#### MINUTES:

of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking

#### **Members Present - Surrey County Council**

Timothy Ashton, Chairman Stephen Cooksey Jim Smith Hazel Watson

#### **Members Present - Mole Valley District Council**

Valerie Homewood David Howell Chris Hunt Jean Pearson David Sharland

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

#### **PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

## 18/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Helyn Clack and Tim Hall.

Councillor Paul Elderton was temporary substitute for Councillor Mrs. Ann Howarth.

#### 19/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

Hazel Watson declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 – Community Safety in Mole Valley, by virtue of being the Chairman of the Projx Steering Group.

Councillor David Sharland declared personal interests in agenda item 11 – Community Safety in Mole Valley, by virtue of being Mole Valley District Council Portfolio Holder for Health, Safety and Well-being which includes community safety and agenda item 09 – Public Rights of Way Nos 252,253 and 573 Dorking and agenda item 17A24 London Road/Station Approach Junction by virtue of being the Chairman of the Mole Valley Access Group.

Jim Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 11 – Community Safety in Mole Valley, by virtue of being a member of the Police Authority.

#### 20/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST [Item 3]

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting, which took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008.



#### 21/08 PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS [Item 4A]

One public written question was received. The question and answer is set out in annex a to the minute. Surrey Highways will send a formal written response.

#### 22/08 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]

Four Member questions were received. The questions and answers are set out in annex b to the minutes. There were no supplementary questions.

#### 23/08 PUBLIC OPEN QUESTION SESSION [Item 4C]

Three public questions were received with regards to Dene Street, A24/Deepdene Roundabout and Fairfield Drive.

#### 24/08 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

One petition was received.

#### A), Ranmore Common, Mr Shoves

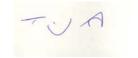
Mr. Shroves presented a petition on behalf of concerned residents of Ranmore Road, Ranmore Common Road and the surrounding area requesting that Surrey County Council reduce the speed limit on the two aforementioned roads to 30 miles per hour and install all necessary traffic calming measures such as a Vehicle Activated Signs. He expressed concern at the numbers of drivers speeding in the area and the likelihood of a series accident occurring.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Shoves for his comments and the additional information. The Chairman confirmed that a formal report would be brought back to the next Local Committee meeting, in this instance the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.

## 25/08 RESPONSE TO PETITION –TO THE PETITION PARKING PROBLEMS FAIRFIELD DRIVE [Item 6]

Members received a brief report detailing the response to the petition submitted by Mr. Rundle and Mr. Mason on behalf of the residents of Fairfield Drive, Dorking expressing concern and asking for a resolution to the current parking problem in the road.

Members were reminded that on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 the proposal for a Controlled Parking Zone in Dorking was withdrawn in favour of smaller schemes due to weight of opposition from residents and Members. Fairfield Drive might well form part of that smaller study but Officers stressed that it could only be progressed once the funds become available. It was therefore recommended that the report be noted and the committee is mindful to progress the scheme at the prioritising stage.



#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to;

- (i) note the petition,
- (ii) the issue be moved forward to when funding is available, subject to it being prioritised against other priorities.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

All available budgets have been agreed and secured against projects for the financial year 2008/2009.

#### 26/08 RESPONSE TO PETITION KNOLL ROUNDABOUT [Item 7]

Members received a brief report detailing the response to the petition submitted by Mrs. Edwards on behalf of the residents of Leatherhead and Mole Valley, asking for safety measures to be put in on the roundabout to ensure the safety of pedestrians especially those going to and from school.

The Group Manager for Highways (East) informed members that since the report had been written, County Councillor Tim Hall had been actively trying to secure external funding, as Surrey Highways cannot fund this scheme at present.

The committee thanked Mrs. Edwards for her hard work and encouraged a solution to the problem.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to;

- (iii) note the petition,
- (iv) the issue be moved forward to when funding is available, subject to it being prioritised against other priorities.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

All available budgets have been agreed and secured against projects for the financial year 2008/2009.

## 27/08 RESPONSE TO PETITION ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON ANSELL ROAD [Item 08]

Members received a report detailing the response to the petition submitted by Mr. Demosthenous on behalf of the residents of Ansell Road, Dorking. The petition was submitted to raise awareness of the ongoing issues the



residents of Ansell Road suffer. Reported incidents over the last include smashing widows, rowdy behaviour, urinating in the doorways and bottles being smashed.

