



SURREY

COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Tuesday 18th July 2006

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: Kings International College, Camberley

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 [3]

Cllr Edward Hawkins
Cllr Patricia Pearce
Cllr Stewart Stevenson

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.

24/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Moira Gibson, Vivienne Chapman and Richard Brooks.

25/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 9th March 2006

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

26/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

27/06 PETITIONS

None

28/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

29/06 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

County Councillor Chris Pitt informed the Committee that Lt.-Col. Sherrard-Smith had passed away.

30/06 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS OUTTURN REPORT 2005 / 06

Members commented on the high proportion of allocations to Children and Schools last year and the relatively low amount allocated to Highways and Environmental Projects, although the majority of the comments from the public to Members concern Highways.

RESOLVED

That the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the out-turn of Members Allocations in 2005/06

31/06 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS 2006 / 07

Members commented that they would like to see funds allocated to speed control projects across the Borough.

Members discussed pooling and agreed to pool £5,000 from each Members allocation into a central fund of £30,000. Members also requested that applications include quotes. Members requested more information on the two allocations to Camberley Baptist Church (paras 13 and 14). Cllr David Ivison will also obtain additional information regarding the allocation to Heatherside Church Room (para 18)

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

1. Agreed to pool £5,000 per member into a central revenue fund.
2. Agreed a maximum level of funding per project for revenue allocations of £3,000.
3. Agreed that capital projects over £3,000 may be considered by the Local Committee.
4. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 21 (Para 21 from the revenue budget).

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32/06 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

An update to this report was tabled and is detailed in Annex B.

RESOLVED

This report was for information only.

33/06 STANDING CITIZEN'S PANEL REPORT

Members commented that the feedback from the Standing Citizens' Panel was extremely useful in informing Members of local issues and concerns and offered their thanks to the Panel members for their continued input. Members also accepted an invitation from the Panel to attend the Panel meeting in December.

This report was for information only.

34/06 FORWARD PLAN

The meeting on 19th October 2006 will start at 7pm and be preceded by open public questions at 6.30pm.

This report was for information only.

35/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

36/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 24/06.

37/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

38/06 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Borough Councillor Gill Axtell regarding the pedestrian crossing on Windsor Road in Chobham.

Cllr Axtell informed the Committee that although a previous petition that had been submitted to the Local Committee in October 2003 had been successful in gaining a zebra crossing, it was not the pelican crossing that had been expected. Mr Taylor (the original petitioner) was not informed that it was a zebra crossing and not a pelican that was to be installed so local residents were expecting the crossing to be controlled by traffic signals. Residents would like to see the crossing controlled by lights, especially since the new roundabout at the junction of Windsor Road and Bowling Green Road has been put in.

Local residents feel that the pelican crossing outside the post office on Windsor Road is underused and that a controlled crossing outside Vicki's general store would be more appropriate. Local Residents feel that they have to wait for a serious accident to happen before any action is taken.

Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager, will reply to the petitioner before the next Local Committee meeting and report back to the next meeting in October 2006.

39/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

40/06 MEMBER QUESTIONS

One question was received from County Councillor Fred Chipperfield. The response is attached as Annex C.

41/06 THE ATRIUM, CAMBERLEY – TRAFFIC ORDERS

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. County Councillors Maurice Neighbour and Fred Chipperfield were nominated to represent the County on the task group. Lavinia Sealy will liaise with Moira Gibson to determine the two Borough Council representatives.

The number of parking spaces is now 680 for public use and 217 for private use. Members voiced concern over the safety of having shared cycleways. Ian Haller assured Members that shared cycleways would only be put in where the pavement width was appropriate.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- 1 Agreed that, in relation to The Atrium Development, Camberley, the advertising of all Traffic Regulation Orders and Statutory Notices, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The Highways Act 1980, be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, and subject to no objections being maintained, the traffic Orders be made,
- 2 Agreed to the formation of a task group to consider all matters relating to traffic regulation orders and other statutory advertising requirements for the Atrium development and authorised the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the sub-committee, to conclude matters of detail.
- 3 Identified the Task group members comprising two nominated County Council Members (Maurice Neighbour and Fred Chipperfield), with two nominated Borough Council Members to be confirmed after the meeting.

