



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Thursday 16th October 2008

Time: 6.30 PM

Place: Chobham Community Centre, Chobham.

Members present:

Surrey County Council [4]

Cllr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)

Cllr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)

Cllr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mytchett)

Cllr Lavinia Sealy (Chobham, Bisley and West End)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [3]

Cllr Richard Brooks

Cllr Colin Dougan

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 are in Annex A.

Part 1. In Public - Part A.

52/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Councillors Alan Peirce and Maurice Neighbour and Borough Councillors Moira Gibson,

53/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 10^h July 2008.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Members noted that Borough Councillor Edward Hawkins had given his apologies for the meeting in July.

54/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

55/08 PETITIONS

None

56/08 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

57/08 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

58/08 LEARNING DISABILITY DAY SERVICE CONSULTATION

The report was presented by Yvonne Waltham, Service Manager and John Wilson, Cranstock Manager.

Members were concerned that Cranstock may be too far and that services should be available locally and that the move could increase pressure on facilities for people with lower level needs. However, there is a very successful base at High Cross Church in Camberley which provides local activities and the service has strong links with the community and schools. The provision of respite at Cranstock is being looked at.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath):

1. Commented on the information provided in the consultation document on improvements to day services for people with learning disabilities across Surrey.
2. Commented on proposals for the Cranstock day service in Woking to become a 'Centre of Excellence' for people with complex needs.
3. Commented on proposals for a greater range of services for people in Surrey Heath in their local communities.

59/08 MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS 2008 / 09

Cllr Sealy informed the meeting of the Grassroots funding that is also available for local groups.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 16 - 27
2. Noted the allocations agreed under delegated powers in paragraphs 28 - 33
3. Noted the variation to funding detailed in paragraph 34

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

60/07 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

61/07 FORWARD PLAN

Members noted the following schedule of meetings, including venues:

- 16th October 2008 – Chobham Community Centre, GU24 8NG
- 26th February 2009 – Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, GU15 2PQ
- 9th July 2009 – Tomlinscote School, Frimley.
- 15th October 2009 – St John's Church Link, Windlesham.
- 18th February 2010 – Sports Pavillion, West End.

This report was for information only.

62/07 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Part B – Transportation.

63/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 52/08.

64/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

65/08 PETITIONS

None

66/08 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Three questions were received from Cllr Tim Dodds and two from Tim Price. The questions and responses are detailed in Annex B.

67/18 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

Six questions were received from Cllr Fred Chipperfield. The questions and responses are detailed in Annex C.

68/08 ATRIUM TRAFFIC ORDERS: UPDATE

Members did not agree to over rule the objections to the TRO in Southern Road. This will be brought back to the next Local Committee.

The Parking Team will determine when to review the Controlled Parking Zone. There are issues to resolve in Southwell park Road but it is hoped that this will be resolved by the early New Year.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) in consideration of Item 17 and Item 17 tabled:

- i. Agreed to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised in September 2008 excluding Southern Road which will be brought to the next Local Committee meeting.
- ii. Noted the current position with regard to Traffic Regulation Orders for the Atrium development.

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69/08 YORKTOWN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Yorktown strategy has an aspiration to close roads to through traffic at Queen Mary Avenue/Stanhope Road and at Vale Road / Doman Road. Previously the roads had been subject to a part-time closure between 8pm and 6am however, this order was introduced for Crime and Disorder reasons and cannot be used for traffic management purposes. Closure of one or more access points between the residential and business areas needs to be looked at further to ensure it still meets the needs of the community and local business. The work to be undertaken was set out in the report.

This report was for information only.

70/08 SPEED LIMIT REVIEWS

This report was for information only.

71/08 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT REVIEW

Members requested that the local Ward Councillors are informed when consultations are sent out and that more time is allowed for responses.

This report was for information only. Amended version as tabled.

72/08 TASKS COMMISSIONED

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 8:35pm

Chairman.

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

1. Tim Dodds, Lightwater

Will the VAS signs for Lightwater be temporary?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

Permanent VAS signs go in where there is significant accident data. The Police manage the mobile ones. The signs for Lightwater will be temporary. We do not have the budget to support new permanent signs.

2. Mr Baine, Pennypot Lane.

Nothing is being done to dig the ditches in the way they used to be. The culvert on the ex travellers site is broken and is blocking the flow of water. I have reported this (8206701) but nothing has been done even though I was told it had been. Ringway's approach to verge management blocks ditches.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

I am not aware of this. Land drainage ditches are the responsibility of the landowner, and this may not be Surrey Highways responsibility..

