

**MINUTES:** of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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 – Vice Chairman
- \* 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 David Sharland

**INFORMAL QUESTIONS**

During the Open Forum preceding the meeting a question was received from Westhumble resident's association expressing their concern with regards to the parking waiting restrictions review.

**PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

31/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS** [Item 1]

There were apologies for absence from Councillor Charles Yarwood and apologies from Councillor Chris Hunt for running late to the meeting.

32/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

Item 9 – Stephen Cooksey is the district councillor for Dorking South (prejudicial interest)

Item 9 – Chris Townsend is the district councillor for Ashted Park (prejudicial interest)

Item 9 – Clare Curran is the district councillor for Bookham North (prejudicial interest)

Item 9 – Tim Hall

Item 10 – Clare Curran is a governor of Therfield School (prejudicial interest)

Item 10 – Tim Hall is a trustee of the Leatherhead Youth Project (prejudicial interest)

Item 10 – Hazel Watson is a governor of Ashcombe School

33/11 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**  
[Item 3]

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

34/11 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4A]

- 1) Mr Billard of Mole Valley Cycle Forum, asked how the phasing of traffic lights between Vincent Lane and Westcott Road could be improved to help protect the safety of cyclists. The Area Highways Manager said this could be looked into but must also take into account issues such as congestion and red light violations. The Area Highways Manager will convene a meeting between Mole Valley Cycle Forum and a signals specialist.
- 2) Ms Dickinson asked for further clarification following the answer she received from the officer as she felt the response was not fully comprehensive. As no officer was present at the meeting to respond Ms Dickinson will receive a written response from the officer.
- 3) Mr Seaward of Bookham Resident's Association asked for reassurance that weight limits as well as other measures would be included when looking at congestion on Bookham High Street and East Street. The Area Highways Manager confirmed they would be and that these streets would also be included in the parking review.

35/11 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]

- 1) Cllr Valerie Holmwood was pleased to hear that Beare Green has now been re-graded as a priority one gritting route.
- 2) Cllr Raj Haque noted the response from Highways officers on the trimming of oak crowns
- 3) Cllr Hazel Watson noted the response with regards to Ranmore Common
- 4) Cllr Stephen Cooksey welcome the assurance from Highways officers that both issues will be dealt with quickly and would hope for the timeframe to be confirmed shortly.

36/11 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

One petition, submitted by Mr Simon Spinks was received, with 18 signatories on the state of Harts Garden road surface in Dorking. Hazel Watson registered her support for the petition and the South East Area Highways Manager responded that he was hopeful Harts Garden would be included in the new financial year's programme, subject to funding.

37/11 **LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK** [Item 10]

Councillors Curran and Hall left the room for this item due to prejudicial interests

Councillor Clack assumed the role of Chairman in Councillor Curran's absence. Due to Councillor Clack's attendance being required at another meeting Item's 9 and 10 were moved up the agenda to allow for her to assume the position as chairman.

- (i) The Head of the Transformation project reminded members that this was the third report the Local Committee had received on the Local Prevention Framework
- (ii) Members thanked the members of the task group for their work in assessing the bids for the framework
- (iii) Cllr Hunt raised the importance of having a seamless process to review the contract at the end of the 12 months to ensure ongoing service provision.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee AGREE

The award of the contract for Approve an award of contract for a twelve month period to the following providers:

Leatherhead Youth Project for £49,000 to provide NEET prevention services to young people in North Leatherhead, Bookham and Fetcham.

Surrey Youth Consortium for £49,000 to provide NEET prevention services focusing on, but not exclusively, Goodwyns and Westcott.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee were in agreement with the officer recommendations and thanked the work of the task group in helping to reach these recommendations.