- 4 Agreed that the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and the appointed task group resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals
- 5 Noted that the Local Committee will receive the minutes of the task group meetings, for information.
- 6 Agreed the use of the footways along Pembroke Broadway, Southwell Park Road, Park Street, Southern Road, New Southern Road, A30 London Road as shared and segregated cycleways and footways, as shown in Annex A.

42/06 NEW FOOTWAY IN UPPER CHOBHAM ROAD

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. Ian Haller will ensure that vegetation cutting is done with sensitivity so as to maintain a green corridor. Members voiced some concern over the cost of the scheme and over removal of vegetation from along the Ravenscote school site. Members noted that many people walk along this section and the provision of a footpath will greatly increase safety, although some Members thought a reduction of the speed limit to 30 mph would be more appropriate. Speed limits will be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

- i. noted the comments listed in Annex A, following the consultation,
- ii. approved the scheme to construct a footway along the eastern side of Upper Chobham Road, between Old Bisley Road and Goldney Road, as indicated in Annex B,
- iii. agreed that the scheme be programmed for implementation, within the existing budgets and at the earliest opportunity.

43/06 YORKTOWN WAY & YORKTOWN PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. The signals were commissioned on Friday 14th July and are being fine tuned as the Farnborough Airshow has affected the flow of traffic. New waiting restrictions are required at the junction. Members offered their thanks to Ian Haller for progressing this project.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee approved:

- a. the use of the footways along the A30 London Road and Yorktown Way, as shown in Annex A, as shared cycleways and footways.
- b. That an amendment order be advertised under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the purpose of which will be to:
 - prohibit waiting at any time at London Road, Yorktown Way, Stanhope Road, Glebeland Road, Doman Road and Nelson Way as shown on the drawings attached as Annex A and B to this report,
 - and subject to no objections being maintained, the traffic Order be made,

- c. the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and local ward members resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

44/06 BLACKDOWN ROAD/BELLEW ROAD PROPOSED 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. The last sentence in the summary should read "The proposal satisfies Surrey's Speed Management Policy and is supported by the Surrey Police in principle" There is no designated speed limit at present and so a limit would fall to the statutory single carriageway limit of 60 mph. The Police have some reservations about controlling this. The developers have agreed to cover any small engineering costs associated with implementing the 30mph speed limit.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee approved that:

- (a) a permanent traffic order is advertised under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the purpose of which will be to implement a 30 mph speed limit in Bellew Road and Blackdown Road between Lake Road and Deepcut Bridge Road, Deepcut.

and subject to no objections being maintained, the traffic order be made,

- (b) the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Members resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

45/06 ANNUAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The report was presented by Bob Moodie, West Area Transportation Group Manager. It is the revenue aspect of this report that is for the Local Committee to approve. The delegated budget in section three is the revenue funding delegated to Ringway to remediate urgent issues. The highway revenue budget also covers streetlights and traffic signal electrical maintenance. The maintenance programme does need to be revisited periodically due to local changes in need.

Members informed officers that Wilmot Road has not been resurfaced for approximately 40 years and the new surface on Holly Hedge Road appears to be lifting, Ian Haller will look into these issues. If Members wish roads to be looked at for maintenance then road names can be given to Ian Haller or Peter Agent. Schemes are discussed by officers in the Autumn.

Members were concerned that some pavements are left in a poor state by utility companies. Ian Haller requested that all such instances are reported as the utility companies are required to leave the pavements in an appropriate state. Members were also concerned that some paths fall into a state of disrepair and so are not suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs. Ian Haller informed the committee that there is a budget of £55,000 set aside for such areas but that this only covers keeping up with faults. Bob Moodie informed the committee that there is a central fund that can be bid for.

Members can also inform Ian Haller or the highways stewards of overhanging vegetation.

