

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 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 Friday substituted for Councillor Sexton at this meeting.**

**\* = present**

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

- 01/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**  
Mrs Nichols and Councillor Sexton gave their apologies for this meeting. Councillor Friday substituted for Councillor Sexton at the meeting.
- 02/12 MINUTES (Item 2)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to:
- the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) under minute 61/11 being recorded as a permanent sign, not a temporary sign.
- It was noted that the London Borough of Hounslow should be requested again to provide information on how the £30,000 contributed by SCC towards a feasibility study, referred to under minute 62/11, had been used.
- 03/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**  
No declarations of interest were given.

**04/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (Item 4)**  
The Chairman made no special announcements.

**05/12 PETITIONS (Item 5)**  
Two petitions were received.

Linda Fahey presented a petition objecting to the proposed introduction of double yellow line parking at the junctions of Clarendon Rd. The petition read:

"We, the undersigned, object to the proposed introduction of Double Yellow Line parking controls at the junctions of Clarendon Rd and Princes Rd, and Clarendon Rd and Albert Rd. We believe this introduction will impact adversely upon local residents' ability to park in this area and will, furthermore, lead to increased speed of through traffic thus endangering pedestrians."

Tim Kelt presented a petition (on behalf of Carol Mackender) calling for the introduction of traffic calming measures in Upper Halliford Village. The Petition read:

"We the undersigned residents call for the introduction of traffic calming measures in Upper Halliford Village, specifically in the area where Upper Halliford Road joins Gaston Bridge Road on a junction with a deceptive bend.

We strongly believe numerous reported and unreported road traffic accidents and incidents in this area could be stopped by the introduction of a vehicle activated speed sign and warning road markings and call for the county council's urgent assistance in this."

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the petitions be received.
- (ii) That the double yellow line parking petition be responded to at the meeting.
- (iii) That a report be submitted to the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 meeting of the Local Committee regarding the traffic calming petition. Some issues are addressed under item 8 of this meeting's agenda.

**06/12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (Item 6)**  
One Member question was received from Mr Agarwal and the answer is as set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

**07/12 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 7)**  
The Local Committee did not receive any written questions from the public for this meeting.

**08/12 DRIVE SMART STRATEGY AND LOCAL SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN (Item 8)**

The Road Safety Team Manager introduced the item.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the committee noted the draft Drive SMART Road Safety and Anti-social Driving Strategy and made comments ahead of the strategy being presented to county council cabinet for approval.
- (ii) The committee noted the latest version of the local speed management plan for Spelthorne and provided comments to ensure that Surrey Police and county council road safety colleagues are targeting Drive SMART resources at the sites that need them the most.

**09/12 ANNUAL REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING IN SPELTHORNE (Item 9)**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Committee noted the contents of the report.
- (ii) The Committee agreed that the Local Committee Parking Task Group should be re-convened.

**10/12 PRESENTATION ON THE HIGHWAYS MAY GURNEY CONTRACT (Item 10)**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Committee thanked the Group Manager, Projects & Contracts, Operations - Highways & Countryside, for the presentation.
- (ii) The Committee requested that a full May Gurney Contract report be brought again to the Spelthorne Local Committee in October 2012.

**11/12 SHEPPERTON GREEN AND CHARLTON VILLAGE PETITION RESPONSE – REQUEST FOR AN HGV BAN (Item 11)**

**Resolved:**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**12/12            APPROVAL TO PROGRESS WITH PUBLIC NOTICES FOR A  
RAISED TABLE ACROSS COMMERCIAL ROAD AT ITS  
JUNCTION WITH LALEHAM ROAD (Item 12)**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Committee agreed that the proposed raised table (shown in Annex A of the report) on the D3292, Commercial Road, Staines, is advertised by public notice.
- (ii) The Committee agreed that if an objection to the notice is received before the end of the objection period, it is to be determined by the Local Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman and the Local Electoral Divisional Member.

**13/12            HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT (Item 13)**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Committee noted the contents of the report for information.
- (ii) The Committee requested that the Highways North East Area Team Manager bring an update on the Committee's Highways spend and allocation to the next Informal Committee meeting in February 2012.

**14/12            MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS REPORT (Item 14)**

**Resolved:**

The Committee:

- (i) Noted the Criteria and Guidance Note for the use of Members' Allocations as set out in Appendix A to the report.
- (ii) Noted that Mrs Turner-Stewart's contributions to Winter Hanging Baskets in Staines South & Ashford West is now £2190.
- (iii) Noted that an application from "Help for Heroes" approved under delegated authority was withdrawn and the funds returned to Mrs Turner-Stewart's revenue allocation.
- (iv) Noted the omission of a delegated bid from 21 September 2010 Member Allocation report.
- (v) Noted the allocations approved under delegated authority by the Community Partnership Manager and

Community Partnership Team Leader (East) in consultation with the Chairman (paragraph 2).

- (vi) Approved funding for £4500 for Ashford Baptist Church to install a disabled access toilet. To be funded from Mrs Coleman's Capital allocation.
- (vii) Approved funding for £1086 for the Echelford Primary School to provide playground markings and appropriate signage for a children's crossing area. To be funded from Mrs Coleman's Revenue allocation.
- (viii) Approved retrospective funding for £257.38 for Spelthorne Borough Council to erect Remembrance Day flags and poles in Edinburgh Drive, Stainash Parade and Victoria Parade. To be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart's Revenue allocation.
- (ix) Approved repeat revenue funding for £167 for A2 Dominion Group to repaint the communal lounge area of Berryscroft Court. To be funded from Mrs Turner-Stewart's Revenue allocation.

**15/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Item 15)**

To be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines at 7pm.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.00pm, ended at 9.50pm.

Chairman.....

## **Annex 1**

### **SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

##### **MEMBER QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Agarwal will ask the following question:**

“Why has the water been lower than usual in Hithermoor Stream? Residents advise this is not due to the level of rainfall.”

**The Community and Partnership Team Leader (East) will give the following answer:**

The Environment Agency has responsibility for monitoring the rivers in the local area. The Hithermoor Stream falls within the Agency’s Colne catchment since it flows into the River Colne and then on into the River Thames.

The Environment Agency’s Monitoring Team advises that there has been a long dry spell with below-average levels of rainfall in England during 2011. While late December and early January 2012 have seen above-average rainfall, this has not compensated for the uncharacteristically dry spell of the preceding months (dry summer and spring).

As a result, both river and ground water levels are lower than desired. The latter has a particular effect on streams like Hithermoor that may be underground spring-fed.

The water level in the River Colne has been gradually reducing since early December 2011 as a result and the reduction in water level will also be evident in the Hithermoor Stream that feeds into it. The Agency envisages that it will be a while before water levels improve to their desired levels. This will largely be dependent on the level of rainfall in the coming weeks and months.

**At the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Mr Agarwal asked the following supplementary question:**

“Whose responsibility is it to clear Hithermoor stream?”

**The following response was received from the Environment Agency:**

The Environment Agency is responsible for what was the Hithermoor Stream Scheme, except for the Hithermoor Lake. We were unable to undertake the planned maintenance on it this financial year but the watercourse is on the list for the 2012/13 river and coastal maintenance programme. As part of this, the inspector will assess whether there is a need for dredging and significant debris will be removed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7**

##### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Local Committee did not receive any written questions from the public for this meeting.