



SURREY

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

SURREY HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 21st July 2005

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: St John's Church Link, Windlesham

Members present:

Surrey County Council [6]

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)
Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)
Mr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)
Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)
Mr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mychett)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [4]

Cllr Moira Gibson
Cllr Vivienne Chapman
Cllr Terry King
Cllr Patricia Pearce

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.
The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes of this are in Annex A.

Part 1. In Public - Part A.

49/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Edward Hawkins.

50/05 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 10th March 2005

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

51/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

52/05 PETITIONS

None

53/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

54/05 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

Members requested a full report on the PCSOs in Surrey Heath at the next meeting. Members were concerned that the experience of PCSOs in the urban areas is different from that in the rural areas. The agreed funding for the third and final year of the PCSOs will be held over until this report has been received.

Members noted that funding from the Duke of Edinburgh's (DoE) Awards comes from varied sources. The DoE activities are run by Surrey County Council. Frimley Fuel Allotments support several young people and parents of the young people taking part also contribute. Surrey Heath Borough Council supports the awards night by hiring out Camberley Theatre at the reduced charity rate.

Members commented on the success of the Old Dean Advice Centre (ODAC)

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

1. Agreed to pool £6,500 from each Member into a central pooled fund,
2. Noted that allocations must be made at the September and December Local Committee meetings in 2005.
3. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 9 – 14.

55/05 FORWARD PLAN

The Local Committee noted the dates of future Local Committee meetings and agreed to the next meeting having a crime and disorder focus.

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56/05 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Moira Gibson, Leader, Surrey Heath Borough Council, informed the meeting that the LDF timetable has slipped slightly. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has requested for the timetable to be pushed back to 2009. The LDF is expected to be completed in 2011.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee noted the timetable for the preparation of proposed local development plan documents, in particular the scheduled public consultation this Autumn.

57/05 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

Report 10 – Tasks Commissioned

Members requested an update on the admission criteria. Particularly who was consulted in the rural areas and when this was done.

RESOLVED

This report was for information only.

Report 10b - Standing Citizens Panel Report

Members noted that as elected Members did not attend the meeting, Panel members were free and open to comment honestly on Surrey County Council services. Members commented on the value of information received and were pleased to see that the Panel were moving on to comment on practical solutions to issues identified. County Council Members agreed to attend a future Panel meeting.

Comments on the contact centre will be fed back to County Hall.

RESOLVED

The local committee noted the report.

Part B – Transportation.

58/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 49/05.

59/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

60/05 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Mr Holden regarding traffic calming in Coleford Bridge Road, Mytchett.

Local residents and the three local Neighbourhood Watch groups have concerns about speeding traffic and associated noise on Coleford Bridge Road. 99.4% of residents have signed the petition. The junction with Hamesmore Road was highlighted as a particular area of concern. Traffic exiting the A331 uses Coleford Bridge Road at high speeds during both the day and night. One section of Coleford Bridge Road is straight with no natural traffic calming.

Local residents do not consider speed ramps to be an appropriate measure as they will cause noise nuisance to those people living nearby. Residents would like to see similar

measures to those used in Mytchett Road. Many minor accidents go unreported and damage has been caused to verges. Mr Holden requested that Officers examine the accident data and use covert survey equipment to verify the claims of speeding traffic. A report will be brought to the next appropriate meeting.

61/05 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One question was received from Mr Will Mullen, Camberley. This is attached as Annex B.

62/05 MEMBER QUESTIONS

Two questions were received from Borough Councillor Terry King. These are attached as Annex C

Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation Director, updated the Committee on the A322 Drink Driving Awareness day held by Surrey Police on 7th June 2005 in Bisley. 38 fixed penalty notices for driving without seatbelts and use of mobile phones were issued. 32 breath tests were administered, one of which was positive.

These initiatives have a major impact on road safety and a full report will be brought to a future meeting.

Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee and Chair of Surrey County Council's Community Safety Select Committee commented on the recent London bombings. Gold Command was in place in Surrey within two hours and Surrey was ready to assist London in this time of emergency.

63/05 CHOBHAM RELIEF ROAD

There is a long process in place for the nomination of major schemes. The Local Committee cannot decide on major schemes and must refer up to County Hall.

