



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Thursday 6th March 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Place: Sports Pavilion, West End

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 Edward Hawkins

Cllr David Whitcroft

Cllr Simon Foale

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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.

01/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Moira Gibson and Stewart Stevenson.

02/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 8th November 2007.

Vivienne Chapman raised the requested 20mph speed limit in Bagshot. Borough Members support the 20mph limit. Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager, confirmed that speed data for the area had been obtained, there have been no accidents in the area. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit would also require significant costly engineering works and Police support. Mr Haller will bring a report to the next appropriate Local Committee meeting.

Mr Haller updated Members on Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The permanent VAS signs in Lake Road, Wharf Road, Park Road, Crawley Hill, Church Hill, Prior Road, Coleford Bridge Road, School Lane and Kennel Lane will be installed by the end of March 2008.

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

03/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

04/08 PETITIONS

None

05/08 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

06/08 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

07/08 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO EXPAND HEATHROW AIRPORT

The report was introduced by Michael Jennings, Head of Policy and Public Affairs. The support from Surrey County Council (SCC) is conditional on the issues of noise, pollution and surface access being addressed. There are no proposals for road development and the Government say that the developers must fund road improvements as well as Airtrack. There is no indication when Government will make its decision.

Members voiced concern over pollution, noise, congestion and the loss of housing. There were also concerns that the Civil Aviation Authority thought expansion to be unwise due to a lack of airspace. Members noted that the expansion of Heathrow was just one of many factors that would increase congestion in the future. Members felt that the SCC response was realistic.

RESOLVED

The Committee considered the response to the Government consultation proposals to expand Heathrow Airport.

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08/08 MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS 2007 / 08

Member requested clarity where allocation are shared between two pots. Members also noted that in para 21 the amount requested should read £3,000, not 33,380.40

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

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09/08 SURREY LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM UPDATE

Members thanked officers for their work in this area.

Strategic guidance is given by Gold command at Mount Browne. There is two way communication between the different levels of command. Partners train together and have different responsibilities. For example, Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) has responsibility for providing rest centres. There have been three national exercises in the last year.

This report was for information only.

10/08 LOCAL AREA PROFILE

Members voiced support for the work being done in St Michael's and the Old Dean area.

This report was for information only.

11/07 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

12/07 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

Members noted the following schedule of meetings, including venues:

- 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

13/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

14/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 01/08.

15/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

16/08 PETITIONS

A petition was received from Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman regarding the provision of a footpath in Gibbet Lane. Bollards have been put in place but these have been vandalized. Motorists chose to go the wrong way from the A30. The Police are also looking

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at this. Please can this project be reviewed. The new pavement is unfinished and is a health and safety hazard. The signs cannot be seen properly.
A response will be brought to the next Local Committee.

17/08 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

18/18 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

Two questions were received from County Councillor Lavinia Sealy, the questions and responses are detailed in Annex B.

19/07 ATRIUM CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed the use of footways along Pembroke Broadways, Southwell Park Road, Park Street, Lower Charles Street, Southern Road, Charles Street and London Road as shared and segregated cycleways and footways, as shown in Annex B.

20/08 ATRIUM TRAFFIC ORDERS: PARK STREET PEDESTRIANISATION

The report was presented by Nick Healey, Engineer. Mr Healey assured the Committee that negotiations with the objectors would continue up to the point of giving formal notice of a public inquiry if the recommendations were agreed.

At the invitation of the Chairman Andrew Dyer from Stagecoach was invited to speak. Mr Dyer stated that distance was an issue if you are carrying bags or if you are elderly or disabled. The drop off near the leisure areas was not appropriate as most customers want to go to the retail areas.

Borough Members confirmed SHBCs position of wanting to pedestrianise Park Street and create a transport hub on Pembroke Broadway. The Committee opposed bus access to Park Street or High Street and urged Stagecoach to reconsider their objection, on the grounds of the inconvenience, delay and expense of a public inquiry, and the potential for an accident in the period between the expiry of the temporary closure order on 27th June and the resolution of the public inquiry.

A vote was taken. Chris Pitt abstained. All other Members present vote for the recommendations.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

- i. Agreed to proceed with the traffic orders advertised in July 2007:
 - (a) Agreed to call a public inquiry to resolve the three objections received;
 - (b) Agreed to appoint an inspector;
 - (c) Agreed that the calling of a public inquiry and appointment of an inspector be only on the basis that all costs incurred by Surrey County Council in respect of that process are fully reimbursed by the developer;
 - (d) Agreed to advertise four proposed modifications to the traffic orders first advertised in July 2007, in response to the four requests received, and that these proposed modifications should be advertised in advance of the public inquiry;
 - (e) Agreed that any objections to the proposed modifications be submitted to public inquiry for resolution.

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21/08 SURREY HEATH SPEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2008/09

vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) are placed on an eight week cycle, posters on a four to six week cycle. There have been problems with servicing the equipment and getting them moved. The two new signs are of a new design and will move around the Borough. The existing six will be considered for permanent siting. Ian Haller will send round the actual programme to Members when known. The Police will move the roving signs.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed:

- i. to purchase two new compact VAS signs at a cost of £5,000, to be funded from the Committee's local allocation budget,
- ii. to investigate the full costs of using the existing VAS units at fixed sites,
- iii. a budget provision of £3,000 from the local allocation budget for capital aids to movement works.
- iv. the list of sites for the use of Road Safety Posters, the Speed Indication Device and Vehicle Activated Signs in 2008/09 attached as Annexes A, B & C.

