

MINUTES:

**of the meeting of the Surrey County Council Local
Committee held at 10.00 on Friday 30th September 2005 at
the Runnymede Centre, Chertsey**

Surrey County Council Members

Mr Terry Dicks - Chairman

Mrs Mary Angell - Vice Chairman

Mrs Carole Jones

Mrs Yvonna Lay

Mr R A N Lowther

Mrs Elise Whiteley

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

[All references to Items refer to the Agenda for the meeting]

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

47/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Carole Jones.

48/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2005 [Item 2]

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

49/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

No declarations of interest were received.

50/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4]

No public questions were received.

51/05 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]

No members' questions were received.

52/05 PETITIONS [Item 6]

One petition had been received from the residents of Bakeham Lane, Englefield Green. Mrs Knight addressed the committee on behalf of the petitioners. She noted that residents and Royal Holloway College had opposed the increase in the speed limit to 40mph, which had been agreed in 1990, and said that recent monitoring suggested motorists were travelling at an average of 10mph over the speed limit. It was felt that this winding road was being treated as a race track as vehicles

accelerated away from the A30 traffic lights, and that it was not safe for cyclists despite being designated as part of the Surrey Cycleway.

The committee heard from Mr Nick Healey, Senior Engineer, that average speeds of almost 50mph suggested that a review was required, and he reported that there had been 18 personal injury accidents on Bakeham Lane/Callow Hill in the last three year period.

The Chairman suggested that speed signs may be tried, and said that he would be happy to talk to residents about the problem. He rejected the recommendation in the report saying that a more urgent approach was required.

RESOLVED

that officers are asked to provide an interim report, to be presented at the next Local Committee meeting in December, indicating what action can be taken and when.

53/05 SURREY HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT (WEST) – PROGRESS REPORT [Item 7]

Mr Derek Buchanan, manager of the Ringways operation in West Surrey, answered questions from members on the detailed monitoring of contracts, the use of sub-contractors, the observation of County Council's tendering process, and road closures for large community events. He agreed to investigate the increase in the quoted cost of road closures for Black Cherry Fair 2006.

RESOLVED

that in future a Ringway Highway Services representative attends every other Local Committee meeting to answer questions on operational and financial performance.

54/05 ENGLEFIELD GREEN PARKING REVIEW [Item 8]

Mr Nick Healey outlined the main findings of the review of parking capacity in Englefield Green, which had been initiated following a petition received by the Local Committee at the beginning of 2005. He said that the survey showed that the 30 minute slots for free parking were well used throughout the day leaving little scope to extend the waiting time. It was also found that the majority of cars parked elsewhere for thirty minutes or less, and that there was increased capacity in the pay and display car parks.

RESOLVED

- a) that the intention of the County Council to make an Order under Sections 1, 2 & 4 and Part III & IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as detailed below, be advertised and that, if no objections were maintained, the Order be made:
 - i) extend the No Waiting at Any Time restriction on the North side of Bond Street Westwards to Torin Court;

- ii) install new No Waiting at Any Time restrictions extending 15m from the junction of Torin Court and Bond Street into both Torin Court and Bond Street;
 - iii) install new No Waiting at Any Time restrictions extending 15m from the junction of Harvest Road and St Cuthbert's Close into both Harvest Road and St Cuthbert's Close;
 - iv) extend the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions in Willow Walk by 20m to the East;
- b) that any objections to the Traffic Regulation Order would be considered by the Area Transportation Director, who would decide what changes should be implemented in consultation with the Chairman and Local Member in whose division the amendment was proposed.

55/05 **ANNUAL ON STREET PARKING REVIEW** [Item 9]

Mr Nick Healey explained that members of the public had suggested 83 changes to parking restrictions in the borough over the year, and that of these 30 were considered by transportation engineers to have some merit, on safety grounds or in order to safeguard through traffic. Members asked about the accessibility for fire engines at a specific site in the Hythe, and about obstruction to pedestrians as a result of cars parking on the pavement – Mr Will Ward noted that this last concern would be discussed at the next meeting of the joint working group. He reminded members that residents would have a further opportunity to comment on the changes when the orders were advertised.

Mrs Angell proposed a double yellow line rather than a single line at the junction beside Fullbrook school, having spoken to local residents. Members were in agreement.

RESOLVED

- a) that the intention of the County Council to make an Order under Sections 1,2 and 4 and Part III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as detailed in Annex 1 to this report (**except that proposed single yellow lines at Fullbrook School be amended to double yellow lines**), be advertised and that, if no objections are maintained, the Order be made;
- b) that the Area Transportation Director consider any objections to the Traffic Regulation Order, and decide which changes should be implemented in consultation with the Chairman and Local Member in whose division the change is proposed;
- c) that the DPE Joint Member Working Group should review any further suggested changes to the parking and waiting restrictions within Runnymede at its annual meetings.