Members noted that all rural areas are feeling the pressure of traffic and this impacts on local resident's quality of life. It would not be appropriate to put forward a scheme focusing on one village. Members felt that the Parish Councils should meet to discuss this issue as a group.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath agreed to not refer to Surrey County Council's Executive the request of Chobham Parish Council, that a Chobham Relief Road feasibility study be included in the Major Scheme List for future potential funding.

64/05 CRAWLEY RIDGE SCHOOL

There are limitations on what can be achieved in this location and financial implications may inhibit these schemes from being progressed. Officers hope that there will be ongoing financial support in the next financial year.

Members commented on the high quality consultation that had been carried out including that with Borough Councillors and local residents. The issue of double yellow lines and Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) will be looked at when Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) comes in.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee approved the four schemes as shown on Annexes A, B, C and D for construction and implementation as soon as possible.

65/05 WINDSOR ROAD – CHOBHAM – PROPOSED NEW MINI ROUNDABOUT AND PREDESTRAIN CROSSING FACILITY

This issue was first brought to the attention of the Local Committee by County Councillor Lavinia Sealy who worked closely with local residents to bring a petition to the Committee. Members saw this as an excellent example of local democracy at work with the Local Committee.

The proposed roundabout cannot be placed at Windlesham Road without significant and costly reengineering works and land purchases.

County Councillor Lavinia Sealy thanked the Parish Council and local residents for their work on this issue.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i. Approved the scheme for a new mini roundabout, controlled crossing facility and relocation of the existing speed limit signs as shown on Appendix A for construction and implementation as soon as possible, and subject to funding availability.
- ii. Approved the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Traffic Regulations Act 1984 for the purpose of extending the 30mph speed limit to the Red Lion Road junction, and to delegate authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman to determine any sustainable objections to the Order.
- iii. Approved the advertising of a Notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose of installing the zebra crossing and to delegate authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman to determine any representations made in relation to the Notice.

66/05 B3411 (A321) MYTCHETT ROAD, MYTCHETT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Members thanked Martin Leppard, Senior Transport Engineer, for his work on this report. Part of Mytchett Road is scheduled for major maintenance next year and so is not included in this scheme. The omitted area will be progressed when maintenance work has been completed.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath

- i) approved the scheme as shown on the attached drawings Annex B and C, for construction and implementation at the earliest opportunity.
- ii) approved the delay of the northern section surface treatments (Hamesmoor Road to Coleford Bridge Road) until 2006/7, and ensure this section is a priority scheme once the carriageway is resurfaced.
- iii) approved the design and authorised construction of a signal controlled crossing outside no. 282/284 Mytchett Road as soon as funding becomes available.
- iv) agreed to advertise a Notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and to delegate authority to the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman to determine any representations to the Notice.

67/05 FRIMLEY ROAD JUNCTION WITH LYON WAY, FRIMLEY PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

These works are funded by development funds and so do not impact on local budgets. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is needed to ensure that U-turns are not permitted. An end date for works could not be given as there are issues with underground ducts and cables.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath approved that:

- (a) a permanent traffic order be advertised under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the purpose of which will be to:
 1. prohibit 'U Turns' on the Frimley Road in both directions at its junction with Lyon Way as shown on the drawing attached as Annex A to the report,
 2. and subject to no objections being maintained, the traffic Order be made,
- (b) the Local Transportation Director in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

68/05 DEVOLVED LTP, LOCALLY DETERMINED CAPITAL AND DEVOLVED MAINTENANCE OUTTURN 2004/05 AND 2005/06 PROGRAMMES

The final out turn has now been received, following the previous report to the Local Committee in March. The out turn report means that a reduction in expenditure is needed. Some projects are already underway and so cannot be varied.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) noted the total Devolved LTP budget for 2005/06 of £440,000 plus the 'carry forward' from 2004/05 of £382,720 for the District.
- ii) noted the total Locally Determined Capital budget for 2005/06 of £100,000 plus the 'carry forward' of £43,750.
- iii) Agreed that the management of the Locally Determined Capital budget be vested with the Local Transportation Director and his subsequent successor, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or in their absence by their delegated representatives.
- iv) and that the revised scheme priorities for 2005/06, as set out in Annex A be agreed and progressed within the available budgets and resources.

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69/05 BRACKNELL FOREST DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT

DPE will hopefully be in place in Surrey Heath by March 2006. This report was for information only.

