and Members agreed this was appropriate.

Further to this the Group Manager wished Members to change the terms of reference for the task group so they could meet in private. Some Members noted that this was for the best as a frank and honest conversation could be undertaken outside the political arena. However, this recommendation was put to the vote with 8 members to 2 supporting it. He also wished Members to note the legal position.

After a full debate and a show of hands the recommendations were agreed with the additional recommendation.

## **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee Mole Valley agreed/noted that:

- (i) Ask officers to investigate the under capacity possibilities within the local network to Pump Corner and use any under spends from Local Transport Plan and or Local Allocation funds to do so;
- (ii) To change the Task Group Pump Corner Terms of Reference so that it does not meet in public;
- (iii) Note the need for the present two pedestrian crossing facilities at West Street and High Street, Pump Corner, Dorking;
- (iv) Note the legal position for both officers and elected members with regards to the removal/ changing of schemes as regards the law;
- (v) **Consult widely with local businesses and local residents once a new proposal is drawn up.**

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The existing controlled pedestrian signal arrangements at Pump Corner are viewed as appropriate and further it is viewed that it would be unsafe to remove them.

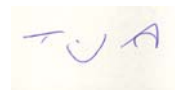
The key issue at pump Corner is one of capacity and hence the need for additional work to recognise any under capacity issues in the network. The pump Corner Task group should continue but ideally in a more appropriate format

Members are asked to note the legal position over liability.

### 13/08 **LEATHERHEAD WAITING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW** [Item 12]

Locally elected Members from both County and District Councils have received and considered representations about problem parking in residential roads in the Leatherhead local area.

A waiting and parking restriction review of the identified roads had been undertaken; however the Group Managers agreed that residents were not given enough time to complete the consultation about final options. He





therefore advised that the first recommendation be removed and Members only vote on the second recommendation.

Local Members were pleased with the omission of recommendation one, however requested that 'subject to the task group agreeing the detail' be added to recommendation two. The Group Highways Manager was happy with this addition.

### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed:

- (i) authority be delegated to the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Member Task Group to advertise any necessary Traffic Regulation Order(s), to consider any objections received and subject to those objections make the Order(s) associated with the implementation of the Leatherhead Waiting Restriction Review (Annex A to the report), subject to the task group agreeing the detail.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Proposals for new or amended traffic regulation orders associated with waiting and parking restrictions require the formal advertisement of such proposals. People are then entitled to raise objection or support for the advertised orders, any objections received are considered on their merits. The advertised traffic regulation order may be confirmed with or without any alteration depending on the outcome of the formal advertisement.

#### **14/08 CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE, DORKING [Item 13]**

The Group Highways Manager East informed the committee that the report on the Dorking Controlled Parking Zone was an update on the current situation. However, following the strong public, local business and Member opposition to the scheme he advised Members that he would support the withdrawal of the proposal. Members thanked the Officer for his new recommendation however requested that some smaller schemes were still considered, mindful of the displacement issues, as some areas are in need of parking controls as was the need for the new plans to be agreed by the Local Committee.

After a debate the new motion put forward by Stephen Cooksey and seconded by Hazel Watson was agreed by the committee.

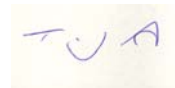
### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed:

- i. withdraw major controlled parking zone in Dorking;
- ii. to task working group to explore smaller schemes in consultation with local members and mindful of the displacement issues;
- iii. to bring a report back to the Local Committee for decision.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The new recommendations were agreed after strong opposition to the full





Controlled Parking Scheme by local businesses, residents and members.

**CHANGE IN PLANNING TARIFFS**

Members received an update on the proposed changes in the planning tariffs. After an open debate members thanked those in attendance for their update and offer of future information.

**RESOLVED**

That the Local Committee noted the report.

15/08 **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SCHEME OF PROGRESS** [Item 14]

**RESOLVED**

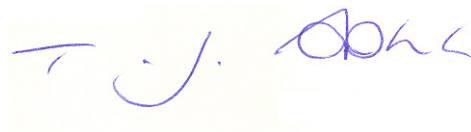
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16/08 **FORWARD PROGRAMME** [Item 15]

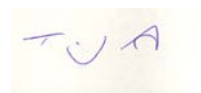
**RESOLVED**

That the Local Committee noted the report.