56/05 **WOODHAM LANE ZEBRA CROSSING** (Item 10)

RESOLVED

- a) that the detailed design for the proposed new Zebra Crossing be progressed for construction in 2006/7;

- b) that the Public Notice for the proposed new Zebra Crossing be advertised.

57/05 UPDATE OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME [Item 11]

Members asked if a crossing at the junction of Chertsey Lane and Green Lane could be considered for the future, in addition to the Bowes Road junction.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed:

- a) to declare the land on the frontage to No.25 The Precinct, High Street, Egham as shown in Figure 1 surplus to requirements
- b) to authorise an application to the Magistrates Court for a Stopping-Up Order under section 116 of the Highways Act;
- c) to the updated programme of transportation schemes detailed in Annex 1.

58/05 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL [Item 12]

Miss Suzanne Afra introduced the report, noting that the Runnymede area has the record for the longest walking bus to school, set over the summer by 373 children from St Jude's and St Cuthbert's schools. She also highlighted progress at Marshfields and St Ann's schools in encouraging more children to walk in, and the piloting of cycle packs at Salesian and Magna Carta secondary schools.

59/05 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.40, EGHAM: PROPOSED DIVERSION [Item 13]

Miss Christina Smith explained that this item was being brought back to the Committee because of a significant error in the report received at its July meeting concerning the distance between the proposed diversion and the nearest property, which was reported as 40 metres when in fact the distance was 20 metres. Members were asked to rescind the order made at the July meeting and to make a new order, as recommended in the report which had been tabled.

RESOLVED

- a) the Surrey County Council Footpath no 40 (Egham) Public Path Diversion Order 2005 be rescinded, and a Diversion Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 for Public Footpath No.40, Egham as shown on Drawing No 3/1/88/H13 (Annex 1) be made, and either confirmed as an unopposed order, or if objections are received, submitted to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

60/05 COMMUNITY SAFETY IN RUNNYMEDE [Item 14]

Ms Carolyn Rowe, Area Director Local Partnerships Team, presented the report, noting that Annex 4 had been amended slightly and tabled. She highlighted the fall

in total crime of 3.4% on the previous year across the borough, and the reduction in the fear of crime between the Crime and Disorder Audit of 1997 and 2004. She reminded members that a new Crime and Disorder Strategy for the period 2005-8 had recently been agreed by the partner agencies, and welcomed Superintendent Nick Dove, Inspector Alison Barlow, Mr David Dodd of Safer Runnymede and Ms Kay Wilson-White of Surrey Women's Aid to the meeting.

Members raised and discussed licensing arrangements in the borough, anti-social behaviour with motorcycles in Pooley Green, alcohol consumption and lighting in Gogmore Farm Park, cycling on pavements in Addlestone.

Superintendent Nick Dove emphasised the importance of partnership in tackling crime, and reported that his Surrey Police division planned to recruit ten new Police and Community Support Officers and an additional Superintendent to lead on neighbourhood deployment of resources. He said that he was confident that Surrey Police was a leading police force in its approach to community engagement.

RESOLVED

- i) note the progress made in promoting community safety in Runnymede and in the current crime statistics;
- ii) Delegate responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's local crime and disorder funds in Runnymede to the Area Director;
- iii) Endorse the importance of the contribution of all services to community safety in Runnymede;
- IV) Endorse the ongoing member involvement being sought for the restructured Safe and Secure Task Group.

61/05 TRADING STANDARDS ANNUAL REPORT [Item 15]

Mr Surriya Subramaniam summarised the work being done by Trading Standards officers in the Runnymede area. He said that they had assisted 28 vulnerable residents in their dealings with rogue traders, saving them an estimated £35,000; they had advised 15 local off-licenses and carried out test purchases in 7, achieving one prosecution; and had inspected 258 shops in the borough over the last year. They had also taken out an injunction against a Runnymede boat trader. He outlined the new arrangement for dealing with enquiries via a national call centre which would refer more complex problems (approximately 25% of total calls) to the local team for help. Trading Standards had launched the Buy with Confidence scheme with 72 traders signed up county-wide, and would participate in the Surrey Together initiative to reduce nuisance and harassment.

Members asked questions about the number of complaints in Runnymede relative to the rest of the county, local participation in the Surrey Curry Club, and the cost of calling the national helpline number.

62/05 MEMBERS' INDIVIDUAL FUNDING ALLOCATION [Item 16]

Mr Dicks withdrew his proposal for funding the cost of traffic management at the Remembrance Day parade, and said that he would be writing to Tesco Addlestone

to thank them for stepping in and donating a substantial amount towards these costs.

RESOLVED

to approve the proposed expenditure from the Members' allocations budget as at Annexe 1, **with the exception of the item on Remembrance Day traffic management costs which was withdrawn by the proposer.**

[Meeting ended 11.52 am]

Chairman's signature