70/05 VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

The positioning of posts has now been agreed. There have been some problems in placing posts for permanent VAS and in areas with speed limits over 30 mph, especially where electrical power supplies are needed. There will be a total of six VAS in Surrey Heath. These must be targeted in areas where they will be effective and it is important not to flood the area with VAS, they are not a solve-all solution. The lists annexed to the report is not in priority order, all sites listed will receive VAS coverage.

Draft minutes for comment

This report was for information only.

71/04 SECTION 14 (1) and (2) DELEGATED POWERS

This report was for information only.

72/04 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

Deepcut Bridge Road will be subject to traffic control measures in the future. This needs to be consulted on and advertised. Plans are currently being drawn up. Surrey County Council's legal department will be instructed to advertise TROs in the next week.

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 8.33 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath
21st July 2005 – 6.30 pm St John's Link, Windlesham

1. Ian Baker, Windlesham

There is great local support for a community care home to provide a local option for care. In other areas these are successful in allowing people to stay in their locality and receive care. These type of homes are favoured by doctors and carers. Can Councillors demonstrate a greater level of support for this project?

Reply from Moira Gibson, Leader, Surrey Heath Borough Council.

The delays are not a Surrey County Council issue but a Surrey Heath Borough Council planning one. Applicants are able to appeal against the refusal of planning permission and I would support this. The problem is that the site is in the green belt and so was refused for policy reasons.

County Councillor Lavinia Sealy will talk to Mr Baker after the meeting.

2. Judith Graham, Elsenwood Drive.

Item 17 shows no provision for parking, is this correct?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

I take this point on board but there is not the room for associated parking.

3. Gordon White

Can the measures for road schemes be enforced? How long until funding is needed to maintain road markings and signage?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

Signs can last up to 20 years but it depends on the level of damage they are subject to. If we are aware who has caused the damage we can reclaim the costs from them. Lining needs remedial work from time to time, this is affected by traffic levels, I cannot give specific times. These costs are taken into account when the scheme is planned.

4. Gordon White

The Police say that they do not have time to enforce these schemes.

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

The Police have input into all RTOs (Road Traffic Orders). Works will not be put in if the Police do not support them and are not willing to enforce them. Surrey County Council cannot comment on the work of the Police. There is the potential to introduce new technology including vehicle licence plate recognition. One of these units is being trialed in Surrey Heath but it is not enforceable at this present time.

5. Valerie White, Bagshot and Parish Council.

I am a mother of two young people, the youth service only do activities for people aged up to 14 so there is nothing for my children to do in the summer.

Reply from Maurice Neighbour, Chair of the Local Committee.

The provision of activities is a shared responsibility between Borough and County. The Borough Council provides summer provision during the day. Officers will refer this request to the Youth Development Service for comment.

6. Brian Baker

What is the Committee's policy and strategy with regard to long cross station and adjacent areas? What policy is there in respect of transport?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

This has not reached the local office yet, nor has it reached Surrey County Council's planning committee.

Lavinia Sealy will comment via the County Council to the Borough Council.

This discussion was not furthered due to the regulations governing Borough Councillors commenting on current planning applications.

7. Yvonne Harvey, Mytchett

Important signs cannot be read as they are covered by overhanging vegetation. Sap from tress also covers signs – can these be cleaned?

Reply from Graham Hodgson – Local Transportation Director

There is a highways gang committed to these works. Please let us know specific areas and we will pass these on to the gang. There is a problem with private ownership of vegetation overhanging signs, the process to get this cut back is a very long one. We are aware if this issue and are tackling it.

Reply from Alan Peirce, County Councillor for Windlesham.

We have a responsibility to ensure this work is done to maintain the safe use of local roads.



Item 14

Question from Mr Will Mullen, Camberley

As a resident of King's Ride, Camberley I am alarmed at the increasing number of car collisions and "near misses" at the cross roads of Kings Ride, College Ride & Old Green Lane. Over a three-week period (May/June 2005) there were two such collisions.

- 1). Thu 19th May in which a car lost control, mounted the pavement and collided with a tree, garden wall and telegraph pole, and
- 2) on Fri 10th June in which two fire engines and three ambulances were called and three people taken to hospital.

As a resident of Kings Ride for 13 years, I have witnessed a large increase in the volume and speed of traffic along King's Ride due to army housing becoming residential in the past few years.

The junction also presents itself as a real and present danger to pedestrians. I understand that this accounts for one fatality of three. The angle and elevation of the junction makes visibility difficult for pedestrians especially when motorists cut the junction at speed requiring pedestrians to listen for approaching traffic.

