



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Thursday 15 October 2009

Time: 6.30 PM

Place: St John's Link, Windlesham

Members present:

Surrey County Council [6]

Cllr Bill Chapman (Camberley East)

Cllr Denis Fuller (Camberley West)

Cllr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)

Cllr Stuart MacLeod (Windlesham, Bagshot & Lightwater)

Cllr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green, Mytchett & Deepcut)

Cllr Lavinia Sealy (Chobham, Bisley & West End)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [5]

Cllr Vivienne Chapman

Cllr Colin Dougan

Cllr Paul Ilnicki

Cllr Edward Hawkins

Cllr Wynne Price

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.

47/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Whitcroft, Brooks and Foale.

48/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 9 July 2009.

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

49/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

50/09 PETITIONS

None

51/09 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

52/09 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

53/09 MEMBER'S ALLOCATIONS 2009 / 10

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath)

1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 20 - 30
2. Noted the summary of allocations in Annex A
3. Noted the allocations agreed under delegated powers in Annex C

54/09 RIGHTS OF WAY SPEAKING

RESOLVED

The Local Committee Surrey Heath noted the adoption of the revisions to the Local Protocol relating to public participation on Rights Of Way Applications.

55/09 SURREY FIRE & RESCUE

This report outlined the major strands of activity being undertaken within Surrey Heath by the Fire Service teams based at Camberley and Chobham Fire Stations and was presented by Alan Clark, West Area manager, Surrey Fire and Rescue. Mr Clark highlighted the Safe Drive Stay Alive work and in particular the additional work done in Surrey Heath with the MoD, to help combat the high numbers of MoD personal who die in road traffic accidents. Schools that do not attend Safe Drive Stay Alive receive a visit from a Fire Officer.

Fire Fighter for a day is being extended into Camberley to support young people in the area.

Surrey Fire and Rescue are keen to identify vulnerable people who they can support and work closely with Age Concern.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee recognised the achievements of the Borough Teams at Camberley and Chobham, and confirmed Cllr Chris Pitt as the Fire Service Champion.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

56/09 TRADING STANDARDS

The report was presented by Steve Playle, Trading Standards Safer and Stronger Team Leaderservice provided by Surrey Trading Standards during 2008/09 and key activities relating to Surrey Heath. Members asked if there were many complaints about taxi charges, there are not but Trading Standards would encourage anyone experiencing problems to report them.

This report was for information only.

57/09 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

Cllr Lavinia Sealy had met with Brian Townley, Surrey Heath Borough Council, to discuss how Borough and County could work better together on flooding.

This report was for information only.

58/09 ALLEGED PUBLIC BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) ALONG HIGH VIEW ROAD, WINDLESHAM

The report was presented by Daniel Williams, Countryside Legal Officer, who tabled an addendum and a replacement Annex (these can be found in Annex B of these minutes)

Mr Williams confirmed that at present the road has no status and if the recommendations were agreed the privately acquired rights would remain and people having reasonable need to access land would acquire rights. Windlesham Parish Council could grant access rights to the public to access land via High View Road. This could be done at a WPC committee meeting to formalise it. A public restricted byway would also prevent undesirable traffic as it would be an offence to use motorcycles, quadbikes etc. There is no duty on Surrey County Council to maintain the road whether it is a public restricted byway, BOAT or not.

There was a meeting between councillors, officers, residents and the Parish Council on 13 Oct 2009.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed that:

1. Public restricted byway rights are recognised over the route A-B-C-D on drawing 3/1/83/H10 and that the application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the DMS by the addition of a BOAT is not approved. The route will be known as Public Restricted Byway no. 188 (Windlesham).
2. A legal order should be made and advertised to implement these changes. If objections are maintained to such an order, it will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation.

Part B – Transportation.

59/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 01/09.

60/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

61/09 PETITIONS

At petition was received from Dr Daglish regarding parking in Partridge Close, Frimley. Dr Daglish told the committee that there is increasing traffic density in the area from the hospital, residential and local business. This situation is particularly contentious at school drop off and pick up times. Some vehicles drive at very high speed when searching for a parking space. Service delivery vehicles find it difficult to access houses e.g. refuse lorries and delivery lorries. A scheme is needed to restrict parking to stop these difficulties and make access and egress safer.

The committee accepted the petition and will report back at the next appropriate Local Committee meeting. Officers will attempt to get a reply to Dr Daglish before the next Local Committee meeting.

62/09 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

63/09 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

None.