The Committee Members were informed that the Joint Area Group are working together to find a solution but the situation is complicated. The committee thanked the group for their work and asked that regular informal updates be provided.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to;

(i) the petition is noted

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

At this time it is necessary for the JAG to continue to seek a resolution and bring back to the committee should a decision need to be made with regards to Footpath 77.

## 28/08 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY NOS 252, 253 AND 573, DORKING – PROPOSED CREATION AND EXTINGUISHMENTS [Item 09]

The committee was presented with a report seeking approval to make creation and extinguishment orders for parts of Public Footpath no. 253 and Public Bridleways no. 252 and 573 in Dorking. The request has come from the owner of Squires Farm who wishes to provide an improve network for users.

Members were keen to discuss the proposal and were concerned over the accessibility of the footpath for visually impaired and disabled residents. Officers stressed that the proposal would improve assess for all residents. Some members of the committee were particularly concerned and therefore a vote was taken by a show of hands. The proposals as set out in the report were carried with one abstention.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to the;

- i) creation Orders be made, under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, to create sections of Public Footpath No. 253 and Public Bridleway No. 573, Dorking, as shown on Drawing No. 3/1/50/40;
- ii) the extinguishment Orders be made, under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980, to extinguish sections of Public Footpath No. 253 and Public Bridleways Nos. 252 and 573, Dorking, as shown on Drawing No. 3/1/50/H41; and
- iii) if objections are received and maintained to the above Orders,



they are 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 the legal orders, which would result in an improvement to the rights of way network.

## 29/08 CONSULTATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO LEARNING DISABILITY DAY SERVICES [Item 10]

Officers advised the committee that Surrey County Council had undergone a process to revive its day centres. They presented the recommendations and asked for comments. The main changes will be the ability for residents to choose their preferred care options.

Members were concerned with how many Mole Valley residents this would affect. Officers stressed that they had 11 residents attending day centres and all would be consulted and their needs accommodated. Members were satisfied that the same level of care would be available.

As Mole Valley is particularly rural Members stressed at public transport could be an issue to some residents. Members asked Officers to consider the transport plans when making the final recommendations.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to;

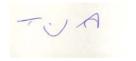
- (i) comment on the information provided in the consultation document on improvements to day services for people with learning disabilities across Surrey.
- (ii) comment on proposals for the Bentley community support service in Banstead to become a 'Centre of Excellence' for people with complex needs. This will be the nearest 'Centre of Excellence' proposed for people in Mole Valley to access.
- (iii) comment on proposals for a greater range of services for people in Mole Valley in their local communities.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The recommendations support efforts to give people with learning disabilities greater choice in how they spend their time and a better level of care for those with complex and multiple support needs.

#### 30/08 COMMUNITY SAFETY IN MOLE VALLEY [Item 11]

Members were reminded that the Local Committee has a role in influencing and contributing to the community safety strategy in Mole Valley.



Officers present the detailed process around the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Home Office and Government of South East England's (GOSE) requirements for delivering a local strategy for Mole Valley (this was attached to the report). The Strategy for 2007/2010 was borne out of a Strategic Assessment that audited the area and pulled out priorities and hot spot areas. The result was a focused action plan to tackle both the crime priorities and residents satisfaction. Members were asked to adopt that the strategy and action plan, informing Officers of areas they feel they can influence or support through Member Allocations.

The committee also heard from key Partners, namely Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards, Mole Valley District Council and the Primary Care Trust. Members expressed concern that the time and cost versus outcomes maybe unbalanced. Officers stressed that the strong partnership meant no one officer was under pressure and the Partnership needs to demonstrate outcomes to Surrey County Council Community Safety Unit and GOSE on a regular basis. Members had some questions with regards to CCTV and cross boarder crime patterns. Officers assured all Members work was being done with partners in other Boroughs and Districts as well as other county councils to reduce any pattern.

Members thanked Officers for their hard work and encouraged regular updates.

#### RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to:

- (i) note the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership;
- (ii) note the distribution of Surrey County Council community safety funding allocated to the Crime and Disorder Partnership in 2006/07.
- (iii) adopt the Community Safety Plan 2008-11 on behalf of Surrey County Council;
- (iv) consider community safety projects when allocating funding from its devolved budgets.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution, the Local Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and contributing to the district based community safety strategy.

The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CDRP.

