

DRAFT MINUTES ONLY – TO BE AGREED ON 04 JUNE 2007

MINUTES: of the meeting of Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) held at 14:00 on Monday 5 March 2007 at the Peter Aubertin Hall, Elmore Road, Chipstead.

Members Present – Surrey County Council

Mrs Angela Fraser DL	Mr Nick Harrison
Mr Michael Gosling	Mr Daniel Kee
Dr Lynne Hack	Mrs Frances King
Mrs Kay Hammond	Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin
Mr Simon Harding	

Members Present – Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

Cllr R M Bennett	Cllr R C Newstead
Cllr M H C Buttery	Cllr B A Stead
Cllr Steve Kulka	Cllr R F C Wagner

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]

Public Open Session

Before the formal Committee session began, the Chairman invited questions relating to items on the agenda from members of the public attending the meeting. Eight questions were asked regarding items seven, nine, and ten.

- 14/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**
Apologies were received from Cllr B C Cowle and Cllr F J Moore.
- 15/07 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2007 [Item 2]**
The minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 16/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**
Mrs Frances King declared a personal interest in Items 17 and 18 as a member of the management forum at the Sovereign Youth Centre.
Cllr B A Stead declared a personal interest in Item 17 as a Governor of Warren Mead Infant School.

17/07 **PETITIONS [Item 4]**

Three petitions were received.

a) Experimental closure of Netherne Lane South, Netherne-on-the-Hill

Mr Sam Doulton, of Netherne Lane, Netherne-on-the-Hill, presented a petition containing 102 signatures, on behalf of local residents requesting that the proposed experimental closure of Netherne Lane South not be implemented.

Mr Doulton informed the Committee that the residents were concerned about the increased congestion and journey time, as well as emergency service access and resident access to services. Mr Doulton suggested that speed restrictions could be introduced on Netherne Lane South to alleviate residents concerns regarding safety.

The Chairman thanked Mr Doulton for presenting the petition and stated that the comments would be noted when considering the report on the proposed closure (Item 8).

b) Crossing on Outwood Lane, Chipstead

Mrs Debbie Bridger of Pine Walk, Woodmansterne presented a petition containing 364 signatures, on behalf of local residents, requesting a crossing on Outwood Lane, opposite the Midday Sun Public House.

Mrs Bridger informed the Committee that whilst a crossing would be predominantly a school crossing, it would have benefits for the wider community.

Mrs Bridger stated that whilst the school is a London Borough of Croydon school, the pupils are from Reigate and Banstead. The petitioners felt that the speed of traffic was higher than the recent survey had indicated. There was concern that with planned development in the area, crossing the road could become even harder in future.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Bridger for presenting the petition, and asked the committee to consider the report from the Local Transportation Manager.

The Committee asked the Local Transportation Service to look into any measures that could be implemented in the short term.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Note that the County Council are currently undertaking a Waterhouse Lane/Outwood Lane safety and speed management study and that the feasibility of a crossing on Outwood Lane could be investigated subject to the Local Committee approving the continuation of this study in 2007/08,

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- (ii) Agree that the proposed safe crossing feature is scored against the current scheme priority scoring system and considered for inclusion in the scheme list.

c) Walton-on-the-Hill parking restrictions

Mrs J French, a trader from Walton-on-the-Hill presented a petition containing 472 signatures, on behalf of local residents and businesses, opposing the proposed parking restrictions, particularly the reduction in long term parking.

Walton-on-the-Hill does not have a train station and Mrs French informed the Committee that a number of businesses in the area relied on their customers being able to park for longer times. She suggested that these businesses could be provided with some form of exemption permits for their customers.

There was also concern that parking could be dispersed into residential roads.

The Chairman thanked Mrs French for presenting the petition, which was noted by the Committee. The Local Transportation Manager confirmed that the petition and comments, along with any other objections, would be considered as part of the consultation process.

18/07 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 5]

One public question was received. A response was tabled at the meeting and is attached as Annex A.

19/07 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME [Item 6]

Three Member questions were received. The following responses were tabled at the meeting.

Mrs Frances King, Member for Earlswood and Reigate South, asked the following question:

Highway Surface - St Johns Road, Earlswood

“The surface in St Johns Road was replaced as recently as last November but already shows signs of failure. Can officers provide an explanation of why potholes and other defects have become apparent soon after the material was laid and what measures are proposed to rectify the situation “

The Local Transport Manager Responded:

“Prior to reconstruction, the carriageway of St Johns Road had fallen into a poor state of repair and it was apparent that urgent action was needed. Following examination of the road's structure undertaken by the Council's Laboratory it was decided the most suitable treatment would be to renew the road base using a recycling process and overlay with Miles Macadam surface course.