64/09 PROPOSED WORKS AT A30 LONDON ROAD, CAMBERLEY

Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager, presented this report. Borough Councillor Colin Dougan was nominated as the ward member for Ian Haller to consult with.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee approved:

1. the scheme layout for localised widening to the A30 London Road as set out in Annex A,
2. the progression of any statutory procedures in relation to the scheme,
3. to delegate authority to the Local Highway Manager for the completion of points of detail relating to the scheme following consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, the Local Divisional Member and a designated Local Ward member and to implement the scheme as appropriate.

65/09 FIVE YEAR INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEME PROGRAMME

This report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager. County Cllr Stuart MacLeod declared an personal interest.

Some Section 106 funding has been secured for the Portsmouth Road crossing, a suitable location has been identified but the funding secured is not sufficient to construct the crossing in its entirety.

New bridge is a structures scheme and as such would not appear on the Committee's devolved capital programme

The A322 Lightwater Bypass will be considered further with the Police after their investigation has been concluded. The provision of a central reserve safety fence for this location remains on a central programme which is reviewed annually.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

1. Approved the revised programme of integrated transport schemes for Surrey Heath for progression in 2010/11 and the draft programme to 2015/16 to be funded through the Local Transport Plan and Local Allocation budgets.
2. Noted that a report recommending prioritisation of schemes be brought to the Local Committee on 15 February 2010.
3. Noted the date for the bus tour for the review of schemes on 9th September 2010.

66/09 A30 NOTCUTTS

This report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee agreed:

1. The advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and a traffic calming notice in accordance with the Highways Act 1980, the effects of which will be to:
2. to restrict vehicular movements to one way, in an eastbound direction only, along the new service road (serving properties 133 -161) adjacent to the A30 as shown on the drawing in Annex A,
3. to prescribe the movements for each carriageway lane of the A30 London Road and the new access road for which vehicular traffic will be only permitted to travel as indicated on the drawing shown in Annex A,
4. to restrict parking at the two new relocated bus stops on the A30 through the use of bus stop clearway markings as shown on the drawing in Annex A,
5. the creation of a shared use cycle facility along the widened footway on the southern side of the A30 London Road as shown on the drawing in Annex A,
6. to provide a raised table along the new service road (serving properties 133-161) adjacent the A30 as shown on the drawing in Annex A,
7. and subject to no objections being maintained the orders are made.

67/09 SPEED LIMIT OBJECTIONS

This report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager. Officers informed Members that the recommendations were in line with Surrey County Council policy and to go against those recommendations would be to go against Surrey County Council policy as well as advice from Surrey Police. Members decided to change officer recommendations 3 and 6 in order to reflect the desire of local residents and because Members felt that the reduction to 40 mph on part of Red Road and along The Maultway and would positively affect driver behaviour making the road safer and reducing the risk of accidents.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath):

1. Overruled the objections in relation to Beldam Bridge Road, Fellow Green and Fellow Green Road, and authorised the making of the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to these roads, so that the speed limit on these roads is changed from 40mph to 30mph;
2. Overruled the objections in relation to Lucas Green Road, Priest Lane and Ford Road, and authorised the making of the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to these roads, so that the speed limit on these roads is changed from 60mph to 30mph;
3. Overruled the objections in relation to The Maultway and authorised the making of the permanent traffic regulation order in relation to this road to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph and that the corresponding changes be advertised for parts of Yockley Close and Redwood Drive;

4. Overruled the objections in relation to Deepcut Bridge Road, and authorised the making of the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to this road, so that the speed limit on this road is changed from 60mph to 40mph;
5. Overruled the objections in relation to Old Bisley Road, and authorised the making of the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to this road, so that the speed limit on this road is changed from 60mph to 40mph;
6. Upheld the objections in relation to the length of Red Road from A322 at Gordons Roundabout to Lightwater Road and authorised the advertisement of a new Permanent Traffic Regulation Order to propose a reduction of speed limit from 60mph to 50mph, and overruled the objections in relation to the length from Lightwater Road to The Maultway and authorised the making of the permanent traffic regulation order in relation to this length to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph and that the corresponding changes be advertised for part of Lightwater Road;
7. Overruled the objections in relation to Woodlands Lane, and authorised the making of the Permanent Traffic Regulation Order in relation to this road, so that the speed limit on this road is changed from 60mph to 40mph;
8. That the objectors be informed as the decisions of Committee.