#### 31/08 LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING [item 12]

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



•	The Blacksmith Clock's Bell, Abinger Hammer	£3,300
•	Bookham Christmas Lights	£3,500
•	Ashtead Cricket Club	£5,000
•	Taxi Vouchers	£2,262

Member were asked to note the four bids that fall below the £1,000 threshold:

•	Liquid Connection, Love Summer Scheme	£700 revenue
•	St Nicolas Church Graves	£583 revenue
•	Liquid Connection, Urban Sports Project	£820 revenue
•	Leatherhead Youth Project	£880 capital

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed;

- (i) to approve the proposals detailed in Appendix A totalling £14,062
- (ii) to note the approval of proposals which fall below the £1,000 threshold totalling £2,983

#### **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.

# 32/08 NOMINATIONS TO THE CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP AND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP IN MOLE VALLEY [Item 13]

Following some uncertainty at the Committee as to the nomination process, Officers sought guidance from Democratic Services who advised that a Member could not second themselves. Following formal nominations to the CDRP by Hazel Watson and to the LSP by Stephen Cooksey the motions could not be seconded and therefore not carried. It was subsequently agreed that the item be deferred to the December Committee where all Members should be present.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) deferred the:

- i. nomination of a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Crime& Disorder Reduction Partnership.
- iii. nomination of a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Local Strategic Partnership.

#### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Under Part 3, Section 1 of the County Council's constitution, the Local



Committee is responsible for monitoring services provided locally and contributing to the district based community safety strategy.

The Local Committee's service monitoring role and devolved budgets provide an excellent opportunity for supporting the work of the CDRP and LSP.

The committee agreed to deferrer the nominations to the CDRP and LSP until all County Council Members were present.

## 33/08 CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [Item 14]

Members were reminded that at the Local Committee on the 11 June 2008 they agreed a programme of work for the 2008/09-2010/2011 financial year funded from the Integrated Transport Budget and Local Allocation. The authority was delegated to the East Area Group Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in relation to any amendments to the 2008/2009-2010/2011 scheme list, as a result of changes in available funding following the closing of the 2007/2008 accounts. The committee was updated on the progress made again the schemes.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Local Committee noted the report.

## 34/08 ALLOCATION OF £103,000 REVENUE FUNDS AND MOLE VALLEY SHARE OF ADDITIONAL £5 MILLION FUNDS [Item 15]

Members were informed that at the 11 June 2008 Local Committee members received a report detailing funding for highway maintenance, improvement schemes, flooding & drainage capital works and external funded schemes and sought approval for the application of £103,000 revenue towards the East Area Delivery Plan. The Committee approved the allocation of £103,000 to be spent within Mole Valley on local needs. Officers updated Members on the progress of this work.

Officers also asked the committee to note the list of works to be undertaken from Mole Valley's share of the additional £5 million funds provided by the County Council.

Some Members expressed concern at the process and how the list of works had been derived. There was some debate over the role of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Officers and the Chairman informed the committee that the £522,000 funds had been derived by the Head of Highways and local officers and members were not involved in the final decision making process following a detailed lost of the schemes yet to be completed in Mole Valley.

Some members were still not comfortable with the process and asked if a full list of the schemes presented to the Head of Highways can be forwarded to all members. After a lengthy debate a show of hands concluded the discussions and the officer recommendations were carried five for and with regards to recommendation (i) one against. Therefore;



#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed to;

- i) approve the targeted expenditure of the £103,000 local scheme funding (shown in Annex A)
- ii) note the list of works to be undertaken from the Mole Valley share of the additional £5million funds provided by the County (shown in Annex B)

#### 35/08 CRADDOCKS PARADE [item 16]

Members were asked to support the officers recommendation to advertise the extension of the existing yellow lines across the lay by on the corner of Woodfield lane and Craddocks Avenue. This would enable shop owners to receive deliveries safely without obstructing Woodfield Lane.

Local Members thanked the officers for the report and encouraged other members to support the recommendations.

#### **RESOLVED**

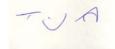
The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed that;

- (i) the advertisement of the extension of the yellow lines
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the East Area Group Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chair to consider any objections received and subject to those objections make the associate order(s) to deliver the scheme

## 36/08 **A24 LONDON ROAD/STATION APPROACH JUNCTION, DORKING** [item 17]

Officers informed the Committee of the history around the proposals to the A24 London Road, Station Approach Junction. They reminded Members that following concerns expressed by members of the Mole Valley Access Group, Surrey County Council undertook a feasibility study during 2007 of the London Road/Station Approach/Lincoln Road junction to look at measures that would improve pedestrian accessibility and the safety of all other road users. The work had been scheduled to take place in 200/10. Officers understood that there maybe some concern and were unsure the scheme was still desired.

