

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 14th September 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

- * Councillor Chris Hunt
- * Councillor Raj Haque
- * Councillor Philip Harris
- * Councillor Valerie Homewood
- * Councillor David Howell
- * Councillor Charles Yarwood

- * Present

INFORMAL QUESTIONS

During the Open Forum preceding the meeting members of the public raised five questions. The questions concerned the road markings on the Dorking Deepdene roundabout, traffic speed on High Street and East Street Bookham, the County Council's on-street parking proposals in Dorking and the speed limit on the A24.

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

18/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS** [Item 1]

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Chris Townsend

19/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

Item 7 – Clare Curran is the district councillor for Bookham North
Item 9 – Stephen Cooksey is the district councillor for Dorking South
Item 9 – Chris Hunt will become a customer of the new proposals
Item 9 – Charles Yarwood is a parish councillor for Charlwood
Item 10 – Hazel Watson is the chair of Prjx

20/11 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8th June 2011** [Item 3]

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

21/11 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4A]

- 1) Mrs Griffin disputed the content of the officer answer provided. She told the meeting that British Telecom had said they were not responsible for the overgrowth of the tree in question. Mrs Griffin asked for a copy of APN11 Guide which officers agreed to supply.
- 2) Mr Billard asked how the Mole Valley Cycling Forum (MVCF) could effect to raise the urgency of schemes up the Highways agenda. The Surrey Cycling Officer would sit down I consultation with MVCF in the New Year and then would feedback into the Local Committee as schemes were prioritised.

22/11 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]

- 1) Cllr Hazel Watson heard that the priority attached to all road schemes was decided by the members and that Zig Zag road could be added to the list of prioritised schemes for 2012/13.
- 2) Cllr Raj Haque noted that the new online system for reporting public enquiries into highways matters was now much improved. However, the public and ward members were advised to the relevant divisional member with any problems or delays.

23/11 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

One petition, submitted by Mr Tim McDonald was received. Members noted that the traffic light system is now functioning well.

24/11 **HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 6]

- 1) Members noted that progress had been made since the report had been published.
- 2) Work with May Gurney is continuing well
- 3) Members were reminded to consider spending their Community Pride allocation
- 4) The Area Highways Manager to confirm if Old Horsham Road Holmwood actually refers to Beare Green
- 5) Noted that surface treatment works must be completed by October due to weather conditions and lower temperatures

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) To note the report

Reasons for Decisions:

The Local Committee was content to note the report and progress made.

25/11 **LOWER ROAD, BOOKHAM PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** (Item 7)

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) That Option 2 of the committee report be investigated for feasibility.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee supported the comments provided by the ward and divisional members. Both members reflected the preferences of the local community and the Casualty Reduction Officer for a zebra crossing in this location.

26/11 **MOLE VALLEY SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT REPORT** [Item 8]

1. The members were in general disappointed with the officer recommendations and agreed that there were insufficient arguments within the report to alter the Local Committee recommended speed limits.
2. The members reflected on the public concern and gravity that had been presented to the committee previously by written public questions and petitions.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) That a letter written by the Chairman addressed to the Cabinet Member for Transport in support of the Local Committee preferred speed limits; and
- (ii) that the Local Committee preferred speed limits should be implemented as soon as possible

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee provided the evidence below in support of their decision:

A29 Beare Green Road (AKA Bognor Road & Ockley Road)

The reduction from the national speed limit to 50mph concurred with the Local Committee's requested speed limit

A24 Horsham Road

The Local Committee's requested speed limit was 50mph because:

- Access to Weald School
- Access to Newdigate Village – A24 runs through the village

- High speed is intimidating for residents
- 56 households are accessed off of the A24
- Roundabout approach speed limit is too high
- Accident record on this road is lamentable

A24 Mickleham By-Pass & London Road

The Local Committee's requested speed limit was 50mph because:

- Longstanding community requests and petition.
- Accident record

A24 Leatherhead Road

The Local Committee's requested speed limit was 30mph because:

- This is the access road to West Ashted schools
- This is the access road to the hospital
- Many private residences are accessed from this road

27/11 **PROPOSED ON STREET 'PAY AND DISPLAY' PARKING CHARGES IN MOLE VALLEY** [Item 9]

1. Both divisional members for Dorking expressed their concerns and opposition to the implementation of on-street parking in Dorking and challenged the offer report that the proposal would bring benefits to the community.
2. The divisional and ward members for Hookward were concerned that the outcome of restricted parking might not address the specific difficulties experienced by residents such as abusive or 'creep' parking. The meeting heard that officers will arrange for meetings with individual members to gain an understanding of specific local issues.
3. The meeting heard that enforcement would be carried out by the District Council.
4. Cllr Cooksey proposed an amendment to the recommendations which was seconded by Cllr Watson and subsequently carried.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. To approve the statutory advertisement of the parking charges recommended by officers except for the parking charges and waiting restrictions proposed for Dorking;
- ii. that objections and comments to the proposals are reviewed by the Committee at a later date (anticipated by Mole Valley Local Committee meeting on 6th December 2011).

Reasons for Decision

The proposed amendment to the officer recommendation was taken to a vote and carried by 5 in favour with 6 abstentions.

28/11 **LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK** [Item 10]

1. Members were pleased to note that focus would include the rural

areas of the district.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. that the local prevention framework priority for Mole Valley is to reduce NEET across Mole Valley, but with a particular focus on areas of need identified as 'Links' (Goodwyns, Holmwood and Chartdown), Leatherhead North, Westcott, Bookham North, Fetcham East and that the commissioning budget is deployed to commission outcomes in accordance with this prioritisation; and
- ii. Note the deployment of the Surrey Outdoor Learning outreach programme on a district wide basis with referrals managed through the Youth Support Service Mole Valley team; and
- iii. Note the nominations for the new youth club steering groups will be the county councillor in whose constituency the youth centre is located, as follows: The Malthouse (Cllr Hazel Watson); the Bridge (Cllr Tim Hall) and Ashted (Cllr Chris Townsend).

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee were in agreement with the officer recommendations with the inclusion of a clarification of the geography of the areas of need in Dorking. The committee agreed that the officer recommendation concerning the management and delivery of youth work from the Bookham Centre was unclear and this was not supported.

29/11 **MOLE VALLEY LOCALISM PILOT UPDATE** [Item 11]

1. The members felt that the district council proposal to devolve small amounts of s106 monies to parish councils was a good one and it was suggested that the county council may consider a similar scheme.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) note continued progress in the workstreams and the increased profile of the pilot following a presentation at Surrey Strategic Partnership; and
- (ii) to task the Chairman of the Local Committee to write to the Deputy Leader to enquire if Surrey County Council could consider devolving certain s106 funding to parish councils in the manner of the Mole Valley District Council model.

Reasons for Decisions:

The Local Committee noted the contents of the report and considered the action of the District Council as positive.

30/11 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING** [Item 12]

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

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

- £1,200 revenue Age Concern, Mole Valley North – PC
Technology for older people
- £4,229 capital Surrey County Council Highways Team -
vehicle activated signs

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

- £500 revenue Buckland Church Steeple
- £500 revenue Hello Hookwood
- £1,000 revenue Youth Development Service

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: 16.32 pm]

Chairman