

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Spelthorne Borough Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines.

### County Council Members:

**Mrs Denise Turner-Stewart (Chairman)\***  
**Mr Victor Agarwal**  
**Mr Ian Beardsmore\***  
**Mrs Carol Coleman\***  
**Mrs Caroline Nichols**  
**Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos**  
**Mr Richard Walsh\***

### Borough Council Members:

**Councillor Penny Forbes-Forsyth**  
**Councillor Vivienne Leighton\***  
**Councillor Isobel Napper\***  
**Councillor Joanne Sexton\***  
**Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley\***  
**Councillor Robert Watts\***  
**Councillor Suzy Webb\***

**Councillor Pinkerton substituted for Councillor Forbes-Forsyth at this meeting.**

**\* = present**

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

**43/11**

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Mr Agarwal, Mrs Nichols, Mrs Saliagopoulos and Councillor Forbes-Forsyth gave their apologies for this meeting. Councillor Pinkerton substituted for Councillor Forbes-Forsyth at the meeting.

**44/11**

### **MINUTES (Item 2)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to

- the correct number of petitions under minute 30/11 being included in the document; and
- the duplicated members allocation minute reference 41/11 (xiii) being deleted.

It was noted that the meeting requested under minute 36/11 would take place after the formal meeting had concluded.

It was noted that the Youth Task Group was due to meet and would report back to the Committee at its October meeting.

**45/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

No declarations of interest were given.

**46/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 4)**

The Chairman thanked the residents of Spelthorne for attending the meeting, the petitions that they had signed up to and the representations that they made to the press to show their views on the on-street pay and display charging debate. This had allowed elected representatives to clearly understand the views of their residents.

**47/11 PETITIONS (Item 5)**

One petition signed by 6,118 residents was received and presented by Mr Richard Hewitt requesting that Surrey County Council reconsider its plans to introduce parking restrictions in Shepperton.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the petition be received
- (ii) The petitioners were thanked for their comments and the comments were noted for reference in item 8 of the agenda.

A second petition signed by 4,520 residents was received and presented by Mr Andrew Lodge requesting that Surrey County Council abandon plans to impose parking restrictions and charges on the residents within Ashford, Middlesex in Church Road and surrounding areas.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the petition be received
- (ii) The petitioners were thanked for their comments and the comments were noted for reference in item 8 of the agenda.

**48/11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Item 6)**

No Member questions were received

**49/11 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 7)**

Three public questions were received and the answers are as set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

**50/11 PROPOSED ON-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING CHARGES IN SPELTHORNE (Item 8)**

The Parking Manager introduced the item stating that officers had visited sites within Spelthorne to assess the viability of introducing on-street pay and display parking bays. The Committee was being presented with the conclusions of the

officer and Environment and Transport Committee discussions on these assessments. He stated that the Committee was being asked to agree what should be included within the statutory advertisement for consultation.

Committee Members individually thanked the residents who had attended the meeting, signed and/or presented the petitions relating to this topic and contacted their local councillors setting out their views on the topic.

In general Members stated that they did not agree with the conclusions with regards to Ashford, that the figures were flawed and that they should more accurately reflect those relating to Shepperton. It was noted that there were no current plans to revisit Shepperton and that there were no proposals for this area. Mrs Coleman proposed, and Councillor Leighton seconded a proposal to remove the suggestions for Ashford from the statutory advertisement, which was agreed by the Committee.

The Committee considered the criteria given by the Surrey County Council Cabinet on reasons for removing areas from the proposals. Members considered that keeping the proposals for Ashford would be damaging to the local economy as shops had already started to close and this would exasperate the issue, that there was an availability of free car parks in the close proximity, and that there was no issue of churn in Ashford and therefore there was no need to increase this in the vicinity. If parking meters were included in Ashford, this would change the pattern of residents' shopping and therefore residents would not drive past these shops to see if there was parking available.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the statutory advertisement of the parking charges and waiting restrictions shown on the plan attached to the agenda report at Annex 1, excluding those areas on the map that are in Ashford be approved; and
- (ii) That objections and comments to the proposals would be reviewed by the Committee at a later date was agreed.

**51/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Item 9)**

To be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines at 7pm. The meeting, which commenced at 7.00pm, ended at 8.30pm.

Chairman.....

**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE  
14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Question 1: Mr Malcolm Robertson asked the following question:**

I am writing to pose a question for the above Committee. It concerns waste disposal, and an item published on the County website on 23/8/11, where it states sending waste to landfill costs taxpayers £600,000 every month.  
[http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/SCCWebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE\\_RTF/Weird+and+wonderful+items+thrown+out?opendocument](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/SCCWebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE_RTF/Weird+and+wonderful+items+thrown+out?opendocument)

Councillor Hack mentioned on BBC Surrey (5/9/11) that tax on waste to landfill cost £8m per year. May I ask, please, which year or years are referred to, how much waste was landfilled, and how much were the landfill costs in total?

