



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Thursday 8^h November 2007

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: Kings International College, Camberley

Members present:

Surrey County Council [6]

Cllr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)

Cllr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)

Cllr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)

Cllr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)

Cllr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mytchett)

Cllr Lavinia Sealy (Chobham, Bisley and West End)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [5]

Cllr Richard Brooks

Cllr Vivienne Chapman

Cllr Moira Gibson

Cllr Edward Hawkins

Cllr David Whitcroft

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.

59/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Simon Foale and Stewart Stephenson.

60/07 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 26th July 2007.

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

61/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

62/07 PETITIONS

None

63/07 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

64/06 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

65/07 MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS 2007 / 08

RESOLVED

The Local Committee :

1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 17 – 27.
2. Noted the allocations made under delegated powers, as detailed in paragraphs 28 – 30.
3. Noted the summary of funding in Annex A

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

66/07 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

67/07 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

Members noted the following schedule of meetings, including venues:

- 6th March 2008 – Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End, GU24 9JP
- 10th July 2008 – St Mary's Church, Park Road, Camberley, GU15 2SR
- 16th October 2008 – Chobham Community Centre, GU24 8NG
- 26th February 2009 – Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, GU15 2PQ

68/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

69/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 59/07.

70/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

71/07 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Philippa Young who highlighted the issue of speeding in Windlesham. There are two speedwatches currently running and these have seen speeds of up to 70 mph.

A response will be brought to the next Local Committee.

72/07 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One question was received from Mrs Mary Kearney JP, the question and response are detailed in Annex B.

73/07 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

Two questions were received from Borough Councillor Moira Gibson, the questions and responses are detailed in Annex C.

74/07 B3015 DEEPCUT BRIDGE ROAD, DEPPCUT, WEIGHT RESTRICTION (OVER RAILWAY BRIDGE) AMENDMENT

RESOLVED

The Local Committee agreed:

1. An order be advertised under the provisions of the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the purpose of which will be to change the current 7.5 tonne maximum gross plated weight on the B3015 Deepcut Bridge Road bridge over the railway, to 7.5 tonne maximum gross weight, and subject to no objections being maintained, the Traffic Regulation Order be made.
2. The Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member resolve any objections received in connection with the proposal.

75/07 SPEED LIMITS ASSESSMENTS

Members thanked Ian Haller for his work on this report.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee

- i. noted the results of the speed limit assessments undertaken as listed in Annex A to the report,
- ii. gave authority to advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit changes as shown on Annexes A, B & C; and subject to no objections being maintained the order be made,
- iii. agreed that the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

76/07 RESPONSE TO PETITION – CRAWLEY HILL / CHURCH HILL

Temporary VAS signs may still be considered and this will be reviewed early in the New Year. However, the priority for deployment of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) is to implement the programme of permanent sites which aim to treat routes rather than specific points. The second recommendation was amended to read "review" instead of "work"

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- i. agreed to undertake the further investigation required to determine if a controlled crossing can be provided on Church Hill, and
- ii. agreed to make budget provision in the 2008/09 financial year to undertake the review.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

77/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 7:41pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath)
8th November 2007, Kings International College.

1. Valerie White, Bagshot.

A petition was brought to the Local Committee last year about Guildford Road, Bagshot. To lower the speed limit. Can this be looked at again and also Whitmoor Road?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

We have looked at these limits before and both SCC and the Police are content with the current limit of 30 mph. There is an initiative from Government concerning 20 mph limits but this is out to consultation and is not yet policy.

2. Diana Allen, Frimley Road

Can we have a keep clear marking on the Toshiba roundabout? The congestion makes it very dangerous.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

We will look into this.

3. Bob Hayes

There was an undertaking to examine traffic at the Toshiba roundabout several years ago but nothing has happened. Why?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

The estimated costs of works to the Toshiba roundabout was in excess of £750,000. Some but not all of this cost would have been met by a developer. This scheme is outside the Local Committee annual budget and so would have to be centrally funded. Schemes for central funding are highlighted each year to County Hall and we will keep the pressure on for this scheme to be funded in the future.

4. Diana Allen, Frimley Road

What happened to the second lane outside the Catholic Church by the Toshiba roundabout?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

This was removed in the 1990's for safety reasons.

Reply from Fred Chipperfield, County Councillor.

There are five schools in the area that cause significant congestion at peak times. We are working with partners to look at additional access to the hospital.

5. Molly Dearmont, Frimley Grove Gardens.

There was a project 12 years ago to look at the Toshiba roundabout but all this did was narrow the road.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

It also improved the roads for cyclists to address accident issues.

6. Derek Dearmont, Frimley Grove Gardens.

We are horrified that Camberley Police Station is to close and that staffing levels have dropped.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Surrey Police are not run by Surrey County Council, they are a separate organisation. Nothing has been decided.

Reply from Moira Gibson, Borough Councillor.

Neighbourhood officers may move into the Borough Council offices but discussions are still taking place.

Reply from Alan Peirce, County Councillor.

This is not about the numbers of officers but about deployment and technology. If the station were to shut then you wouldn't see a reduction in service.