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Mile Macadam is a high specification dense bitumen macadam that is pressure grouted immediately after it is laid. The product is intended for applications where there are moderate to high volumes of traffic and previously had been used successfully at a number of other locations within Surrey.

When reconstructing a road it is important to ensure the underlying formation is firm and has optimum water content. If the formation is too wet it can become soft as the bonding action moderate water content provides, is lost. Where identified, soft spots can be treated by excavating the area of affected formation and replacing it with suitable fill material.

Dense bitumen macadam is laid hot and may be applied during moderately cold weather but a risk of failure exists if rain falls before it has been rolled and has had reasonable time to cool. The preferred months to use the material are during the summer but it is regularly used successfully early or late in the year provided prevailing weather conditions are favourable.

For contractual reasons the work in St Johns Road was undertaken later in the year than the Council's engineers would have preferred. However, given the urgent need for repair the decision was taken to carry out the work in November once agreement had been received from the supplier to provide a three year guarantee.

Once work had started in the road there were prolonged periods of rain and many soft spots that developed in the formation were treated in the prescribed way. Although adequate repair to the formation was believed to have been carried out, small areas of base failure have since become apparent manifested as patches of crazed and sunken surface. In addition, there is evidence that a considerable percentage of the surface course has begun to fail typified by loss of aggregate and the early stages of pothole development.

The road has recently been thoroughly inspected by the Council's engineers and contractors and a programme of repairs agreed. It is considered important that repairs encompass all potential areas of failure and do not detract from the final appearance of the road as might be expected of a new carriageway. Fully aware of the need to ensure suitable weather conditions, remedial works will not be carried out until April and only then if the forecast remains fair. Committee Members should note that, under the terms of the guarantee, the remedial works will be undertaken at no cost to the Council."

The Committee thanked the Highways Service for their excellent work regarding this issue.

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Cllr R C Newstead, Member for Reigate Hill asked the following question:

Drainage – Horley Road, Lower Earlswood

“In times of heavy rain the street drain by number 80 Horley Road, Lower Earlswood, Redhill overflows causing water in the gutter over a distance of some 50 yards to pond to over a metre wide, to the discomfort of pedestrians trying to cross the road. It is also deep enough to affect the brakes of small wheeled vehicles parked by the curb. This has been reported many times over the last two years to the Borough Council, Thames Water and County Council Officers and Members. The Borough Council and Thames Water claim that this is a Highways drain. I should be grateful to receive advice on when it will be investigated and cleared.”

The Local Transport Manager Responded:

“The problem identified has been recurrent over many years and was first investigated by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council at the time they managed the highway as agents for the County.

Several gullies surcharge during periods of prolonged rain and it is clear that the mechanism for carrying the water away is inadequate or is not working at design capacity. Number 80 Horley Road is on the west side of the road and the affected gullies are also on the west side. A Thames Water surface water drain runs north south along the east side of the road and, from previous investigations, it appears likely that a highway rider drain runs alongside the western kerb, collecting water from several gullies before crossing the road and discharging into the Thames Water drain. Unfortunately no plans exist to confirm the presence of the rider drain and there are no manholes on site to provide access.

An instruction is with the County Council's constructor to clean the affected gullies and carry out high pressure water jetting of the gully connections and rider drain if the latter proves to be possible. Should this fail to resolve the problem a second instruction will be issued to excavate the carriageway and build a new inspection chamber over the rider drain thus providing access for further jetting and a camera survey. Details of the position of buried statutory undertaker plant have already been requested and received in readiness for excavation works should they prove to be necessary.”

Cllr R C Steve Kulka, Member for Meadvale and St Johns asked the following question:

Bus Barrier Budget – Frenches Road, Redhill

“Could the Officers please tell me how much has been spent on everything associated with the implementation of the bus barrier in Frenches Road, to date? This should include Installation of the barrier, new signage, etc., as well as the ongoing repairs of damage caused by vehicles affected by the barrier.

How much more money is planned to be spent on barrier related issues?”

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“The bus gate was installed and financed by the Holmethorpe Developers. The developer paid all costs of their supply, design and installation including all Surrey County Council Officers’ time.

A Ten Year Commuted Maintenance Sum has been negotiated from the Developers as a condition of the Planning Consent. This Commuted Maintenance Sum is calculated based on a first year maintenance of approximately £2,800 per year, which covers communications, energy, maintenance, routine inspections, fair wear and tear, modifications and refurbishments for the commuted maintenance period.

Our records indicate that since installation in July 2005 there was a RTA (Road Traffic Accident) resulting in the replacement of a damaged signal pole. This was replaced at a total cost (excluding VAT) of £1,474.82.

