

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking**

**Members Present - Surrey County Council**

- \* Mrs Clare Curran – Chairman
- \* Mr Stephen Cooksey
- \* Mr Tim Hall
- \* Mrs Helyn Clack
- \* Mr Christopher Townsend
- \* Mrs Hazel Watson

**Members Present - Mole Valley District Council**

- \* Cllr Chris Hunt (Vice Chairman)
- \* Cllr Raj Haque (in attendance)
- Cllr Philip Harris
- \* Cllr Valerie Homewood
- \* Cllr David Howell
- \* Cllr Kathryn Westwood
  
- \* Cllr David Howarth (Subst.)
  
- \* Present

During the Open Forum preceding the meeting two members of the public raised questions on different matters. The first question concerned the proposed Westcott to Dorking cycle path; the second concerned the speed limit on the A24 between Burford Bridge and Denbies.

**PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

**63/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Philip Harris who had nominated Cllr David Howarth to attend as substitute.

**64/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]**

County Councillors Clare Curran, Stephen Cooksey and Chris Townsend declared an interest in agenda item 12, as they were also members of Mole Valley District Council.  
Cllr Hazel Watson declared an interest against item 13, as she was

Chairman of Projx.

65/11 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010**  
[Item 3]

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

66/11 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4A]

- 1) Mr Winter commented that he was very satisfied with response provided by officers.
- 2) The committee received a question from Mr Peter Browne regarding the Epsom Road cycle path scheme. Although Mr Browne felt that the response from officers could be more extensive he was advised by the Area Highways Manager that the current public consultation would need to run it's course. After the consultation has been completed officers would be able to comment further.
- 3) Cllr James Friend did not attend the meeting and there was no further comment. Officers referred the committee to the report at item 11.
- 4) Mr Peter Seaward, representing the Bookham Residents Association, believed that the officer response to his question regarding possible future on-street parking charges had not provided sufficient information specific to Bookham.
- 5) Mr Jim Smith commented that he was pleased to see that the matter of proposed on-street parking charges in Mole Valley would be subject to consultation and that he would be submitting an additional question on the matter at a future meeting.
- 6) Mr Tim Carroll spoke on behalf of Ms Debbie Cameron. He said that he hoped that the committee would be able to support the recommendations of the report at item 10.

[Public questions attached at Annexe A]

67/11 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]

- 1) Three Members submitted questions: Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Hazel Watson and Cllr Stephen Cooksey.
- 2) Cllr Clare Curran thanked officers for their response.
- 3) To the question submitted by Cllr Hazel Watson, the Chairman replied that she was pleased to see that the Westcott to Dorking

cycle path scheme was progressing with the engagement of the public. Cllr Curran agreed with Cllr Watson that the county officers should be supported in their work concerning the scheme.

- 4) It was noted that no date had been provided for the replacement of the grit bins at Broadmoor/Sheephouse Lane. The Area Highways Manager agreed to follow this up and would report back to Cllr Watson.
- 5) Cllr Watson was concerned that the flooding of the area of the A25 at Deepdene roundabout was not on the Asset Planning team's list of works. The Area Highways Manager agreed to follow this up and would report back to Cllr Watson.
- 6) Cllr Homewood heard that the matter of the speed limit on the A29 between Henhouse corner and Bear Green roundabout could be considered within the larger scheme of works currently being reviewed for the A24. A report would be submitted to the Local Committee in June 2011.
- 7) Cllr Cooksey was content with the answer he had received.

[Member questions attached at Annexe B]

68/11 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

One petition was formally received that related to the speed limit at Bell Lane, Fetcham. Mole Valley District Councillor Raj Haque submitted the petition.

69/11 **RESPONSE TO PETITIONS** [Item 6]

- 1) Cllr Haque said that he had been disappointed with the officer response to the petition relating to the speed limit at Bell Lane. However, he appreciated that some improvements had already been made to this section of highway. He hoped that officers would continue to monitor the situation and also suggested that improved signage could be considered to improve safety. The Chairman said that road safety was a top priority for the Local Committee and that members would have an opportunity to discuss the priority of schemes later in the meeting.
- 2) No further comment was made regarding the officer response to the Westcott to Dorking cycle path petition that had been received at the last formal meeting in December 2010.

