



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Thursday 8th March 2007

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: West End Sports Pavillion, Benner Lane, West End

Members present:

Surrey County Council [5]

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 Vivienne Chapman
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.

01/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Councillor Maurice Neighbour and Borough Councillors Moira Gibson and Richard Brooks.

02/07 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 19th October 2006.

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

03/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

04/07 PETITIONS

None

05/07 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

06/06 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

07/07 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

Members discussed the proposed allocations and noted the wide spectrum of good causes that had been supported this year.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee :

1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 10 – 45 (paragraphs 19, 20 and 26 amended as tabled) plus the additional allocations tabled (paragraphs 47 – 50)
2. Noted the funding allocations summary in Annex A as tabled.

08/07 UPDATE ON FLOODING ISSUES IN SURREY HEATH

Members noted comments from residents in Buttermere Drive regarding the excellent level of assistance that had been given to them. A paper will be taken to the Surrey Heath Borough Council Executive in April to outline Wayne Purdon's role. Surrey Heath Borough Council is also looking to purchase safety equipment that can be sold to local residents at low cost. A full cleansing of the highway drainage system at the Hen and Chicks will be done when the current scheme work is completed.

Members commented on the excellent close working between Surrey County Council and Surrey Heath Borough Council.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) discussed the report and noted the progress being made.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

09/07 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

10/07 STANDING CITIZEN'S PANEL REPORT

This report was for information only.

11/07 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

12/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

13/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 01/07.

14/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

15/07 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Craig Fennell regarding the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in Lake Road, Deepcut.

Local residents feel that this is a busy road and there have been a number of accidents where vehicles have left the road. VAS would help reinforce the 30mph speed limit.

A response will be brought to the next Local Committee.

16/07 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Six received. Attached as Annex B.

17/07 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

None

18/07 FRIMLEY PARKING PROPOSALS

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. Members thanked officers, particularly Martin Leppard, for their work on these extensive proposals. Members noted that with so many diverse opinions, not everyone would be totally happy with the proposals but measures are needed to improve the situation in the area.

Members discussed Saturday restrictions and agreed that the task group could look at these. Members also included the hammerhead opposite 12 Denton Way into Annex 4. The bus lay by on the A325 does not need a specific order as this can be covered under the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Fred Chipperfield and David Ivison were nominated at the Surrey County Council representatives on the Task Group and Edward Hawkins and Ian Sams were nominated as the Borough Council representatives on the Task Group.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee:

- i. Approved the proposals as shown on Annexes 3,4,5,6 and 7. (Annex 4 amended to include the hammerhead opposite No 12 within the parking restrictions)
- ii. Approved advertising a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to introduce waiting restrictions in various

locations in Frimley shown on Annexes 3,4,5,6 & 7. (Annex 4 amended to include the hammerhead opposite No 12 within the parking restrictions) The Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal and, subject to no objections being maintained, the Traffic Order be made and the proposals be introduced.

- iii. Agreed that the Task Group meet within one week to determine if Saturdays are included as detailed in recommendations i) and ii) (as amended) and that power be delegated to the Task Group for this task.
- iv. Approved the proposals for Sycamore Drive (and adjoining roads) be deferred until implementation becomes necessary, to be agreed between the Local Transportation Manager and Local Member.
- v. Agreed to the formation of a Member Task Group to consider all matters relating to traffic regulation orders and other statutory advertising requirements for future Frimley parking proposals, and Authorise the Local Transportation Manager, in consultation with the Member Task Group, to conclude matters of detail.
- vi. Identified the Task Group members consisting of two nominated County Council and two nominated Borough Council members.
- vii. Agreed in relation to future Frimley parking proposals in 2007/8, advertising of all Traffic Regulatory Orders and Statutory Notices, in accordance with the Road traffic Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980, be delegated to the Local Transportation Manager, and subject to no objections being maintained, the Traffic Orders be made.
- viii. 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.
- ix. Noted that the Local Committee will receive minutes of the Task Group meetings, for information.