As reported to the Local Committee on 20th November 2006 the remaining barrier related issues to be provided/investigated are as follows:

- (i) Red surfacing to highlight the presence of the bollards. This is, again, to be funded by the developer.
- (ii) CCTV camera – this is currently being investigated with Surrey Police and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council as a CCTV camera in this location would address wide ranging issues. Estimated costs are therefore currently being finalised. As a result possible funding for a CCTV camera may be sought from the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.”

20/07 **PROPOSED SUTTON LANE ZEBRA CROSSING [Item 7]**

A detailed design was tabled at the meeting, and is attached as Annex B

The Local Transportation Manager explained the difficulties that have been faced in finding location for the proposed crossing that satisfies safety and site line requirements.

The Local Transportation Service have received letters of support and opposition since the committee received a petition on the issue in June 2006.

The budget for the proposed scheme is £40,000.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee agrees that:

- (i) A decision on the scheme be deferred to the next meeting

The Local Transportation Service will work with members to try and resolve any issues before the next meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES ONLY – TO BE AGREED ON 04 JUNE 2007**21/07 NETHERNE-ON-THE-HILL – NETHERNE LANE ROAD CLOSURE [Item 8]**

The Local Transportation Manager confirmed that the statutory consultation had been conducted for the proposed experimental closure of Netherne Lane. He informed the Committee that the emergency services did not support the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee agree that:

- (i) In light of the results of the consultation and representations, Officers seek an alternative solution to the issues raised in this locality within available financial constraints.

22/07 RESPONSE TO PETITION – RAVENS CLOSE [Item 9]

The Local Transportation Manager presented the report in response to the petition received in January. He informed the Committee that the Redhill Traffic Regulation Order would be opened in 2007/08, and that this would provide the opportunity to introduce some form of waiting restriction in Ravens Close.

There was some concern that the possible waiting restrictions proposed within the report would not resolve the residents concerns.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee agree that:

- (i) Ravens Close is added to the database of roads in Redhill requesting a Residents Parking Scheme.
- (ii) Consultation is undertaken with the residents of Ravens Close, as part of the review of waiting restrictions in Redhill planned to be undertaken in 2007/08, to ascertain which of the waiting restrictions listed in the report and others would be considered the best option.

23/07 RESPONSE TO PETITION – MALMSTONE AVENUE, MERSTHAM [Item 10]

The Local Transportation Manager confirmed that the Local Transportation Service has investigated ways of bringing forward the resurfacing scheme for Malmstone Avenue, such as dividing the scheme into sections.

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That the Local Committee note:

- (i) The pressures on maintenance funding, the process for prioritising highway maintenance schemes and the current priority accorded to Malmstone Avenue,
- (ii) That an investigation be undertaken to establish the most suitable treatment for the maintenance of this road,
- (iii) That should additional third-party funding become available as match funding the priority accorded to Malmstone Avenue be reassessed,
- (iv) The highway maintenance schemes currently being undertaken in Merstham.

24/07 **THE LIBRARY SERVICE IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD [Item 11]**

Hilary Ely, East Area Manager for the Library Service introduced the report which provided members with an update on the service within the Borough.

She confirmed that the library usage is falling nationally, although they are still the single most popular public service which can be accessed voluntarily.

Surrey Library Service is investing in improving interiors and new technology, enabling longer opening hours.

The Chairman thanked the Area Manager for the report.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee note the:

- (i) Current state of provision of static and mobile libraries in Reigate and Banstead and the range of services provided in them,
- (ii) Beneficial outcome of local member funding for the refurbishment projects at Banstead and Horley Libraries,
- (iii) Opportunities for the service to develop in Reigate and Banstead to meet the needs of its residents in future, and continue to promote the interests of libraries in plans for joint development of local services.

25/07 **CHILDREN'S CENTRES IN REIGATE AND BANSTEAD [Item 12]**

Sue Turton, Senior Children's Centre Development Officer updated the Local Committee on the development of Children's Centres within the Borough. She confirmed that the planned centres for the Reigate and Banstead have now all been agreed.

The Committee thanked the Children's Centre Development Team for their work against very difficult targets and timescales.

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That the Local Committee:

- (i) Note the progress to date in establishing Children's Centres within Reigate and Banstead.

26/07 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 STREET WORKS AND ROAD WORKS [Item 13]

Mr Robert Hudleston, Traffic Manager, introduced the report, which provided details of the implications of the Traffic Management Act 2004 for Surrey County Council, with regards to street works and road works. Mr Hudleston stated that Through this work, the County Council is addressing the issue of failed reinstatements.

The Committee discussed concerns around poor reinstatements and the disruption that has been caused. Mr Hudleston confirmed that there will be a five year forward plan for works, but that there must be some flexibility. This will not cover emergency works.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Note this report for information, giving an overview of what is happening with regard to Undertaker (Utilities) works and Highway works under new legislation.