This is a dangerous junction.

Can we make this junction safer for everyone; cars, pedestrians and residents?

Reply from Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation Director

The junction of Kings Ride and College Ride has not been brought to my attention to date because of the very low injury collision history of one incident in the last three years (the period of time used to assess overall collision trends). The more recent collisions have as yet to appear on the database with the details of causation factors. When the information becomes available, it will be investigated in conjunction with the Police Casualty Reduction Officer.

The volume of traffic on all the roads of Surrey, has seen significant increases over recent years, although the rate of increase has slowed in the last couple of years. There is no evidence that this increase is specific to Kings Ride, or indeed that speeds have increased. However, the Police will be asked to place Kings Ride on their list of sites for attention in relation to unsocial speeding.

All junctions can be potentially dangerous, and this is no exception. As indicated, the current injury collision data does not suggest that specific attention should be directed to improving the junction, although, as indicated, when further and more recent information becomes available, there will be a further assessment carried out.



Item 15

Questions from Cllr Terry King

1. Can anyone report on the progress (if any) being made on the 106 agreement with Ely Lilley with regards to the traffic light provision at the junction of Sunninghill Road and the A30, Windlesham?

Reply from Graham Hodgson, Local Transportation Director

Following two consultation meetings with the local residents, the scheme design is still being reviewed to try to accommodate all the comments made. The scheme will most probably not be able to address all the issues, but the "final" design will be offered for further response. It is anticipated that the scheme implementation will be in the spring 2006. The LTS office is aware of the concerns of the development company, Ely Lilly, of the slow progress of the proposals

2. Are there any thoughts to revisit the withdrawal of County advisory services to Surrey Heath Borough Council, in support of its development control functions?

Reply from Andy Stokes, Senior Development Control Engineer

The reduction in service by Transportation Development Control (TDC) has been as a direct result of Surrey County Council's Productivity and Policy Review, (PPR). The Leader of the Council, Nick Skellet, identified TDC as major contributor to the PPR savings. David Munro, the Portfolio Holder for Environment has recognized the reduction in service and supports the current level of service as detailed below. Cllr Munro accepts that this is the optimum level of service that can be delivered with the current resource.

Attendance at Borough Council and Local Transportation Offices: TDC staff will visit at least once a week, instead of twice a week. The attendance will serve as many purposes as possible on that day. TDC have requested that meetings requiring highways input be arranged for times when staff are at the Borough Offices. If meetings involving highways input are arranged on other days, every effort will be made to attend.

Planning Application Thresholds and Standing Advice: Officers will cease to give individual advice on certain types of minor development unless there are exceptional circumstances. Such applications will not normally warrant a formal response and will be replaced by standing advice. This supports the aims of Government that encourage where possible, the use of standing advice. The types of application for which individual advice will not be provided are:

- developments on a private road or street if the proposal does not adversely affect a publicly maintained highway;
- residential extensions or minor commercial extensions;
- advertisement consent consultations;
- gates onto 30 mph D class urban roads;
- minor changes of use in town and village centres; and
- telecom masts on D class roads with a speed limit of 40 mph or less.

Draft minutes for comment

The standing advice contains the basic highway criteria for minor developments and has been issued to the Borough Council. Officers are able to assist further if there are specific concerns about particular cases.

Pro-forma Responses: Officers have been delegated to give formal written advice on other minor applications whilst at the Borough Council by way of a standard pro-forma. This provides a quicker response to the Local Planning Authorities on straightforward proposals.

Committee Attendance: TDC have maintained a regular Planning Committee attendance to provide advice to Borough Members since the withdrawal of the agency functions from the Borough Council in 2001. It is clearly more efficient to be selective in the attendance at Planning Committee and with effect from May 2005 regular attendance will not be made available. Members of the Planning Committee are encouraged to contact TDC in advance of the Committee meeting with any queries. Where a significant development proposal has major transportation issues, TDC will attend the Committee. Officers will attend Chairmen's briefing if requested, provided that they fall within the working day. At those meetings, consideration will also be given to requests to attend committee site visits.

The changes that have been brought into effect are still in their infancy and it would be hasty to review the value of their benefit at this early stage. Like any new processes teething troubles are inevitable and a period of settling down is to be expected. In the foreseeable future it is not likely that resources will allow the level of service to change although the situation will nonetheless be closely monitored.