Hazel Watson, County Councillor for Dorking Hills and therefore for this area informed the committee that she did not believe the scheme was needed. The number of pedestrians was small and the evidence for a safer pedestrian crossing unjustified. She updated the Committee that the scheme was opposed by local residents and she would urge the committee to vote



against the proposal.

David Sharland, Chairman of the Mole Valley Access Group positioned that pedestrians do find it difficult to cross the northern corner and especially wheelchair users. He informed the Committee that something needed to be done to the junction. Jim Smith therefore proposed deferring to work up an alternative scheme but failed to get a seconder.

A vote was taken and Members failed to support the officer's recommendations 2 for and 6 against.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) did not agree to:

the proposal for the junction improvement scheme to improve safety for all road users.

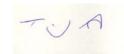
#### **REASON FOR REFUSAL**

By a vote 2 in favour 6 against the Local Committee (Mole Valley) did not agree on the Officer recommendation as it was felt the junction is adequate for all road users and safe for pedestrians.

[Meeting ended: 17.05]

T.J. ODAC

Chairman



#### Annex A Public Written Questions

The following question was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 46.

#### Questions from Mr. K Nash

#### Re routing of 465 bus route through Fetcham Village

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the re-routing of the above bus service via the Ridgeway, The Street, Fetcham Village and Cobham Road from its existing route which now uses Hawks Hill.

Earlier in the year I spoke to a representative from the Passenger Transport Section who appeared to be sympathetic to this idea. I pointed out the advantages of the re-routing as set out below.

- 1. It would provide a late evening and Sunday service to and from Fetcham Village that at present has no transport links during these periods.
- 2. The re-routing service would provide a much-needed direct link for Pupils using Therfield School. As it would appear, in the light of the recent Education Ministers decision to limit the numbers of Fetcham pupils attending the Howard of Effingham School.
- 3. The service would also provide a direct link to Leatherhead Railway Station, Surbiton and Kingston.
- 4. It may encourage those pupils attending Oakfield Junior School and Fetcham Infant School to use the bus rather than parents using their cars to take their children to school.
- 5. Extra revenue would be created by the re-routing service as it would carry more passengers than it does on its present route via Hawks Hill.
- The only stop that would not be served on the re-routing service would be the
  request stop at the top of The Mount. This bus stop is little used anyway and it is
  only a short distance for any prospective passengers to walk to the top of The
  Ridgeway.
- 7. Extra buses would help shoppers using Leatherhead Town Centre where there is at present as serious short stay parking problem. It would therefore cut back on car use thus helping the environment.

This letter is on behalf of the above Residents Association and I would be grateful if you would consider it as a formal request. I would therefore be grateful if you could let me have an early reply, so as I can report your views back to the committee.

#### **Response from Passenger Transport**

Service 465 is operated by Arriva under contract to Transport for London. The County Council contributes towards the cost of service 465 within Surrey but have no jurisdiction over the routing or administration of the service.

In recent years the usage of this service has increased along with the frequency. This is due to the service being operated to a high standard and reliability factors being taken in to account. Transport for London plan for reasonable recovery time to be factored in to all timetables and will not allow for this time to be eroded by diverting services without



additional resources being added, as this would have a negative impact on the whole service.

The diversion that the residents association refers to would definitely require additional resources to be put into the timetable. As this enhancement would be solely for the benefit of Surrey residents Transport for London would not fund this. Although the diversion would create additional revenue it is highly unlikely that an extension to serve Fetcham would attract sufficient passengers to allow this to pay for itself. As an example, the cost of one additional vehicle in the scheduling is estimated to be in the region of £120,000 p.a.

Although the County Council is sympathetic towards the request from the Residents Association and we acknowledge the potential benefit, we are unfortunately not in a position to fund any enhancements or new bus services at this time. The County Councils' local bus services budget is fully committed in maintaining the current level of service operating across the County.

#### Annex B Member Written Questions

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

#### Questions from Stephen Cooksey, County Councilor for Dorking and Holmwoods

#### **Highways Budget**

The Chairman sent a letter to members of the Local Committee on 27th August outlining decisions that he and the Vice-Chairman had approved with regard to the spending of the £103,000 revenue-funding budget and the £522,300 additional capital funding budgets that had been made available to Mole Valley from the County Council. Would the Chairman please provide the following information with regard to the content of that letter:

- a) The projected expenditure figures from each of the two capital funds in each of the 6 Divisions within Mole Valley;
- b) A justification about why each of the schemes approved had priority over other outstanding schemes;
- c) Whether any members of the Local Committee were consulted formally or informally by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or officers about any of these schemes before the final decision was taken and if so who was consulted:
- d) What part was played by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in selecting and prioritising these schemes?
- e) Why the Chairman refused to consult with other members of the Local Committee before the final selection was approved despite being requested to do so at the informal meeting of the Local Committee on 25 July.

