

**MINUTES:** of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 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 Valerie Homewood
- \* Councillor Kathryn Westwood (sub)
- \* Councillor Charles Yarwood

**INFORMAL QUESTIONS**

During the Open Forum preceding the meeting questions were received on the future strategy of cycling in Mole Valley, an update on various highway works being undertaken in Bookham, gully cleaning in Fetcham and grass cutting in Beare Green.

**PART ONE - IN PUBLIC**

13/12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS** [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Ling and Councillor Kathryn Westwood attended as a substitute

14/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

Item 14 – Clare Curran declared an interest as a governor of Therfield School.  
Item 14 – Tim Hall declared an interest as a council appointed trustee of the Leatherhead Youth Project and a governor of Fetcham Infants.  
Item 14 – Hazel Watson declared an interest as a governor of the Ashcombe School and the Surrey Hill School

15/12 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012** [Item 3]

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

16/12 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4A]

1) Mr Ward, Resident of Dorking Rural, asked when a decision would be taken to introduce metered parking in Hookwood and what work would be undertaken to tackle anti-social parking in Hookwood and the surrounding areas. Mr Ward received a written response and asked if the parking team could also look at Reigate Road so the problem wasn't just

displaced. The Parking Team responded that they would have a comprehensive look at the area and a report on metered parking would be brought to the committee later in the year.

17/12 **MEMBER QUESTIONS** [Item 4B]

Hazel Watson raised two questions, firstly concerning what action had been taken to improve the road safety for traffic on Ranmore road in the vicinity of the recycling centre. Secondly what work road markings could be put in place to improve the safety of the bridleway crossing between Ranmore Road and the Dorking Recycling Centre. Mrs Watson received a written answer from the SCC Highways Team and raised concerns that there had been a delay to work. The Area Highways Team manager reported that the work undertaken by the Waste and Sustainability consultants who had been bought in produced signs that didn't comply with the Department for Transport's guidelines so they had to be sent back and reproduced which had caused the delay. They would also look into the bridleway crossing but the fact Ranmore Common is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty must be taken into account.

18/12 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

No petitions were received.

19/12 **LOCAL PROTOCOLS 2012/13 [Item 6]**

- 1) The local protocols which provide the framework for public engagement were presented to the committee, these were initially agreed for a period of 3 years in 2009 with a proviso for small amendments

RESOLVED that the Local Committee AGREE to:

- (i) to make no change to protocol and endorse the current arrangements for a further 12 months.

REASON FOR DECISION

The members of the committee felt the protocols had worked well to date and given the Community Partnership Team's Public Value Review they should be kept the same at present.

20/12 **HIGHWAYS SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT [ITEM 7]**

- 1) Hazel Watson supported the proposals for surface treatment in Westcott and asked where the A25 Deepdene roundabout flooding scheme was, the Area Highways Manager agreed to report back on this. Stephen Cooksey seconded the importance of this scheme
- 2) Stephen Cooksey raised concerns that the S106 funded scheme for West Street wasn't included in the list and asked if this could be updated to reflect the scheme.
- 3) Helyn Clack wished to congratulate the Queen on the 60 years of her reign and to also congratulate the leader of the council for giving the local committee the budget to enact schemes and address issues in the locality.
- 4) Concerns were raised as to the impact of the recent heavy rain on the programme of works. The Area Highways Manager confirmed this had caused problems but that officers and contractors were doing all they could to address this and get back on schedule.
- 5) Hazel Waston requested clarification as to how the revenue maintenance gang would work. The Area Highways Manger advised that the gang had already commenced work and were addressing a backlog of issues and once this was done a programme of works would be developed that the county councillors would be consulted upon. The Chair of the Committee requested that all councillors identify work for both the revenue maintenance gang and the community pride fund.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee AGREE to

- (i) Note the report for information

Reasons for Decisions

The Local Committee were happy with the progress to date and noted the report.