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

I will come and look at this with Paul Brooks.

3. Mr Williams, Heatherside.

Many local residents are worried about speeding and we will be getting a petition together. We would like a reduced speed limit, traffic calming and noise reducing tarmac on the Maultway. Traffic will increase with local development.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

Assessment data has been collected but has not been analysed yet. The analysis will come back to a future local committee.

4. Mr Pavey, Camberley

What are the criteria for having cats eyes in the road. There are none in Frimley Road.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

There is no road classification criteria and cats eyes may be deemed less necessary in well lit areas. They are replaced as budgets allow or when the road is resurfaced. I will look into this on Frimley Road.

5. Cllr Dodds

When will the gully cleaning programme be available?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

This is currently being progressed centrally by the Highway service for the entire County., I will get back to you once I know

6. Tim Dodds, Lightwater

People are walking in the road when crossing Red Road. Can there be a pedestrian refuge or island where the Red Road joins Lightwater?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

There is no existing accident data so we would have to understand the concerns better in order to look into this.

7. Gordon Whiteman

Which Councillor at SHBC deals with Emergency Planning?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Cllr Richard Brooks.

8. Valarie White

More signage is needed in Whitmoor Road so people know it's a 30 mph. Can we have a large sign please?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

We are restricted in the number of signs we can put down a road. We cannot paint on the road in this instance. Drivers should pay attention to all signage, including speed signs.

Item 15 – Written Public Questions. (5)

Three questions have been received from Borough Cllr Tim Dodds.

1. Publishing the gully cleaning work schedule

At the last local committee meeting I asked about publishing the work schedule of the County's gully cleaning team. Would you please let me know how that request is progressing?

As you know, surface water flooding is a serious issue for specific parts of Surrey Heath Borough. I'm confident that all of the 'wet spots' are now well identified, and it is these where regular gully cleaning is vital. Publishing the work schedule of the gully cleaning team will ensure that householders, in those roads within or close to 'wet spots', who regularly park vehicles on their street, can make alternative arrangements to ensure all the gullies are cleaned, and none are missed by being inaccessible. I suggest the information is provided to Parish Council Clerks, who are then able to inform parish councillors or to place the schedule on parish notice boards.

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

Surrey Highways is looking to provide information for gulley cleansing across the whole of the County and as a result no separate initiatives are being undertaken locally at this time. Initially this information is being developed for placement on Surrey's web site. Other mediums may be explored following completion of this exercise should it be considered necessary. From this years gulley cleanse in Lightwater, 31 gullies required a second visit due to parked cars which equates to 2.88% of the total number cleaned.

2. Revised road junctions on Red Road, Lightwater

I don't doubt that there have been many requests for work to alter the junction of Lightwater Road and Macdonald Road onto Read Road in Lightwater. All have failed for one reason or another. However, issues remain. There is no specific provision for pedestrians to cross Read Road. There are road safety concerns with the set up of both junctions, and potential improvements to traffic flow are unrealised.

An example of the need is from a Lightwater resident who has children attending Holy Trinity School in West End. They both cycle to school accompanied by their mother who continues by bicycle to her place of work in Burpham. They need to cross Red Road at the Lightwater Road junction, which offers no provision for pedestrians beyond Lightwater Road towards Gordon's school. There is no pavement on either side of the road, something that is sorely lacking.

It may be that Highways assumes that as there is almost no housing on the southern side of the road that there is little need for pedestrian provision. Wrong. Hangmoor, Folly Bog, and Brentmoor Heath are only accessible by crossing Red Road. These green spaces are highly popular with walkers, and cyclists of all ages.

What actions are Highways taking to meet the needs of Lightwater residents to cross Red Road, and what plans are being considered for revised junctions

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

There are no approved proposals to investigate either junction on Red Road or look at facilities to assist pedestrians crossing. Works programmes are reviewed once a year and new proposals can be considered by members for future investigation and/or work programmes. There is certainly no reason why a review of pedestrian measures cannot be

included for consideration by members at the next review, which will be toward the end of this year.

The current collision data for the junctions of Lighwater Road and Macdonald Road do not appear to highlight any particular issues at this time and it would be useful to understand further the local safety concerns of both junctions. This information can then be considered by members under the process outlined above for consideration at review. A permanent VAS sign was installed in Red Road to the west of the junction of Macdonald Road more recently and a speed limit review is also pending as outlined in the Committee report this evening.