68/09 CHOBHAM COMMON CATTLE GRIDS

This report was presented by Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager, David Boddy, Surrey Wildlife Trust was also in attendance. Members urged SWT and Surrey County Council to work in partnership to ensure a joined up consultation exercise.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

1. Agreed in principle to the proposal of cattle grids on the highway at Staple Hill Road and Chertsey Road and/or designation of a quiet lane at Gracious Pond Road, Chobham;
2. Agreed to conduct a consultation on the proposals and to report the outcome of that consultation to a future meeting of the Committee;
3. Agreed to support the work of the Trust and that Surrey Highways continue to support the work of steering group and assists them by conducting the consultation.

69/09 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN

This report was presented by Steve Child, Highways Group Manager West.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

1. Noted the annual highway maintenance plan for West Area, and
2. Approved the £100,000 Local Committee revenue spend for Surrey Heath during 2009/10 and that its management be vested with the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and appropriate divisional member.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

70/09 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE – MONITORING REPORT

This report was for information only.

71/09 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath)
9 July 2009, Tomlinscote School, Camberley.

1. Valerie White

What is happening with the barrier at Whitmoor Road and there needs to be consistency of the speed limit on new Road.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

I have written to the insurance company and if I don't hear back I will be taking action to get the barrier replaced. I will look into the A322 Windlesham section and get back to you.

2. Mr Trice, Lightwater

Will the public be consulted on the proposed BOAT before a decision is made.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

Consultation has already taken place, a decision will be made today.

3. Meurig Williams, Bagshot

Is there the possibility of a cycle lane or shared footway on the A30 Jenkins Hill?
What other improved safety measure could be put in?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

There is a ditch so could not have a shared footway.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

There is a proposal to put a cycle lane on the A30 to the Jolly Farmer Roundabout, this would be paid for out of planning gain.

4. Mr Bain, Chobham

I have called the contact centre about flooding in Chobham ditches. I was told the work had been done but it hasn't. SHBC need to tell SCC to clear the ditches. Over what period will the additional money be spent?

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

Please can you tell us which ditches so we can look into this? £1m was set aside for identified wet spots, £200,000 of this went on West End High Street. The County do work very well with the Borough on particular land drainage schemes.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

A maintenance engineer has spoken to Mr Bain about this.

5. Mr Holden, Bisley Residents Association.

Woking Local Committee are looking at closing Warbury Lane. No one in Bisley wants this but we do want Church Lane made safer. One or more chicanes or speed signs would help.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

It is not necessary to close this road, most people want it open. A small group is needed to look at what could be done.

Reply from Wynne Price, Borough Councillor.

Can we look at a 30mph past the Church if not a 20mph?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

I will look into this.

6. Mr Arils

Do you consider that sufficient consultation on the Rights of way issue at High View Road has taken place?

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor.

We deferred this at the last meeting.

Reply from Dan Williams, Rights of Way legal officer

A meeting has been held but no additional consultation has taken place as the subject of the consultation has not changed.

7. Richard Roads

The report on cattle grids says one road will have cattle grids but Surrey Wildlife Trust have recommended that 3 do. Fencing is also needed.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

There will be wider consultation, the report details all roads, not just one.

8. Theresa Murphy, The Avenue, Lightwater.

Can you reduce speed limits on The Avenue in Lightwater?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

There are no current schemes but we can talk to the Police to see if there is any data on this area.

9. ?

What evidence is there that grazing will restore the common?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We have taken the advice of Surrey Wildlife Trust on this.

10. ? The Avenue, Lightwater

A woman and her son were hit on this road.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We will look into this.

11. Mr Pavey, Camberley

Can local libraries carry train times?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We will ask them to

12. Mrs Kim Bason, Station Road, frimley

What can be done about the parking problems in Station Road and can I have a drop kerb outside my house?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We are aware of the problems caused by the new parking charges at the Burrell Road car park. There are currently no plans for resident parking. Cllr Fuller is on board regarding the drop kerb.

13. Ruth Hutchinson

The fence above the Jolly Farmer roundabout over the railway is just tacked together and very dangerous, who is responsible?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Highways Manager

This is the responsibility of Network Rail.

14. Mr Bain

What initial thinking is there about an additional travellers provision in this area?

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We currently have two. A joint consultation has taken place and this is due to go before a planning inspector on 5 February 2010 and a decision will follow.

15. ? Lightwater

I can't contact my local Councillor.

Reply from Stuart MacLeod, County Councillor.

I am happy to talk to you about The Avenue.

16. Ken Carter Chobham Parish Council

There are 300,000 visitors to Chobham Common each year, this also means dogs and riders. Cattle will raise issues of health and safety.