[Meeting ended: 17.15]



Chairman



## **Annex A      Public Written Questions**

The following two questions were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 46.

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### **Questions from Mr. James Friend, Vincent Road**

#### **Vincent Road**

“On a number of occasions recently, I have witnessed drivers changing lines immediately in front of the traffic lights at the north end of Vincent Lane in Dorking. This is dangerous as it often happens at the last minute and prevents the smooth flow of traffic to Westcott and beyond when a driver moves from the left hand lane into the right hand lane and joins a queue of traffic therefore not being able to move fully out of their original lane. Previously there was a sign outside of the now Topps Tiles premises that directed traffic left for Westcott and Guildford and right for the town centre, Leatherhead, Horsham and Reigate. The posts that held this sign are still in place and I would like it to be replaced as soon as possible.”

### **Response from Local Highways Team**

Surrey Highways East thank Mr. Friend for his observations regarding traffic movements in Vincent Lane, Dorking. If vehicle movements can be streamlined by the replacement and further enhancement of signage to assist drivers this will be investigated.

It is not known why or where the particular sign referred to was removed and an investigation into its disappearance was inconclusive. A new sign has been ordered with appropriate information and it should be on-site within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

### **Questions from Dr. Degenhardt, Leatherhead**

#### **Leatherhead Waiting Restrictions**

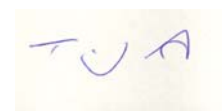
Has the Committee made any decision in response to the petition on Car Parking Problems in Leatherhead, which I presented, to the Committee on 26.09.07? Could you also tell me why, over five months later, and notwithstanding written and 'phoned enquiries to various councilors and council officers, made by myself and others who helped organise the petition, we have been unable to learn anything about the response to our petition and hence do not even know if it has been discussed?

### **Response from Surrey County Council and Surrey Highways**

The petition received at the September 2007 Local Committee was formally responded to at the December 2007 Local Committee in line with local protocols. The report presented to the committee and to Dr. Degenhardt informed all parties that a detailed response would be brought back to the committee in March 2008.

The committee will receive, Agenda Item 11, a report in the Leatherhead Waiting Restriction Review.

A formal detailed response will be sent to Dr. Degenhardt following the debate at committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008



## **Annex B      Public Written Questions**

**The following 3 questions were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 46.**

### **Questions from Chris Hunt, District Councilor for Ashted Village**

#### **City of London Freeman School**

What progress has been made in solving the mystery of the non-functioning flashing lights in Park Lane, Ashted, outside the City of London Freeman School?

#### **Response from Local Highways Manager**

Following the receipt of representations about the non-functioning flashing school 'wig-wag' sign in Park Lane, investigations finally revealed that the fault lay within the equipment and not the power supply to the sign; an order for a replacement sign was placed early February 2008. Delivery and installation of the replacement equipment is normally expected within 6 to 8 weeks from receipt of an Order. All interested parties will be informed when a confirmed date is known.

#### **School Warning Lights**

Have any other non-functioning school warning lights in the Mole Valley area been reported either by Officers or by the public as a response to the press article over these lights?

#### **Response from Local Highways Manager**

The Local Office works closely with colleagues in Transport for Surrey about school travel plans, signage and 'wig-wags' in particular. The Local Office is not aware that additional locations have been identified resulting from a press article.

#### **Mini-roundabout in Farm Lane**

(Asked jointly on behalf of Cllr Bryan David, Ashted Park Ward.) As part of the plans for a mini-roundabout in Farm Lane and noting that whilst discussions have been held with one of the District councillors, when will the County be consulting other stakeholders and local residents over the matter? Will they have any input?

#### **Response from Local Highways Manager**

Limited consultation with both Mole Valley District Council and the City of London Freemans School took place before the Local Committee approved the progression of the mini-roundabout proposal in June 2007. The feasibility of the scheme is being revisited to ensure that any safety audit concerns are addressed before the detailed design is progressed with the intention of implementation during 2008/09 subject to availability of funding; further consultation locally will occur as the scheme progresses through its detailed design.