#### Response from the Chairman and Local Highways Manager

a) I think it is worth first to put some factual context to the initial statement made by Cllr Cooksey. The £103,000 Local Scheme Revenue funding was devolved to the Local Committee and I in my letter of the 27 August did not intend to give or imply that the list of items was a 'done deal' it was meant to be confirmation of where I thought with officer help expenditure could be made based upon known need. I have not received from fellow members any feedback that was either negative or positive and knowing that a report would be coming to this committee to resolve the expenditure formally have an open mind to this revenue stream. I am aware that in my third paragraph I said that works should commence as soon as possible but they have been held in abeyance until the formal committee decision.

With regards to the £522,300. Capital Funding which I think my letter (27August 08) made clear is monies held with the Head of Surrey Highways and not devolved to this committee. All we have been able to do is bid for a share of the total monies available, £5 million. I am very pleased to say and for all to note that our share was the third biggest out of the 11 districts and the biggest in the East of the county! I would like to just repeat that this is not a locally devolved budget.

To answer the question posed by Cllr Cooksey the revenue split by county divisional ward is:



Cllr Ashton £10,200 Cllr Clack £43,550 Cllr Cooksey £10,750 Cllr Hall £21,100 Cllr Smith £7,850 Cllr Watson £9.025.

Please note that the above figures are based upon need and not any desire to just spend with equality.

The split on the £522,300 is:

Cllr Ashton £151,000 Cllr Clack £93,000 Cllr Cooksey £33,000 Cllr Hall £103,000 Cllr Smith £113,000 Cllr Watson £33,000.

- b) I am not really very clear precisely to what Cllr Cooksey is asking. Is he referring to the revenue or capital funds? The revenue funds were directed to where officers had concerns, as stated in my letter of 27 August 08. If the statement is directed towards the £522,300 capital then Cllr Cooksey should be aware that this is not locally devolved as previously stated and sits with the Head of Service (Ms Isaac) who in partnership with the Portfolio Holder has directed where these monies are spent. I would suggest that Cllr Cooksey takes his concerns for these monies up with Ms Isaac.
- c) As previously stated the revenue funds are for discussion within the agenda today; the capital funds are not part of this committee workload. I am though very pleased that we have secured the size of funds that we have.
- d) Already answered by default from above.
- e) I assume Cllr Cooksey is referring to the additional capital funds, which are held by the Head of Surrey Highways. Both I and the Vice Chairman along with the Local Manager were consulted by the Head of Surrey Highways along with the Portfolio Holder for Transport. These funds are not locally devolved. I would suggest that if Cllr Cooksey is unhappy with the process then he should take this up with the Executive Portfolio Holder for Transport.

#### **Dene Street**

Would the Chairman provide a progress report on the proposed consultation on the conversion of Dene Street Dorking to a one-way traffic system?

#### Response from Chairman and Local Highways Manager

Cllr Cooksey is I am sure aware a preferred scheme was agreed upon some time ago, at present this scheme has not been moved forward due to resources and priorities.



#### **Pump Corner**

In the absence of a report to the Local Committee and any meetings of the working group would the Chairman please report on what progress has been made with regard to resolving the problems at Pump Corner, Dorking?

#### Response from Chairman and Local Highways Manager

Cllr Cooksey implies by his question a problem! Officers have had the opportunity to successfully take a HGV up Junction Road in a southerly direction. At present discrete discussions are taking place, which I know officers are more than happy to share with Cllr Cooksey if he asks. Until the resolution of various issues officers are taking a watching brief.

#### Questions from David Howell, District Councilor for Ashtead Common

#### **Barnett Wood Lane and Craddocks Avenue**

Traffic congestion between the level crossing at Ashtead station and the Barnett Wood Lane/Craddocks Avenue road junction is getting worse. Developer funding for improvements in the vicinity of the crossing has been obtained. Two years ago the possibility of relocating the SW footway and widening the carriageway was mooted. What has happened since and what are Surrey Highways' present intentions for this area?

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

I am sure that Cllr Howell is aware of the basic proposals to move the existing kerb line on the station side of Craddocks Avenue and attempt to create space. Sadly there are statutory undertakers plant issues and land ownership concerns. Officers are attempting to pull together a robust scheme and would welcome the opportunity to discuss in detail with Cllr Howell outside of this meeting and report back to this committee at the next cycle.