19/07 BISLEY BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

Clement Bamgbade, Engineer, attended to outline the report. The bridge is not a danger to traffic but it has been identified as being in need of work to ensure that it does not become a danger in the future. No weight restrictions are needed at present and the temporary bridge will be capable of taking current loadings. The land ownership maps reflect the information held, some land is unregistered and these issues will need to be resolved before the work can be carried out.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- i. Approved the scheme shown on drawings 3106/210 & 212.
- ii. Authorised the acquisition of land and/or rights (both permanent and temporary), required for construction of the scheme including compulsory purchase, if necessary.
- iii. Authorised officers to obtain any necessary planning consents.
- iv. Delegated authority to the Structures Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee to revise the Land Plan (drawing number 3106/210) to accommodate minor amendments made during detailed design.

20/07 FRIMLEY ROAD, CAMBERLEY PROPOSED RELOCATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed

- i. To advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to relocate the existing Pelican crossing from its current position, southward approximately 15 metres as shown in Annex 1, and upgrade it to a Puffin crossing.
- ii. That 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.

21/07 SURREY HEATH SPEED MANAGEMENT MEASURES 2007/08

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. Members decided to include Cumberland Road and Lake Road into Annex 3.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee approved:

- i. the list of sites for use of road safety posters in 2007/08 attached as Annex 1.
- ii. the list of sites for use of the Speed Indication Device in 2007/08 attached as Annex 2
- iii. the list of sites for use of VAS in 2007/08 attached as Annex 3 amended to include Cumberland Road, Camberley and Lake Road, Deepcut.

22/07 2007/08 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

The report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager. Members noted that projects not completed in this year will take precedent in the next year.

Members agreed to take a report on the Upper Chobham Road scheme at the next Local Committee meeting. Members also noted that the Bagshot High Street crossing scheme was an excellent example of works meeting local need.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath

1. approved the revised programme for the 2007/08 Integrated Transport Programme, as set out in the report and that the schemes be progressed within the available budgets and resources.
2. Agreed that the Upper Chobham Road scheme will be brought to the July 07 meeting after a site visit has been held.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

23/07 PETITION RESPONSE – BAGSHOT HIGH STREET, BAGSHOT AND RED ROAD AND HAMMOND SCHOOL

This report was for information only.

24/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 8.47 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath)
8th March 2007, West End Sports Pavilion

1. Josephine Hawkins, Parkside

The residents of Farm Road are concerned that Farm Road is being used as a rat-run. This is leading to high speeds and noise and is dangerous for those wishing to cross. Can speed management measures be looked at for this road?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I will need to liaise with colleagues at Surrey Police and carry out some investigative work.

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

We cannot give a commitment to works in the informal part of the meeting.

2. Mr Williams, Heatherside

The changing rooms at the Arena are dirty.

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

This is a Surrey County Council Committee and that issue is the responsibility of the Borough Council and should be taken up with them directly.

3. John Davis, Lake End Way.

The speed limit on the A322 has been reduced but accident data has gone up, please can the speed limit be increased?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

It is highly unlikely that we would increase the speed limit on this stretch of road. It is very busy and this is the main reason we reduced the speed limit. I would not support a reassessment of the speed limit on this road.

Reply from Alan Peirce, County Councillor for Windlehsam, Bagshot and Lightwater

We fought hard to get this reduction and I would not support increasing the speed limit here.

4. Mike Diccon

When will the temporary road works at Benner Lane be made permanent? We have been given various dates, none of which have been met. It is an eyesore and there have been two vehicle collisions there today alone.

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

I support your question, however, not all the delays were down to Surrey County Council.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I apologise for the delays, there have been a number of issues to resolve with the gas company. These have now been resolved and we are looking at the work being down in the 3rd week of April but this is still subject to confirmation. We will inform the Parish Council if there are to be further delays.

5. Simon Low

We have been waiting for the Benner Lane scheme to be completed for months now.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I apologise for the delays. The land issues have now been resolved.

6. Barry Woodhead, Bisley Parish Council.

Local people were told that New Bridge was safe but now it is up for repairs. Why were we told something else and is the bridge safe?

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

We cannot reply fully to this as there is no structural engineer present. Bridges are monitored carefully and when issues arise they are addressed. The bridge is safe, if it were considered unsafe then it would be shut.

7. Meurig Williams, Windlesham Parish Council

Can parents be prevented from parking across people's drives in Manor Way, Bagshot?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I will refer this to Surrey County Council's Safer and Smarter Travel Team.

Reply from Alan Peirce, County Councillor for Windlehsam, Bagshot and Lightwater

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) patrol these areas but some parents are very rude.