[Petition responses attached at Annexe C]

70/11 **SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN** [Item 7]

Cllr Kay Hammond introduced the Public Safety Plan that had been undergoing a public consultation process. The Plan would be presented to Cabinet in June 2011. Also in attendance was Assistant Chief Fire Officer Simon Moore and Public Safety Planning Area Manager, Ian Thomson.

- 1) Members noted that false alarm calls were running at 47% and asked if this figure would be reduced. The committee heard that the number of false alarms had been falling in number as equipment had been improved and better maintained. The Call Challenge System had already made a reduction in the rate of false alarm callouts and might be extended.
- 2) Members heard that although the proposed new shift pattern changeover of 7am/7pm appears to show a weakness around peak times this is the best fit shift pattern arrived at through consultation
- 3) The committee heard that there would be no change to the current system of governance, however the 'door was open for discussion' should future collaborations be proposed.
- 4) The consultation models used Surrey fire-fighting vehicles in all cases with the exception of Horley where there is an agreement with neighbouring West Sussex. The closest fire appliance would respond in every case.
- 5) New prevention schemes would be put in place with especial emphasis in rural and hard to reach communities.
- 6) Preventative and road safety advice to young people would be retained within the service.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) to note the contents of the report

Reasons for Decision

The Local Committee was content to note the report and through their debate provided feedback to the consultation process.

**71/11 HIGHWAY CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [Item 8]**

- 1) Members approved the report that detailed works from the 2010/11 budget.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) to note the contents of the report

Reasons for Decision

The Local Committee was content with the report.

**72/11 MOLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 9]**

- 1) Members heard that the division of the revenue budget was notional and that funds could be vired between project areas as required.
- 2) Annexe A should have read 'Denbies to Swanworth Lane'.
- 3) The committee heard that any work to a cycle path along the A24 would be a revenue cost and could not be included in any capital works scheme.
- 4) The members particularly welcomed the speed limit reduction schemes. The Casualty Reduction team had worked closely with the Area Highways team to produce the priority list. The two teams would continue to meet regularly and provide feedback to members.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) Note progress with delivery of highways schemes;
- (ii) Note the position of its highways schemes and revenue maintenance budgets;
- (iii) Authorise the Area Team Manager to reallocate any residual 2010/11 revenue maintenance funds as necessary within the approved categories to prevent any potential under spend;
- (iv) Approve the list of schemes given in Appendix 1 and agree that further schemes can be added to the list during the year, subject to Formal Local Committee approval;
- (v) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant local Member, to determine which schemes to progress in the 2011/12 financial year from the schemes listed in Appendix 1;
- (vi) Authorise the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant local Member, to use any allocated revenue maintenance budget for 2011/12 as detailed in section 3.3 of this report;

- (vii) Authorise the Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to vary the revenue maintenance budget between the headings detailed in Table 3 of this report if required; and
- (viii) Note commencement of the new highways contract on 28 April 2011 and the potential for variation of indicative scheme costs resulting from this.

Reasons for Decisions

The committee agreed with the recommendations of the report

73/11 **EXTENSION OF SPEED REDUCTION A24 DENBIES TO MICKLEHAM BENDS** [Item 10]

- 1) Annex A should have read 'Denbies to Swanworth Lane'. The recommendation would be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) Officers are instructed to investigate reducing the speed limit on the A24 London Road (Denbies to Swanworth Lane) to 50mph and report their findings to the next meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee.
- (ii) Officers are instructed to investigate reducing the speed limit in Blackbrook Road, Dorking to 30mph and report their findings to the next meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee.

Reasons for Decisions

The committee agreed with the recommendations of the report with a clarification amendment to recommendation (i).

74/11 **WESTCOTT TO DORKING CYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ROUTE PROPOSAL** [Item 11]

The committee was in support of the proposal.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) The Surrey County Council Footpath Nos. 111 and 114 (Dorking) Public Path Diversion Order 2011 as shown on (Drawing No. 3/1/50/H50) is made and, if one or more objections are received and maintained, the order be submitted to the Secretary of the State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.
- (ii) Note the update of the report

Reasons for Decision

The Local Committee was content with the report.