22/08 DEVOLVED LTP & LOCAL ALLOCATION PROGRAMMES 2008/09

Ian Haller confirmed that Crawley Hill will be looked at if Church Hill is not viable. There are considerable S.106 monies that are time critical, the budget restriction may assist so that progress can be made on these projects.. These dates have now been listed so local officers now have timescales to work to. David Ivison will write to senior County officers to say how disappointed the Local Committee is will the settlement. Borough funds have been used recently on Lake Road, the use of this budget is limited by the resources available. Officers are working together to move forward the Toshiba roundabout scheme as an intermediate scheme.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) approved

- i. the programme for the 2008/09 Devolved LTP and Local Allocation Budgets as set out in the report and that the schemes be progressed within the available budgets and resources.
- ii. that all statutory processes required to implement the programme are undertaken.
- iii. that the management of the 2007/08 Devolved LTP and Local Allocation budgets be vested with the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

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23/08 RESPONSE TO PETITION – SPEEDING IN WINDELSHAM

This report was for information only.

24/08 ATRIUM TRAFFIC ORDERS – UPDATE

This report was for information only.

25/08 FRIMLEY AND FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL PARKING UPDATE

This report was for information only.

26/08 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE (TRANSPORTATION)

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 9:10pm

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Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath)
6th March 2008, West End Sports Pavilion.

1. Edna Holt, West End

I have an allotment on the corner of Windlesham Road and Bagshot Road. The Poors Allotment organisation fitted gates and these are restrictive onto the A319 and it is dangerous with insufficient room to back out safely. Can the Committee do anything?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

We will look into this and see if there is anything we can do.

2. Mr Bain, West End

When issues are reported to SCC, nothing seems to get done and you have to chase for action. In 2005 a petition was taken to the Borough Council about travellers. Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) has spent over £1 million on this. Does the Local Committee recognise that something needs to be done?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

The Council does have a responsibility to provide facilities for travellers.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

Issues can be very complex and it can be expensive to provide sites but it is a joint responsibility between Borough and County.

3. Sylvia Stevens, Bisley

Has there been any progress on the footpath on top of Queens Road, Bisley or on the caution road signs ?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

This has not been progressed. There is no funding available in 08/09 but this may be progressed in subsequent years.

Reply from Alan Peirce, County Councillor.

It is good to raise issues such as this at Police Neighbourhood Panels.

4. Liane Gibson, Windlesham.

Can we have volume data from the cameras in Heath Park Drive and can anything be done about the problems on Thorndale Lane and Woodlands Lane?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

Yes, we can get you that data. Work is planned for the bridge, the works of which may assist with speed management but the timescales are not yet known.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

Please can SHBC bear the flooding problems in mind in this area. (Off Valley End Road into Woodlands Lane)

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5. **Mr Pavey, Camberley**

The Heathrow consultation document warns that extra rail provision will impact on the Reading to Waterloo line which will impact on the Camberley service. We need quality not quantity of service.

Reply from Michael Jennings, Head of Policy and Public Affairs

Airtrack has been promoted for some time by SCC. Taking traffic off the roads is as important as maintaining service.

6. **Cllr Dodd**

What are the works on the A322?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

These are filling in the subway and providing pedestrian provision over the top. This is preferred by pedestrians.

7. **Valerie White, Lightwater**

Would the Committee consider a youth café in Lightwater like the one in Bagshot?

Reply from Jane Biscombe, Local Committee and Partnership Officer

The youth café in Bagshot started as the owner volunteered the use of the facility to the Youth development Service. If there is a similar establishment in Lightwater then we can look at taking this forward.

8. **David Marfield, Bisley**

Students from Bisley and west End have been allocated places at Collingwood not Winston Churchill. Local people are concerned and siblings have been split up. This causes more traffic on the roads and increased travel costs.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

This has been discussed at full Council. About 95% of pupils got their first choice. We urge people to use the appeals process.

9. **Mr Worsefield**

What progress has been made on proposal D3573?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

This is a SHBC project, SCC are merely facilitating part of it. There is some local concern so we need to ensure it is the right project.

10. **Edna Holt, West End**

The ditch along Windlesham Road is a problem. I understand that the local Councillors don't want it cleared in case it floods Chobham.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

A reply has been sent by email.

Item 18 Written Member Questions

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)
THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2008**

Question from County Councillor Lavinia Sealy

What progress has been made, if any, on Surrey County Council's proposal D3573, dated 26th July 2007, for the proposed road table?

Reply from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager

The proposal approved by the Local Committee in July 2007, formed part of a scheme by the Borough Council to help mitigate flooding in that area of Rugosa Road. The Borough Council proposed to construct the scheme and the County Council agreeing to advertise the construction of a road table in accordance with statutory procedures. This was the context of last years report. At this stage the project has yet to be brought forward for construction.

Question from County Councillor Lavinia Sealy

Does Surrey County Council have any plans to clear the blocked sump that takes the surface water away from the catchment area leading to Fenns Lane as shown on the attached Thames Water plan CON 601613?

Reply from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager

The sump forms part of the Fenns Stream and is a land drainage matter, outside of Surrey's remit. I have spoken to Wayne Purdon, the Borough Council's Drainage Engineer who has agreed to undertake clearance of the sump in due course.