8. Valerie White, Windlesham Parish Council

South West Trains are now charging for car parking and this is impacting on Station Road and Lorry Ridge. Please can you look into this?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

We have looked at this and it is not dangerous at present. We have added this to the list of sites to monitor and will talk to South West Trains.

9. Judy Trow

How much money has been spent on maintenance of drains and ditches in Chobham over the two years ending April 2007?

Is there an ongoing schedule of works designed to alleviate further flooding in and around Chobham?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I will reply by letter and refer to the appropriate officers.

10. Cyril Pavey, Camberley

Does the Local Committee agree that signposting of footpaths is of a poor standard. What remedies could be applied?

Reply from Edward Hawkins, Borough Councillor

Please advise us of the specific areas.

Cyril Pavey, Camberley

Along the canal in Frimley Lodge Park and around Newlands Corner. These are signposted from the road but not along the path itself.

11. Ian Sams, Frimley

Is there any possibility that the Frimley parking restrictions can be reviewed before year 1 and year 2?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

A task group will be setup and this can review as it deems appropriate. We try to only advertise Traffic Regulation Orders twice a year though.

12. Mike McCloughlin, Parkside

Residents support the need for double yellow lines but want parking permits as well. Is there any reason, apart from funding, as to why we can't have them?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

This is for the Local Committee to decide. It must be cost neutral though. More detailed work is needed on this and I will continue to work through the finer detail and determine costs.

13. Judy Douch

Thank you for raising the flooding issues. Can Lucas Green Road and Ford Road have a traffic survey?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

We will add these to the assessment list.

Item 16 – Written Public Questions

Six questions received from Mr Tim Dodds, Lightwater.

- 1) What is the purpose of the cameras on the southbound A322 between M3 junction 3 and the island by Gordon's School?**

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

The cameras on the A322 Lightwater Bypass are not operational cameras but a trial of the latest generation of equipment, known as SPECS. This type of system is used to record the average speed of vehicles over a given distance. Surrey County Council approved the use of the Lightwater Bypass for the trial, which is being undertaken by a private company.

- 2) If the cameras are to monitor speed, when will that be implemented?**

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

The Cameras will not be used to monitor vehicle speeds other than that required for the trial. Once the trial is complete the cameras will be removed.

- 3) What are Surrey County Council's views on the effectiveness of vehicle activated signs?**

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

Vehicle activated signs can be an effective method to help improve road safety and raise driver awareness to potential hazards.

- 4) Are there plans to introduce more vehicle activated signs in the local area?**

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

Vehicle activated signs will be considered for sites in the future and implemented where likely to bring about safety improvement. Currently there is a proposal to install a further sign along Red Road on the eastbound approach to Macdonald Road. This is being funded from the High Sheriff's Road Safety programme and should be implemented shortly.

- 5) What was the cost of the excellent vehicle activated sign on the Red Road between Maultway and Gordon's School island on the A322?**

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

The cost of the scheme at Red Road was £35,650. Approximately two thirds of this cost was for providing an electricity supply to the sign.

6) Do you keep records of the extent and frequency of flooding on roads that are particularly prone to flooding and what circumstances would cause you to take action to relieve regular flooding?

Reply from Peter Agent, Area Maintenance Engineer

The locally based Senior Maintenance Engineer in Surrey Heath has extensive knowledge of existing flooding sites and known problem areas in the Borough. Our Constructor Partner, Ringway Integrated Services, undertake cyclic maintenance works and currently each road gully is cleaned and tested annually. Locally identified 'vulnerable' sites are included in the programme for more regular visits, up to four times a year. Where blockages or damage to the underground surface water drainage system is identified a programme of remedial works is generated for completion, subject to necessary funding. Remedial works may require a larger jetting machine, sometimes with a CCTV camera, alternative equipment or a specialist gang to 'dig down' on the damage and repair.

Countywide monitoring of flood sites is undertaken by our Asset Management Group with local input. We work closely with the Borough Council (as the land drainage authority), the Environment Agency and emergency services to forward plan for emergency situations and alleviate known problems.

Both revenue and capital resources are used to maintain and improve the existing, extensive highway drainage systems. Surrey Heath benefited in 2006/2007 from additional capital finance to undertake four specific ditching schemes to improve the discharge of highway water into adjacent drainage systems off the public highway. Allocations for 2007/2008 will be issued later this month.