27/07 PROPOSED GREAT TATTENHAMS TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME [Item 14]**RESOLVED**

That the Local Committee agree that:

- (i) Subject to funding, and safety audit, the proposals shown within Annexes 1 & 1A of the report be progressed to detailed design and implementation.

DRAFT MINUTES ONLY – TO BE AGREED ON 04 JUNE 2007**28/07 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE A242 CROYDON ROAD / GATTON PARK ROAD (PART) – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME [Item 15]**

The report detailed amendments to the scheme, following concerns raised by the emergency services regarding traffic calming.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee agree that:

- (i) Subject to funding, and safety audit the proposals shown within Annex A of the report be progressed to detailed design and implementation.
- (ii) Subject to the required statutory processes, including advertising, the puffin crossing is constructed as shown in Annex A of the report.
- (iii) The consideration and resolution of any representations are delegated to the East Area Transportation Group Manager in discussion with the Chair of the Local Committee and Local Member(s)

29/07 PROPOSED VILLAGE ENHANCEMENTS TO WESTERN PARADE, WOODHATCH [Item 16]

The Local Transportation Manager confirmed that the proposed scheme would be substantially funded by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee agree, subject to statutory procedures:

- (i) Implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order to allow the passage of motor vehicles in an easterly direction only,
- (ii) Implementation of a speed table outside 14 - 15 Western parade,
- (iii) That consideration and resolution of any objections received are delegated to the East Area Transportation Group Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member.

30/07 LOCAL COMMITTEE FUNDING - PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE [Item 17]**RESOLVED**

That the Local Committee agrees that the:

- (i) Following proposals be approved from Local Committee revenue funding:

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1. Youth Engagement Scheme – Surrey Fire & Rescue	£750
2. Roundabout Improvements to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour – Cheyne Walk, Horley	£3,000
3. Play Equipment – Horley Learning Partnership	£1,008.95
4. Sound Equipment – Horley Town Council	£600
5. Horley Self Advocacy Group	£156.05
6. Replacement Windows – Chipstead Scout Hut	£200
7. Equipment Storage – Chipstead and Hooley Guides	£200
8. Provision of Kit – Merstham Football Club	£500
9. Street Lighting – Church Road, South Park	£2,000
10. New Furniture – Horley Library	£4,000
11. Footway Improvements – Vicarage Lane, Horley	£6,000
12. Eco Project – Epsom Downs Community Primary School	£500
13. Vehicle Activated Sign – A217 Near Junction with Burgh Wood	£3,300
14. Seating – Tattenhams Library	£700
15. Men and Mental Health Comedy Project – Surrey Primary Care Trust	£1,150
16. Drop In Facility – Sovereign Youth Centre	£2,050
17. Communication Book Project – Bentley Centre, Banstead	£1,800
18. Removal of Dropped Crossing – A25 Station Road, Redhill	£2,587.50
19. Outside Learning Shelter – Warren Mead Junior School	£1,214

(ii) Following proposals, tabled in a supplementary paper be approved from Local Committee revenue funding:

20. Notice board and Information Point – Sidlow	£580
21. Horley Self Advocacy Group	£220

(iii) Remaining revenue funding of £1,644.66 be added to the Local Committee capital funding.

31/07 **LOCAL COMMITTEE CAPITAL FUNDING [Item 18]**

The Local Committee considered the six bids that were received for Local Committee Capital funding.

The Chairman proposed that funding be agreed for the Greenway/Colebrook Road Multi-Use Games Area, Sovereign drop-in facility and Cromwell Estate Multi-Use Games Area. Mrs Kay Hammond seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED

That the following proposals be approved from Local Committee capital funding:

1. Greenway / Colebrook Road Multi-Use Games Area	£15,275
2. Youth Drop-In Facility - Sovereign Youth Centre	£17,950
3. Cromwell Estate Multi-Use Games Area	£3,419.66

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32/07 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN [Item 19]**

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the forward plan of the County Council's Executive Committee.

33/07 **CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT [Item 20]**

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the report for information.

34/07 **FORWARD PLAN [Item 21]**

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee:

- (i) Notes the forward plan.

[Meeting Ended: 16:53]

Chairman

PUBLIC QUESTION

Mr R M Stamp, Sutton Lane, asked the following question:

Proposed Crossing at Sutton Lane Banstead

"Given that the crossing should be 'near to the junction with Winkworth Road and Croydon Lane' (2-2), would it be possible to show, at the meeting, the relative positions of the proposed crossing, the Winkworth Road/Croydon Lane roundabout, the existing crossing on Winkworth Road, the main entrance to Greenacre School and the entrance to Sunrise Homes?"

The Local Transport Manager Responded:

"The plan below shows the features raised in this question."