3. Vehicle activated signs for Lightwater

Small vehicle activated signs [VAS] affixed to lampposts are popular with residents and are an effective means of reducing vehicle speed. While many parts of the Borough appreciate their provision, Lightwater is not one of them, although Red Road, Lightwater benefits from two larger VAS's. Ambleside Road, Broadway Road, Guildford Road, and The Avenue in Lightwater all suffer from excessive speeding. At a recent Lightwater Police panel meeting, the key concern expressed was the failure of effective action to control vehicle speeds.

What plans have the Highways Department to implement VAS's in Lightwater?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

The Local Committee received a report in March detailing the problems with the use and deployment of the temporary vehicle activated signs. The report identified a way forward and approved the purchase of two new temporary VAS which would be managed by the Police Casualty Reduction Officer. These new units were delivered by the manufacturer this week and a programme of locations for deployment will be published shortly. Roads in Lightwater currently approved for inclusion on the programme are Guildford Road and The Avenue.

Two questions have been received from Tim Price, Windlesham Parish Council Clerk.

4. New Bridge

As a resident of Bisley, I should like to know whether the reconstruction of New Bridge on the A322 is currently being delayed because an adjacent land owner is seeking a level of compensation (for the temporary diversion of the road across his land) that is unacceptable to SCC ? If so, and a compulsory purchase order (CPO) becomes necessary, is it likely that this procedure will delay the project until at least the start of the next financial year ?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

This scheme will require CPO procedures whether or not, agreement can be reached with landowners to acquire or temporarily use their land. This is because some of the land required is in 'unknown ownership' and it helps to avoid unpleasant surprises during construction work or works being 'held to ransom' by landowners. As part of CPO procedures negotiation with landowners is undertaken in an attempt to reach agreement without the need for CPO. The Valuation Office Agency has been commissioned by Surrey to negotiate with landowners.

The programme for the construction is currently October - March (low trading period for the Nursery) in 2009/2010. However, this is dependant on the progress of land negotiation/procedures and whether a Public Inquiry will be needed for any of these issues. Progress is also subject to funding as there are likely to be pressures on next year's budget for Bridge Strengthening works.

5. A332 Pegasus crossing

There seems to be an extended delay in finishing the work to install a "Pegasus Crossing" on the A322 at Bisley beside the Public Bridleway known as Kiln Lane. It appears that all the underground road work was finished in July, and that all that is required to complete is a few extra posts, electrical fitments and wiring. Is there some other reason for this delay ?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

We are currently waiting for the installation of street lighting and the required electrical connections before the pegasus crossing can be commissioned. We are currently awaiting programme dates for both of these items.

Item 16 – Written Member Questions from Fred Chipperfield.

1. Are there any plans to implement a traffic calming scheme in Edward Avenue?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

There is a Committee item tonight updating members on the current position with regard to Yorktown residential traffic management measures but it is too early to say if Edward Avenue would receive traffic calming.

2. Who should be informed about excess speeding along this road?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

The Police should be informed of instances of speeding. The local Police Community Support Officer PCSO Mohammed Jamil, can be contacted on 07967 986346. Future Police surgeries will be held on the 1st Thursday of every month from 1800 to 1900 hours at The Islamic Centre, London Road and from 1900 to 2000 hours at The Baptist Church, Frimley Road.

3. In the light of these questions, who at the Council is ultimately responsible if there is a serious accident in the road and someone is killed or injured?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

The Council is not responsible for the action of others.

4. When the Council has received petitions about Edward Avenue have these been taken into consideration when road planning takes place?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

Many views are taken into consideration. A Yorktown Highway Strategy was specifically developed to assist with the future requirements and impact of development.

5. Are there any plans to close the gate to the industrial estate between 8pm and 6am?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

Many measures will be considered as part of the Yorktown residential traffic management proposals including options on road closure.

6. Are there any plans to improve parking in this road?

Response from Ian Haller Local Highways Manager.

Initial consultations, as outlined in the Committee report, sought information from residents about parking problems. Some measures are already being proposed in adjacent roads and further changes are also possible under Yorktown traffic management measures. A review of the Camberley Controlled Parking Zone will be undertaken next year and this is also likely to consider the longer term parking needs of the Yorktown residential area.