In addition, may I ask how much waste was incinerated during that year/ those years, and how much were the costs for disposing of that waste? Do the costs relate to gate fees alone, or are there other costs as well. If so, what are they, and how are they broken down?

The Chairman gave the following answer:

The statement contained in the article that you refer to is "Sending Surrey's waste to landfill costs taxpayers £600,000 every month in taxes alone". This figure is based on the projected landfill tax cost in 2011/12 of sending an anticipated 128,000 tonnes to landfill at £56 per tonne.

The figure of £8Mn mentioned by Councillor Hack is the cost of sending the tonnage quoted above at the 2012/13 landfill tax rate of £64. In 2012/13 the projected total landfill costs of disposing of 128,000 tonnes would be £11.8Mn. In that same year 120,000 tonnes is planned for disposal by EFW at an expected cost of £11.6Mn. The costs include gate fee and haulage. The specific cost elements have not been separated, as they are commercially sensitive.

**Question 2: Mr David Penny asked the following question:**

Could we get a report on the up-to-date position regarding the proposed safety parking restrictions in the borough, as we have a committee meeting on 15/09/2011?

The Chairman gave the following answer:

The formal advertisement for the parking restrictions in Spelthorne, approved by Local Committee in July, is currently being prepared to run later this year.

The formal advertisement can take several weeks to prepare and runs for one month, but there is an additional stage where all objections or comments which we receive on the proposals have to be assessed and included in a report which is then circulated to local County Councillors for discussion. This can also take up to a month to complete, and bearing in mind we cannot order the work on the ground until all objections have been dealt with, the likelihood of ordering the works in time to be scheduled before the winter weather is low.

As we do not want to unduly raise expectations when stating possible timescales, we stated in the committee report that the advertisement will be carried out over Autumn and Winter 2011, with implementation on the ground in Spring 2012. However, we will make every effort to get the works completed as soon as possible once the advertisement and objections process has ended.

**Question 3: Mr Mclusky asked the following question:**

'According to current plans Stanwell faces the possibility in the relatively near future of playing host to SEVEN gravel sites. What defensive action is the Local Committee planning to take on this?'

The Chairman gave the following answer:

I refer to your email addressed to the Spelthorne Local Committee. I assume that the question concerns the current consultation on the draft Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document (DPD).

The DPD has potential implications for four sites situated within the Borough of Spelthorne. These comprise:

- Charlton Lane, Shepperton (for a permanent facility);
- Stanwell Quarry, Stanwell (for a temporary facility);
- Homers Farm, Bedfont (for a temporary facility);
- Watersplash Farm, Halliford (for a temporary facility).

In terms of these four sites, the Local Committee may find the following background information useful.

Charlton Lane, Shepperton is already allocated in the adopted Surrey Waste Plan 2008 for a range of waste management uses including waste recycling. The draft DPD seeks to reinforce the point that the site has potential for the recycling of construction, demolition and excavation waste material to produce recycled aggregate. On 30 June 2011, the County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee resolved to grant planning permission for a waste management eco-park at Charlton Lane subject to the application being referred to the Secretary of State as a departure from the development plan. In the event that planning permission is granted, it is considered that the potential of the site to accommodate a permanent aggregates recycling facility would be reduced.

On 27 April 2011, the County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee resolved to grant planning permission for a 5 year temporary aggregates recycling facility at Stanwell Quarry, Stanwell subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure the long term management of the site. If planning permission is granted, the recycling facility would facilitate the creation of a higher quality restoration scheme for the site and help to attract fill material and soil forming materials for final restoration.

On 19 July 2011, the County Council adopted the Surrey Minerals Plan Primary Aggregates DPD which allocates Homers Farm, Bedfont and Watersplash Farm, Halliford as preferred areas for mineral extraction. The allocation of these two sites in the draft Aggregates Recycling Joint DPD for temporary aggregates recycling facilities would help to facilitate the final restoration of these two sites and prevent the need for the double handling of residual construction and demolition waste by enabling this material to be landfilled on site.

Mr Mclusky asked the following supplementary question:

Would the Committee agree that bonds should be lodged to ensure that companies comply with agreements relating to restoration, considering the history in Stanwell and Stanwell Moor?

Mr James Painter, Community Partnerships Manager responded:

That he would forward the comments of Mr Mclusky to Mr David Lamb for consideration, and provide a response to Mr Mclusky in a timely manner.