

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th December 2007 at The Thames Club, Wheatsheaf Lane, Staines.

County Council Members:

Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos* (Chairman)
Mr Victor Agarwal*
Mr Ian Beardsmore*
Mr Laurie Burrell*
Mrs Carol Coleman*
Mr Frank Davies*
Mrs Denise Turner*

Borough Council Members:

Councillor Gerry Forsbrey*
Councillor Denise Grant
Councillor John Packman
Councillor Jack Pinkerton*
Councillor Robin Sider*
Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley*
Councillor George Trussler*

*** = present**

(All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting)

37/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (ITEM 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Packman and Grant.

38/07 MINUTES (ITEM 2)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2007 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman subject to the Resolution in Minute 34/07 being amended to read (i) To note that Fordbridge Road, Ashford was included on the list for a vehicle activated sign, to be rotated on a six monthly basis.

39/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3)

Mr Beardsmore as a member of Spelthorne Borough Council Planning Committee did not participate in the discussion or vote about recommendation 8 in agenda item 10 as the application from the Staines Society of Model Engineers was subject to a planning application.

- 40/07 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 4)**
The Chairman made no announcements.
- 41/07 PETITIONS (ITEM 5)**
One petition was received and presented to the Committee and Mr Robert Owsianka spoke on behalf of the petitioners:
1. Petition against proposed Controlled Parking Zone for Staines
- Resolved:**
- (i) The petition be noted
- 42/07 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME (ITEM 6)**
Two Members questions were received as set out in the annex attached together with the answers given.
- 43/07 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (ITEM 7)**
Two public questions were received as set out in the annex attached together with the answers given.
- 44/07 TASK GROUP OF LOCAL COMMITTEE (ITEM 8)**
Corporate advice had been received that any Task Group of Local Committees should be given terms of reference.
Resolved:
The following terms of reference be approved for the On Street Parking Partnership "To enable the County and Borough to (i) make representation on any issues with regard to waiting and loading restrictions to the Local Committee (ii) to make recommendations to the Local Committee on the way forward on Controlled Parking Zones and (iii) keep under review the agreement with the Borough Council as required"
- 45/07 SELF RELIANCE IN STANWELL – EARLY YEARS PROJECT (ITEM 9)**
The SCC Early Years Service could no longer co-ordinate this project and had supported the Surrey Care Trust to undertake this instead.
Resolved:
The Surrey Care Trust receive the sum of £14,940 spread over the two financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09 to enable the Early Years Project to proceed.
- 46/07 MEMBERS' FUNDS (ITEM 10)**
The Local Committee made the following decisions to promote the well being of Spelthorne residents. Members requested that

an officer from the County's Youth Service be invited to the next meeting to answer any questions concerning the application from Walton Firs.

Resolved:

- (i) To approve a change in use of funding for Thomas Knyvett school for funding awarded in March 2007
- (ii) To note that the Sunbury & Shepperton Arts Festival funding application reported to the previous Local Committee meeting had been withdrawn.
- (iii) To note that the funding for Staines Rugby Club Minis which was deferred pending legal advice and further information at the last meeting had been agreed.
- (iv) To note funding approved under delegated authority since the last meeting.
- (v) To approve funding of £7000 from Cameo Day Centres to be funded from Mr Burrell £670 and Mrs Coleman, Mr Davies, Mrs Saliagopoulos, Mr Beardsmore and Mr Agarwal £1266 each
- (vi) To approve funding of £8500 for St Saviour's Church youth worker to be funded as follows £4,500 from Mr Beardsmore's allocation and £1,000 each from Mr Burrell, Mrs Coleman, Mr Davies and Mrs Saliagopoulos' allocations.
- (vii) To defer a decision on the application from Walton Firs until the next meeting.
- (viii) To approve capital funding of £2555 for the Staines Society of Model Engineers subject to the relevant planning permission being obtained.

47/07

WINDMILL GREEN, SHEPPERTON – REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE (ITEM 11)

Councillor Sider on behalf of Mr Pegley made a suggestion that consideration be given to the possibility of the County Council filling in the potholes as a goodwill gesture. Councillor Sider also challenged whether the £15,000 cost of the maintenance works as set out in the report was accurate as in his further discussions the local residents had made a suggestion that the County Council might consider funding the road being graded and rolled only once a year at the cost of £5,000 instead of three times a year at a cost of £15,000. The Local Highways Manager confirmed that the £15,000 costs were advised by the County's constructor to undertake the work requested in the original petition. Councillor Smith-Ainsley suggested that it needed to be clarified what the residents were now asking for. Ms Turner asked if the Borough Council and frontagers as joint owners of the land could fund the repairs for £5,000. Mr Burrell emphasised that Windmill Green was a private road and if the Committee were to approve any form of funding this would set a

precedent for other such requests to be made. The Local Highways Manager also advised that if any funding for this were to be approved it would be at the expense of maintaining roads which the County Council were responsible for. Mr Davies expressed concern that the residents views on what they were seeking from the County Council were different from the original petition i.e. the goal posts had changed, making it difficult for the Committee to know what it was having to consider. Mr Burrell moved that the Committee should adopt the proposed policy in paragraph 3.2 of the report and by a show of hands only four Members supported this. There followed a request for a recorded vote on the officer recommendations in the report namely that

- (i) Windmill Green remain privately maintained and (ii) no further action be taken at this time.