21/12 **B2126 - COLES LANE, OCKLEY – EXTENSION OF 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT** [Item 8]

- 1) This is to regularise a long outstanding issue. The Highways Engineer confirmed the changes to the road would be made eastwards to the A24.
- 2) Helyn Clack confirmed that local residents would be pleased to see these changes.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee AGREE to

- (i) Agree that the speed limit in Coles Lane, Ockley between a point 20m west of the railway bridge and its junction with the A24 Capel By-Pass be changed to 40mph;
- (ii) Authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit change, and subject to no objections being upheld, the Order be made; and
- (iii) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, and the local Divisional Member, to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

Reason for Decisions

The local committee agreed that the small part of the road being a different speed limit could cause confusion and it should be a standardised speed for the entire length.

22/12 **LIDL DORKING DEVELOPMENT, HIGHWAYS ISSUES** [Item 9]

- 1) Stephen Cooksey confirmed that this has been an ongoing process but that a resolution which all are happy with has now been reached. Credit needs to be given to all of the organizations involved.
- 2) The Chair of the Committee raised that wherever possible schemes like this should come to the local committee.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee AGREE to

- (i) Note the proposal to implement a new zebra crossing on Vincent Lane, raised table entry treatments at each end of Vincent Road and an 'Access Only' restriction on Vincent Road in general accordance to the drawings shown in Appendix 1&2.
- (ii) Authorise the advertisement of notices in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to introduce a zebra crossing on Vincent Lane to the south of Vincent Road, raised table entry treatments at both ends of Vincent Road and 'Access Only' restriction on Vincent Road. The general locations of these are shown on the plans in Appendix 1 & 2.
- (ii) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local divisional Member, to resolve any objections or representations received in connection with any of the notices advertised.

Reason for Decisions

The Local Committee were happy to agree the traffic regulation order.

23/12 **CYCLE SMART** [Item 10]

- 1) There has been a large increase in cycling in Mole Valley due to the Olympics. Officers are keen to promote safe cycling and the report sets out work undertaken to date to address the increase cycle casualties. It is important that these road safety messages are communicated to all road users. Hazel Watson welcomed this work, though raised concerns about the Box Hill Zig Zag following the removal of the speed humps.
- 2) Officers echoed these concerns and are looking into temporary traffic calming measures but are limited as they can't affect the road surface.
- 3) The police have increased the presence of local officers and this is a key priority for them. An action plan has been developed to address issues and this has been developed in consultation with residents.
- 4) Tim Hall welcome the information on the casualties in the town centres, noting that two key areas were the Kingston Road and around Therfield school, could officers make these areas a priority. Officers agreed to come back with some suggestions for tackling these areas.
- 5) Road safety officers agreed to speak with Highways officers to give an input into Highways schemes from a safety perspective.
- 6) The production of a cycle strategy was discussed and officers raised that consultation would be undertaken later in 2012. The police felt confident that the strategy and other work to date would increase the safety of cyclists in Mole Valley.
- 7) The bikeability scheme (formerly cycling proficiency) was being run through schools in the district and schemes were being developed for older riders. Officers want to increase the uptake of the level 3 bikeability; councilors expressed a wish to support this in their areas.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. Note and comment on the latest cycling data for Mole Valley and the Box Hill area.
- ii. Endorse the early actions to promote safe cycling in Surrey and the Box Hill area

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to ADD an additional recommendation of:

- i. When the committee is considering proposals for cycling infrastructure they will take into account and consider the safety and accident data that is prepared. It is requested that officers keep the committee updated on the cycling casualty data.

Reason for Decisions

The Local Committee noted the work being undertaken on cycling safety both in Surrey and Mole Valley. Given the increase in cycling in Mole Valley in the run up to the Olympics, a trend that is likely to continue this is seen as vital work. The Committee felt that it should adopt an evidence based model when allocating it's funding for cycling safety work and will seek regular updates on casualty data.

24/12 **YOUTH SMALL GRANTS [ITEM 11]**

- 1) It was previously agreed by the Committee (7<sup>th</sup> March 2012) that there would be £17,000 to allocate to youth work in Mole Valley.
- 2) Stephen Cooksey raised concerns over the reasoning for the Encore Youth Orchestra not being allocated any funds. Officers felt that the Encore Youth Orchestra didn't meet the set criteria which must be applied equally to all bids.
- 3) Kathryn Westwood agreed that the criteria must be applied consistently.
- 4) Councillors agreed with the recommendations made by officers but asked if the Community Partnership and Committee Officer could contact the Encore Youth Orchestra and offer some alternative funding through members allocations.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. To approve the Officer recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

Reason for Decisions

The local committee approved the officer recommendations and expressed a wish to support the unsuccessful bid (Encore Youth Orchestra) through their members' allocations.