7. Leanne Gibson, Windlesham.

Surrey County Council has put in some solar powered signs on School Road and they don't work.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

We will look into this.

8. Jo Proctor, Parkside

In the area around Frimley Park Hospital people are parking between the double yellow lines and on T-junctions. The problems are also being displaced to other roads.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We are aware of these issues and a review will be held in December 2007. This will include consultation with local residents.

9. Mr Pavey, St Michael's.

When will the pedestrian crossing on the Frimley Road be reinstated and what are the plans for the underpass in Pembroke Broadway?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

The crossing was moved due to the development and will be reinstated by the end of November 2007 once we have ensured that the road surface is appropriate. Pembroke Broadway underpass will be filled in, the work is due to start before Christmas 2007.

10. Philippa Young, Windlesham.

What can be done about speeding traffic in Windlesham? Speeds of up to 75 mph have been logged by the local speedwatch. We would like speed humps or chicanes.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention, we will look into it.

11. Tim Dodds, Lightwater.

What flood remediation measures will be taken on Guildford Road?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

729 sites have been identified in Surrey, 37 sites in Surrey Heath. This are will be looked at by SCC and the Guildford Road site is on the list. There are no specific measures planned at present.

Item 14 Written Public Questions

Question from Mrs Mary Kearney JP

How are pedestrians to be protected from cyclists riding illegally on pavements and other pedestrian areas?

It is not possible to frame a question, which takes in the whole range of problems raised by cyclists for pedestrians. It is an offence to ride on the pavements, but cyclists not only ride on the pavement but treat pedestrians as if it is they who have no right to walk on pavements. They are threatening and rude. In any case, enforcement is not possible because without a system of licensing cyclists, they cannot be identified. They cause problems for motorists by refusing to abide by the rules of the road. I am personally familiar with problems caused by aggressive cyclists.

Can notices be used? Cyclists are legitimate road users, as are pedestrians and motorists. All have the right to travel safely and all have obligations to other road users, but cyclists are claiming rights to do what they please without the obligation to comply the rules of the road, which are there to keep all of us safe. Action is needed to regulate cycling so that the rights and obligations of all users can be put on an equal footing.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

Cycling on the pavement is an offence under Section 72 of the Highways Act 1835 and the enforcement is an operational matter for the police. Because this legislation is applicable to all it is not appropriate to sign the offence. The Police are best placed to determine the level of priority given to enforcement against their other Policing priorities but issues such as this can generally be discussed at the locally held Police Neighbourhood Panel meetings. Residents' can raise issues of local concern and influence, by agreement, the policing priorities of their areas.

There are currently no plans to license cyclists and this would be an issue for central Government to address.

Reply from Inspector James Norbury, Surrey Police

As with other offences, members of the public should inform the Police, perhaps through their Neighbourhood Police officer or PCSO's of such instances. This should include times and locations of the incidents. Only with this information can the true level of concern be realised and longer-term solutions can be sought in partnership with Surrey Highways.

The contact details for local Police officers are detailed on the next page. Local Police officers will be able to advise of future Neighbourhood Panel meetings.

Neighbourhood Specialist officers
& Police Community support officers

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Mytchett, Deepcut

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Heatherside, Parkside

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Item 15 Written Member Questions

Questions received from Borough Councillor Moira Gibson

Question 1

The village of Windlesham has been suffering serious speeding issues for some time and is now a main rat run between the two motorways. The South East Plan has identified the DERA site at Longcross for significant housing development and this will have a direct impact on Windlesham with a large traffic increase.

I would like to ask if the County Council has any plans to begin to look at the alleviation of the problems faced now prior to the resultant issues following any development at the DERA site.

Answer from Ian Haller, Surrey County Council's Local Highways Manager

Surrey County Council's Transportation Development Control is currently discussing the potential development and its likely impacts with the owners of the site. Should the site be taken forward for development then Surrey would seek suitable measures, as part of the development, to mitigate its impact on the surrounding road network.

Surrey is currently considering the length of the B386 within the village of Windlesham for possible speed management measures. This work is still being investigated and as soon as this is complete we will be in a position to discuss the outcome and any proposals with local members. I anticipate that this will be early in the new year.

Question 2

Could I be informed as a matter of urgency when the traffic lights at the junction of the A30 and Sunninghill Road in Windlesham are going to be constructed?

Funding for these works was received from Eli Lilley several years ago and has since been topped up from flat development on the A30. This junction is becoming increasingly dangerous and is preventing the development of Eli Lilley's Green Travel Plan with regard to cyclists because of the safety issues. The Borough Council have been asked by another public agency and Eli Lilley when this is going to be addressed.

Answer from Ian Haller, Surrey County Council's Local Highways Manager

A new signal junction is currently being designed with a view to construction in the spring of 2008. The design is being taken forward in two stages, with stage 1 now nearing completion. This will determine whether the original layout can be amended so as to design out some of the concerns of the adjacent residents'. As a result further consultation may be required. Once a final layout is established then the remainder of the design work can be completed leading to construction as advised above.