75/11 **LOCALISM PILOT UPDATE** [Item 12]

- 1) Members heard it was proposed that an annual report would be brought to the Local Committee that would update on s106 schemes and expenditure.
- 2) The committee endorsed the work undertaken by the pilot.
- 3) Members wanted to see the involvement of parishes, residents and other local community groups in consultation for s106 expenditure schemes. A list of local groups would be forwarded to members for approval.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) To note continued engagement with nominated Member Champions.
- (ii) To note progress on individual projects
- (iii) To agree the Property Member Reference Group is established as the Property Sub Group (a key deliverable of the project) and consists of Cllrs Tatham (Portfolio Holder Mole Valley DC), Hunt, Howell, Cooksey, Watson and Hall.
- (iv) To agree that community views are sought and incorporated wherever possible within the projects
- (v) To agree that the principle of devolving responsibility for functions to Parish Councils or Resident Associations is actively explored within all Total Place projects
- (vi) To agree that the Total Place work streams focus activity in the Mole Valley priority areas of Leatherhead Common and LINKS to the south of Dorking where appropriate
- (vii) To agree the additional recommendations in Annexe A in respect of local allocation of Developers Contributions
- (viii) To agree the additional recommendations in Annexe B in respect of engaging Members and local communities in developing a Mole Valley list of potential projects for Developer Contribution funding.
- (ix) To agree the additional recommendations in Annexe C in respect of the results of the Leatherhead High Street consultations and next steps
- (x) Support the approach to evaluate Street Scene improvements in

Dorking, to specifically include engagement with local Members in advance of any works undertaken.

- (xi) That a special private meeting of the Local Committee be held to explore the commissioning approach proposed in the Youth Transformation project and to see if any elements of the Youth Transformation project can be adopted earlier in Mole Valley to test proposals.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee was content with the report.

76/11 **MOLE VALLEY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12** [Item 13]

- 1) Members asked how the Youth Development service engaged with young people who lived in a rural context and may not have access to a youth centre. The committee heard that the Youth Development service would be pleased to engage with any significantly sized group meeting anywhere across the district despite operating on a modest budget. Attention was drawn to church and other voluntary groups operating in rural communities. It was also suggested that members might want to look at the transport networks in their communities which could have impacted on the access young people have to youth centre services.
- 2) The committee raised concern that during the period of transformation some vulnerable young people may lose access, opportunities or contact with youth services. Members heard that there could be no guarantee of continued funding and staffing throughout the coming year.
- 3) It was noted that under the recommendations of item 12 on the agenda a private meeting would be convened with Local Committee members to discuss the roll out of youth service transformation.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) To approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Mole Valley as detailed in Annexe A.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee was content with the report.



77/11 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING** [Item 14]

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

(i) To APPROVE FIFTEEN proposals from the Local Allocation funding. Details of the proposals as outlined in Annexe A [of the report]:

- £2,500 capital Salt Bin in Petters Road, Ashtead
- £2,500 capital St John's Church N. Holmwood, funding for new hall
- £2,500 capital Powell Corderoy School, beehive refurbishment
- £2,453 capital Fetcham United Charities, new toilets
- £1,500 capital Traffic signage, Park Lane Ashtead
- £1,000 capital Pitstop Leatherhead, new carpets
- £4,500 revenue Dorking Town Centre management, decluttering
- £2,800 revenue Liquid Connection, relational support at Therfield School
- £2,500 revenue Salt Bin in Westfield, Ashtead
- £2,000 revenue S. Bookham YCA Ltd., refurbishment of community building
- £1,500 revenue Betchworth Parish Council, footpath restoration
- £1,100 revenue Barnet Wood School, new toilets
- £1,000 revenue Polesden Lacey Infant School, disabled access to garden
- £1,000 revenue Dorking Concertgoers Society, promotional materials
- £923 capital & 620 revenue Bookham YCA, new toilets and refitting kitchen
- £831 capital & £1,100 revenue Barnet Wood School, new toilets

(ii) To APPROVE TEN bids that fell below the £1,000 threshold

- £950 revenue materials Polesden Lacey Shakespeare, promotional
- £940 revenue Ashtead FC, ground improvement
- £600 revenue Buckland PC, additional gritting
- £620 revenue Bookham YCA, new toilets and refitting kitchen
- £500 revenue Brockham PC, ditch maintenance
- £500 revenue Bookham Churches Together, community café
- £200 revenue Dorking Town Festival, displays
- £100 revenue Newdigate Parish Council, Salt bin refill
- £100 revenue Sidney Michael Charity, additional gritting
- £800 revenue Hedging and fencing Norwood Hill road

Reasons for Decisions

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.

**[Meeting closed: 4:47 pm]**

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Chairman