

**MINUTES: of the special meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6 December 2006 at the District Council Offices, Oxted**

**County Council Members**

- \* Mr Peter Langham - Chairman
- \* Mr David Hodge - Vice-Chairman
- \* Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- \* Marian Myland
- \* Mr Ken Rimington
- Mr N W Skellett

**District Council Members**

- \* Cllr Richard Allen
- \* Cllr Martin Fisher
- Cllr Robin Harling
- \* Cllr Alan Jones
- \* Cllr Eric Morgan
- \* Cllr Jeremy Pursehouse

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**62/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from Mr Nick Skellett and District Councillor Robin Harling.

**63/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2006 [Item 2]**

The Committee noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2006 would be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee to be held on 26 January 2007 together with the minutes of the special meeting.

**64/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

Mr Ken Rimington declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda Item 7 by virtue of his being a member of the Planning and Regulatory Committee which had approved the planning application in respect of the new Tatsfield Primary School.

**65/06 PETITIONS [Item 4]**

There were none.

**66/06 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 5]**

No formal questions were received prior to the meeting.

**67/06 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

There were none.

68/06 **PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN SHIP HILL, TATSFIELD** [Item 7]

The statutory consultation in respect of a 20mph speed limit and two road tables in Ship Hill, Tatsfield had resulted in an objection from the residents of Vern Place. In response to a request by the Chairman, the Local Transportation Manager addressed the issues raised by Surrey Police during the consultation process, as detailed in Annex D to the report submitted. He confirmed that the suggested signage would be provided. With regard to the suggestion to narrow the slip road approach to Ship Hill, it was considered that this was unlikely to be required assuming that the Local Transport Plan funded village scheme went ahead as expected. 'School Keep Clear' markings outside the school could be added to the scheme if they were considered to be necessary.

The Chairman invited Cllr Bob David, the local Ward Member, and Cllr Alan Fry, the Chairman of the Parish Council, to address the meeting. Cllr David was of the view that the proposed 20mph speed limit and road tables were an essential part of the new school development. With regard to the objection of the residents of Vern Place, he acknowledged that tables did produce more noise, but as the scheme should reduce speeds the overall effect would be to reduce noise rather than increase it. Cllr David urged the Committee to support the officer recommendation.

Mr Fry also spoke in support of the recommendation. He confirmed that the site for the new school had been identified prior to the development of Vern Place, and that access issues had been taken into account when determining appropriate sites. The proposed access to the school site would also improve the access to the other community facilities on the site. He refuted the claim made in the letter from AKH Associates that the Parish Council had objected to the location of the new school and confirmed that the Parish Council was unanimously in favour of the site and proposed access. Indeed, major public consultation in respect of the school development had been undertaken and the issues currently being raised by the residents of Vern Place had not been raised at any time during the consultation.

Mr David Hodge, the local Member for Tatsfield supported the proposed traffic scheme, which would make accessibility to the school and community facilities much safer. He also acknowledged the objections made by the residents of Vern Place, but stressed that such objections had only been raised shortly before the planning application had been considered and at no time during the public consultation process.

Mrs Sally Marks proposed, and it was AGREED, that a letter be sent to AKH Associates, to be signed by Mr Hodge, disputing the erroneous facts in their letter of 4 December

Committee Members expressed concerns about parking outside the school and requested that enforceable 'School Keep Clear' markings be included in the scheme. The Local Transportation Manager advised that a Traffic Regulation Order would be required for the School Keep Clear to be enforceable. It was AGREED that this be included in an Order for other similar features and submitted to the Local Committee in due course.

It was suggested that the Parish Council could raise the importance of enforcing such markings through the PCPG. Mr Hodge reported that car share and walking to school schemes were being implemented. In addition, there were drop off points in the school entrance.

In light of concerns expressed, Members of the Committee suggested the following for further consideration:

- Vehicle Activated Sign(s), preferably with arrangements for the signs to be moved periodically to different locations in Tatsfield
- Mini-roundabout on Ship Hill to include the School entrance and Vern Place

- Banned right turn from the School
- "realistic" assessment of vehicle movements to ensure that parking and pick-up/drop-off arrangements are adequate

The Local Transportation Manager advised that the highway improvements were given as part of the planning process and Education Planning could not be required to undertake an investigation of alternative proposals, although these issues would be raised with them.

Committee Members sought confirmation that the traffic scheme would be implemented prior to the opening of the school. It was noted that the constructor had advised that the road improvements would be undertaken following the completion of the heavy construction work on the school site. The Local Transportation Manager reported that Education Planning was the client and undertook to check with them proposed arrangements, timescales and who was responsible for undertaking the work.

The Chairman requested that a further report on the possible implementation of the additional highway improvements suggested and the construction management arrangement be submitted to the Committee in due course.

**RESOLVED:**

That the implementation of the proposed 20mph speed limit and road tables associated with the new school development be approved.

**[Meeting Ended: 3.15pm]**

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**Chairman**