Reply from David Ivison, County Councillor.

We will bear that in mind.

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(SURREY HEATH)

ALLEGED PUBLIC BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) ALONG
HIGH VIEW ROAD, WINDLESHAM

15 October 2009-11-09

ADDENDUM

i. The following section should read:

2.34 There is no evidence to suggest that the route was expressly created or constructed for motor vehicles. At the current time any use without lawful authority will constitute trespass against the landowner. Evidence of the route on non-definitive mapping cannot indicate anything more than its physical existence.

ii. A document supplied by Mr Trice and received on 12 October 2009 contains Land Registry information relating to 'land lying north of Cranwell Grove, High View Road Windlesham'. No accompanying plan was supplied. In the Schedule of Restrictive Covenants section 1(b) states:

"No traction engines to be used upon any roads abutting upon or in any way forming an approach to the said piece of land".

This in no way grants a right to the public by any other means of transport but merely states that the local roads are not to be used in the above sorts of vehicles. Section 1(c) then goes on to make it clear that the road is considered unadopted and privately maintainable.

"To keep in repair half the road and the footpath adjoining the said piece of land until the Parochial and other Public Authorities shall take upon themselves the repairs of the same".

iii. Bar chart Annex B has been subject to several minor corrections. These do not affect the conclusions reached.

Bar graph

Item 17 – Written Member Questions from David Whitcroft.

1. In view of the recent tragic fatal accident on the road could immediate priority be given to a central barrier on the A322 Lightwater bypass?

Response from Ian Haller

All sites, in Surrey, without central reserve safety fence are prioritised on a Countywide works programme. The list (and collision data) is updated every year. The next review will be done in about May 2010 when 2009 collisions will be added and 2006 collisions removed. The work completed recently on the A322 Bracknell Road, Bagshot was funded through this programme.

The Lightwater bypass is included on the programme list and is split into 4 sections for assessment. These lengths are broken up into logical lengths to provide safety fencing, i.e. where there are natural breaks in the central reserve forming logical start/stop points. The assessment is based on collisions per kilometre and collisions are broken down to those where the central reserve was crossed, those where the central reserve was entered and an object struck and finally all other accidents. At its last assessment the main section of the bypass had a total of 5 collisions between Jan 2006 and Dec 2008 including one 'cross over' and one entering the central reserve. There are 45 locations on the list and the main length of the Lightwater bypass is currently ranked 11th. Local delegated budgets to the Committee are not sufficient, at present, to fund the safety fence.

Until such time as it can be provided through the central programme it is suggested that a 'raised ribbed road marking', i.e. a rumble type is provided on each off side of the carriageway to provide warning to any motorist who may inadvertently drift for them to take corrective action. The Police have agreed that this would be beneficial and a cost estimate for this work has been requested.

2. What further measures are planned for the stretches of Mytchett Place Road, which fall into both Surrey Heath and Guildford, in view of the four fatalities and other serious injuries which have taken place on the road over the past couple of years?

Response from Ian Haller

In the last 3 years there has been 10 recorded collisions in the Surrey Heath section of Mytchett Place Road. These are located at 6 different locations along the 1.65km length. 3 collisions occurred in 2006, one classified serious the other two slight. 5 collisions occurred in 2007, 1 in 2008 and 1 in 2009 up to the end of July all classified as slight. There are currently no works planned for this length.

I am advised that the section of the road in Guildford has been subject to various works recently and that the impact of these are currently being monitored with the Police through the casualty reduction working group. Some surfacing work is due to take place on a section of the carriageway to the west of Grange Road and that this will be carried out shortly.

3. Could I also please be provided with an update on progress in respect of a possible 20 mph speed limit in Bagshot High Street

Response from Ian Haller

The review of the speed limit in Bagshot High Street has recently been completed. This has identified that in general speeds are below the threshold required by the policy to enable a 20mph speed limit to be advertised. This applies to the main length of the High Street between the A30 and Bridge Road, the one way section from The Square to Bridge Road and the entire length of Park Street. The Police have indicated that they have no objection to the proposal albeit with one caveat. Actual vehicle speeds are at their highest near to the zebra crossing and the Police have requested that consideration be given to one traffic calming feature should any relevant issues be raised with speed following implementation of the limit. The most appropriate feature would be to provide a raised table to the zebra crossing. An item elsewhere on the agenda tonight seeks Committee approval to take the proposal forward in the 2010/11 financial year and subject to agreement of this a detailed report will be brought to the February Local Committee meeting.