The recommendation was not carried with the recorded vote on the recommendations being Councillor Sider, Councillor Smith-Ainsley, Ms Turner, Mrs Saliagopoulos, Councillor Trussler and Councillor Forsbrey against the recommendations; Mr Burrell, Mr Beardsmore, Mrs Coleman, Mr Agarwal and Mr Davies for the recommendations and one abstention (Councillor Pinkerton).

It was then

Resolved:

- (i) A decision be deferred pending a further report being made to the next meeting of the Local Committee with details of the alternative option being proposed by residents.

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B3003 CLOCKHOUSE LANE, ASHFORD – SHARED FOOT AND CYCLE BRIDGE OVER RAILWAY (ITEM 12)

Both the London Borough of Hounslow and SCC had supported the proposal for many years. If the LBH's bid to TfL for funding was successful the Local Committee's formal support for the scheme would need to be in place prior to the scheme being considered by the Executive.

The Local Committee hoped that a letter supporting LBH's appeal to TfL would be helpful for their bid for funding.

Resolved:

- (i) The scheme to provide a new shared foot and cycle bridge as shown on Annex A (Drg. No. 6626/01) be supported prior to its approval being determined by the Executive.
- (ii) Mrs Coleman write to TfL on behalf of the Local Committee supporting the London Borough of Hounslow's appeal for funding half the project costs.

- (iii) The Local Highways Manager would ascertain the reason's for TfL's refusal to fund half the project costs and whether LBH could contribute to the costs.

49/07

D6263 CHARLTON LANE, SHEPPERTON – PROPOSED GATING OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY (ITEM 13)

In response to concerns expressed by Councillor Sider about the intense fly tipping in the Borough the Local Highways Manager confirmed she would endeavour to give this scheme a high priority.

Resolved:

- (i) A lockable gate across a cul-de-sac section of Charlton Lane, Shepperton as shown in Annex A be approved.
- (ii) Authority be given to promote a traffic regulation order to enable the introduction of a new lockable gate and to make enforceable an existing gate in Charlton Lane as shown on Annex A.
- (iii) Any objection to the order be determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council.
- (iv) Half of the overall cost of £4,000 be funded from the 2008/09 Local Allocation.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ITEM 14)

The next meeting would be held on Monday 4th February 2008 at The Thames Club, Wheatsheaf Lane, Staines.

The meeting which commenced at 7pm ended at 8.32pm.

Chairman.....

**Annex to the Minutes of the SCC Local Committee in Spelthorne held on
10th December 2007**

AGENDA ITEM 6**MEMBERS QUESTIONS****Councillor Pinkerton asked the following question:**

“As we have been informed that the traffic flow problem in Staines is under investigation can we be updated on the current position?”

The Local Highways Manager gave the following answer:

“The paramics model of Staines Town Centre is well developed and available for testing options when the needs arise. Following the compilation of the model some adjustment was made to the traffic signal timings at High Street / Mustard Mill Road / South Street which have resolved some of the congestion difficulties.”

Councillor Pinkerton asked the following question:

“At the last meeting the problem of large vehicles entering Park Road Stanwell, which has a 7 tonne environmental limit and transiting the Stanwell Village area and it was agreed that we would ask the police to ensure this doesn't happen. Has any result been achieved? Part of this problem is foreign vehicles destined for the UCH forwarding warehouse at Skylink House, which I have told Spelthorne Planning should not be allowed to occupy a place in Green Belt without planning committee consent. The conditions we are allowed to attach as part of the last planning consent would allow us to inform them they cannot work 24 hours or allow their vehicles to transit Park Road. Can we resolve this problem?”

The Local Highways Manager gave the following answer:

“The environmental 7.5 tonnes weight restriction does not apply to Park Road, but commences eastbound from High Street, Stanwell. This matter will therefore need to be resolved through the planning process with Spelthorne Borough Council.

However, for your information, Surrey Police have carried out some enforcement of the weight restriction in Stanwell Village.”

AGENDA ITEM 7

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mr Keith Johnson asked the following question:

"I have observed automatic traffic survey equipment during the last month in Green Street and Nursery Road Sunbury.

I should like to know

- a) Who commissioned the Survey?
- b) What is being measured and for what purpose?
- c) Are the results available and when will they be released to the public?"

The Local Highways Manager gave the following answer:

"This traffic survey is being carried out independently from Surrey County Council in association with possible development in the area. The collected traffic data is not in the ownership of the County Council but it will be made public if a planning application is made and the data used in support of a transportation impact assessment. "

Mr John Carruthers asked the following question:

"Item 13 of the agenda for the 10th December refers to fly tipping in the still remaining parts of old Charlton Lane outside the Waste Collection Premises. The recommendation is to put gates across the section east of these premises together with the necessary legal procedures. In the report discussion section it mentions that the section to the west of these premises had already been unofficially gated by Scouts who have a HQ building there and this is shown on the agenda plan. Would it not be sensible and in fact cost neutral to take the opportunity to add these west gates now into the same legal procedure as the report clearly supports the action that the scouts took?"

The Local Highways Manager gave the following answer:

"The Officer Recommendation (ii) seeks authority to promote a traffic regulation order to enable the introduction of a new lockable gate, and to make enforceable the existing gate on Charlton Lane."