38/11 **LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING** [Item 9]

Councillors Curran, Hall, Cooksey and Townsend left the room for this item due to prejudicial interests.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) To APPROVE the Local Allocation as outlined in Annexe B [of the report]
  - £900 – Westcott Medow Action Group
- (ii) To APPROVE **FOUR** proposals from the Local Allocation funding. Details of the proposals as outlined in Annexe A [of the report]:
  - £4,000 (£3,510 revenue and £490 capital) - Refurbishment of essential building items to allow the use of building as a community centre for Pixham Residents
  - £2,000 revenue - Contribute towards a village website covering all aspects specific to Bookham
  - £3,250 revenue - Update BFree equipment and decoration to ensure that the youth cafe remains a welcoming and state of the art venue for local young people
  - £2,000 revenue - Pay for drama awards and contribute towards theatre hire to maintain reduced ticket prices for junior audiences for Leatherhead Drama Festival 2012
- (iv) To APPROVE **SEVEN** bids that fell below the £1,000 threshold
  - £200 capital Leigh History Box
  - £500 revenue Therapeutic Riding for Special Need Children
  - £1,000 revenue Activity Programme for Young People with ADD/ ADHD/ Asperger's Syndrome
  - £4,000 revenue Coldharbour Grit Bins
  - £1,000 revenue Capel Grit Bins
  - £300 revenue To brighten up the village hall and courtyard
  - £195 revenue Delivery of the SCC Information Pamphlet regarding the SCC 497 bus route

Reasons for Decisions

The spending proposals put forward for this meeting have been assessed against the County standards for appropriateness and value for money, alongside officer advice given in Annexe B, and it is recommended that they should be approved.

Councillors Curran, Hall, Cooksey and Townsend returned to the chamber.

39/11 **HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 6]

- 1) Members noted that progress had been made since the report had been published.
- 2) The Area Highways Manager updated the committee that the Cabinet member considered the proposals by the local committee for the reduction of speed limits and agreed that:
  - (i) A24 Mickleham By-Pass be reduced to 50mph
  - (ii) A24 Leatherhead Road will remain at 40 mph
  - (iii) A29 Beare Green Road be reduced to 50mph and anti-skid marks installed
  - (iv) The D301 Blackbrook Road will remain at 40mph but safety measures will be put in place and a review will be conducted in a year.
- 3) Cllr Hazel Watson expressed her thanks to the Local Committee in their support of the speed limit being lowered.
- 4) Cllr Stephen Cooksey registered his disappointment at the speed not being reduced on the D301 Blackbrook Road and asked the committee to support an early review date and agree the necessary funds in advance to ensure the review can be conducted.
- 5) The Area Highways Manager outlined the necessary steps for the reduction in speed limits.
- 6) The Area Highways Manager will circulate an updated speed management plan to the committee.

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.

40/11 **MOLE VALLEY WAITING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW** (Item 7)

- 1) Members thanked the parking team for their efforts in compiling the report.
- 2) The Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager assured the committee that the proposed changes will be advertised as soon as possible. This will cost £5000
- 3) Cllr Chris Townsend proposed that the restrictions on page 45 of the report extend to the eastern boundary of Nightingale House on the south side of Park Lane, Ashted and that waiting restrictions be placed on the south west side of Grange Road along the frontage of Hillfield Lodge.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) The recommendations detailed in Annex 1, and as tabled at the meeting and as agreed with divisional members;
- (ii) That the County Council's intention to make an order under the

- Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 be advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order be made;
- (iii) That if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Group Manager is authorised to try and resolve them.
  - (iv) That if objections cannot be resolved, they are reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee for consideration and decision.
  - (v) That amendments to waiting and parking restrictions in:

Garlands Road and St Johns Avenue (Leatherhead)  
Old Horsham Road (Bear Green)  
Glebe Road and Chart Lane North (Dorking)  
Fairfield Drive (Dorking)  
Westhumble Street (Westhumble)  
East Street and High Street (Bookham)

Are developed to improve safety and reduce obstructive parking and agreed by the parking team in consultation with the chairman and divisional member, and included in the statutory public consultation process described above.

41/11 Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee considered the information within the report along with the tabled amendments and discussion with local divisional members and agreed the recommendations.

**LOCALISM PILOT UPDATE [Item 8]**

Cllr Tim Hall had to leave the meeting before this item

- 1) Members thanked the district council for putting this report forward
- 2) Discussions took place with regards to the spend of developer contributions in Ashted and it was requested that the officer from Mole Valley District Council take note of these
- 3) Cllr Watson felt that developer contributions to be diverted toward improving pavements in Dorking instead of the proposed work of art.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- (i) The Local Committee to note the report.

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee was content to note the report and support it.

**[Meeting closed: 15.42 pm]**

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Chairman