25/12 **MOLE VALLEY NOMINATIONS TO PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE [ITEM 12]**

- 1) The Committee nominated Tim Hall to represent the Local Committee on the Community Safety Partnership
- 2) Chris Townsend asked if the committee could be updated on what is happening with the Local Strategic Partnership. Officers stated that this was a district function but it would be raised with officers there.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. Nominate a County Councillor to the Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership.
- ii. Note the changes to central community safety funding

Reason for Decisions

The Committee were happy to note the changes to community safety funding and to confirm the nomination of Tim Hall as the committee representative on the CSP.

26/12 **LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUPS [ITEM 13]**

- 1) The committee noted the terms of reference for the groups.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE:

- i. Approve the reconstitution of the Youth Task Group
- ii. Approve the reconstitution of the Property Task Group

Reason for Decisions

The Local Committee approved the Terms of Reference for the two groups and their reconstitution

**27/12 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [ITEM 14]**

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to:

- i. Note the summary of the local committee's 2011/12 expenditure detailed in section 2.
- ii. Agree the items recommended for funding from the Local Committee's 2012/13 Member Allocation funding, as set out in section 3 of the report and summarised below:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Holy Trinity Church, Westcott	Westcott Community Project based at St John's Church Furlong Road, Westcott	£3,786
SCC Children's Services	Leader's Bursary Fund for Looked After Children	£3,000
SATRO	Therfield School Mentoring Programme	£2,000
Leatherhead Youth Project	Making Good – Action/Reward Summer	£1,000
Leatherhead Community Association	Leatherhead Art Project	£2,500

- iii. Note the expenditure previously approved by the Community Partnerships Manager and the Community Partnerships Team Leader under delegated powers, as set out in section 4.
- iv. Note any returned funding and/or adjustments, as set out within the report and at **Appendix 2**.
- v. Agree that the community safety budget of £3160 that has been delegated to the Local Committee be allocated to for use in accordance with the Community Safety Strategy for Mole Valley, in consultation with the county councillor representative and that the Community Partnership Manager authorise its expenditure in accordance with the Local Committee's decision, as detailed in section 5.

Reason for Decisions

The local committee agreed the members allocations presented in the paper.

**28/12 SCHOOL KEEP CLEARS [ITEM 15]**

- 1) At present School Keep Clear markings are currently advisory; officers wish to make them enforceable to increase the safety of school users.
- 2) Councillors questioned if the list was fully up to date. Officers asked if there were any amendments to be made these could be emailed to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer.
- 3) Kathryn Westwood asked who would enforce the markings, officers clarified that this would be part of the civil enforcement parking teams remit and the fine would be the maximum of £70.
- 4) Councillors asked how residents would be notified of the changes, officers explained that the proposal would be formally advertised and street

notices would be put up at affected locations, like any other new parking restriction, and that they would ask schools to update parents of the changes via their websites and newsletters.

**RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREE**

- i. A TRO is made in respect of all the existing SKC markings in Mole Valley;
- ii. That the County Council's intention to make the order under the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 is advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order is made;
- iii. That if objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager is authorised to try and resolve them;
- iv. That if any objections cannot be resolved, the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this committee and the county councillor for the division, decides whether or no they should be acceded to;
- v. An amendment order to the TRO is made in future if any new SKC markings are introduced, and that the steps described in (ii) to (iv) are followed for that order.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to ADD an additional recommendation of:

- i. The above recommendations are agreed subject to the incorporation of an amended list representing the correct names of the schools.

**Reason for Decisions**

The Local Committee agreed the TRO and highlighted the importance of the safety of children attending schools and felt this scheme would help to improve safety.

**[Meeting closed: 16.27 pm]**

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Chairman