Ian Haller will forward Local Transportation Service staff details to both County and Borough Members, although members of the public should still use the call centre (08456 900 900) number or the Surrey County Council website (www.surreycc.co.uk) to report faults.

Members discussed and amended the second recommendation.

RESOLVED

- a) The Local Committee approved the initial Annual Highway Maintenance Management Plan for Surrey Heath, contained in this report, for the year 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007.
- b) The Local Committee agreed that following any review of Annual Highway Maintenance Management Plans in the West Area of Surrey any changes proposed in Surrey Heath be delegated between the West Area Transportation Group Manager and/or Area Maintenance Manager in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman.

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**46/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION)**

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 9.08 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Surrey Heath
9th March 2006, Kings International College

1. Mr Pavey, St Michael's ward.

Regarding the pedestrianisation of Park Street, when will the advert for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) appear in the local paper? Will the final decision be made by Councillors or Officers and what factors will be taken into account in making the decision?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

The advert will appear in the summer, as there is no exact programme an exact date cannot be given but I expect this to be before September. The task group to be set up at this meeting will deal with matters of detail and objections will be resolved by myself, the Chairman and the task group. Certain objections can trigger a public enquiry eg access issues.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.

Please ensure that any objections are made in response to the TRO when it is advertised.

2. Mrs Burke, Parkside

Local residents are unhappy at the proposal to introduce parking permits in the Parkside area. We already pay lots in council tax and this will not solve the problem, traffic lights will, can this be looked at?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

We have consulted residents initially but this decision has not been taken yet. Any parking restrictions put in would also restrict local residents so we would need some form of permit system. We are looking for the simplest method. We are looking for the best option in each area, it may be that different solutions are needed in different areas. We will consult on all options put forward. We hope to have some resolution by the end of the year. Members, local residents and Frimley Park Hospital will have some input.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor for Heatherside and Parkside.

This is a tricky problem. The Chief Executive of Frimley Park Hospital is now proposing to increase staff parking and this should alleviate the problem

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.

It is important to find a way forward with the hospital and to ensure that the hospital has a travel plan to help solve the issues.



Item 9 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

Bagshot Library - The County Council decided in April that the proposal to close Bagshot library would remain at present but that work would be carried out on a range of options that may provide a more sustainable future for library services in the Bagshot community, for decision by the Executive on September 26th.

As part of the public consultation a questionnaire was launched on 5 June for library users and non- users, and ran until 25th June.

A new Head of Libraries and Culture, Yvonne Rees, took up post on 1 June and further information will be sent to Members on more local consultation when available.

A public meeting, hosted by Windlesham Parish Council, will be held at 7.30pm Friday 28 July at St Annes Parish Hall, Church Road, Bagshot. Mrs Christine Stevens Executive Member for Safer and Stronger Communities and Ms Yvonne Rees Head of Libraries and Culture will attend.

Frimley Green Youth Centre - Officers are currently working with partners, including community members, to look at increasing provision for young people and generating income to sustain the centre. It is hoped that the future of the centre will be known in the Autumn.

At present there are two options being explored:

- a) The centre being run by a community consortium. A meeting was held on 17th July between officers and a local representative to discuss this, an additional meeting is planned for September.
- b) Development of the Youth Centre into a Young People's Centre where a range of agencies deliver and partnership funding is sought.



Item 17

Question from County Councillor Fred Chipperfield.

1) When can we expect the results of the consultation on parking within The Grove and the area surrounding Frimely Park Hospital and what action will be taken at the end of this consultation?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

The Local Transportation Service is continuing to develop ideas and options for the Frimley Parking Study following its initial consultation earlier in the year. Some survey work may still be required and if so, this will be undertaken with resident's who had agreed to assist. The tremendous response to the consultation and the other commitments of the Transportation Service has impacted on the original programme but it is still the intention to bring forward proposals for further consultation and for consideration by the Local Committee before the end of the year. The Local Committee has made budget provision in the 2006/07 financial year, with which it can use, to implement proposals.