

**MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 at Bletchingley Village Hall, High Street, Bletchingley**

**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 Alan Jones
- Cllr Eric Morgan
- \* Cllr Brian Perkins
- \* Cllr Jeremy Pursehouse
- \* Cllr Colin Walker (Subst.)

\* = Present

**31/07 INTRODUCTION TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE [Item 1a]**

As there was no change of Chairman for 2007/08, Mr Peter Langham opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr Brian Perkins to the Local Committee as a new District member replacing Robin Harling. Mrs Marian Myland took over from Mr David Hodge as Vice-chairman.

**32/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1b]**

Apologies were received from Mr N Skellett and District Councillor Eric Morgan. District Councillor Colin Walker substituted. Mrs Myland was slightly delayed.

**33/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2007 [Item 2]**

Accepted.

**34/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 7 County Councillors' Allocations [Para 2.6] and Item 15 A22 Godstone Road/Maple Road Puffin Crossing, Whyteleafe. District Councillor Martin Fisher declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 7 County Councillors Allocations [Para 2.10]

**35/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]**

No formal questions were received prior to the meeting and no members of the public asked informal questions.

**36/07 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

There were none.

37/07 **PRESENTATION BY THE TANDRIDGE YOUTH FORUM** [Item 6]

In 2006/07 the Committee gave £10,000 to the Youth Forum, which they subsequently cascaded to youth projects in Tandridge in much the same way as Members Allocations are disbursed. This is the third year that the Youth Forum has received and processed funds in this way and three members of the Youth Forum came to the meeting to explain the process, give details of the grants and the benefits both to local young people and to the Forum. They were successful in allocating all of the funds but found the process for getting payments made took longer than anticipated because of Surrey County Council's new finance system. However, they wrote to the individual recipients explaining their difficulties and assuring them that payments will be made as soon as possible.

The young people and an officer from the Youth Development Team attending in support took questions from members. The Chairman congratulated them on an excellent piece of work and offered the continuing support of the Local Committee in dealing with practical issues.

38/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS LOCAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2006/07** [Item 7]

Members have been allocated £11,000 each for 2007/08 plus £35,000 for capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area giving a total of £101,000. This is the same as the devolved budget for 2006/07, all of which was fully committed by year-end. The report gave a breakdown of how the money had been allocated in 2006/07 and Members went on to discuss the bids received for 2007/08.

Mrs Sally Marks stressed the benefits of Local Allocations in terms of the number of worthwhile projects and the wide variety of local groups the Committee had been able to support over the years.

[NOTE: District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse, who had declared an interest in the Warlingham School bid [Para 2.6], left the meeting while this item was discussed. District Councillor Martin Fisher, who had declared an interest in the Oxted Community Hall bid [Para 2.10] left the meeting while this item was discussed.]

Due to time constraints, the Le Personne bid [Para 2.2] had been previously agreed in principle at an informal meeting on 11 May and was brought back to this meeting to be formally ratified.

The Committee considered the bids at Annex A of the report and AGREED as follows:

• Le Personne Memorial	£1,500.00
• Chaldon Cricket Club Six Brothers Field	£2,250.00
• TDC Care & Repair Service	£5,000.00
• Young Enterprise	£2,400.00
• Warlingham school	£2,065.00
• St Peters School	£2,000.00
• ESCSA	£3,500.00
• TDC Housing	£500.00
• Oxted Community Hall	£5,000.00
• Surrey Young Carers	£550.00

A bid from St Peter's and St Paul's Church in Dormansland was deferred pending further information.

The newly approved applications represented a figure of £24,715 leaving a balance of £76,285.

**39/07 UPDATE ON LOCAL AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PLANS [Item 9]**

The Area Director gave a presentation, which sought to update the Local Committee on the Tandridge Community Strategy 2006-2010, the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Surrey Strategic Partnership (SSP). Paul Sanderson, Surrey County Council's Senior Policy and Public Affairs Manager, attended in support to answer questions on the wider implications of the LAA. The Area Director gave the local perspective from the point of view of the Tandridge Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). It was agreed that it would be useful if Tandridge District Officers could attend future discussions as the District leads on the LSP. Members asked for six monthly updates to be brought back to committee and amended recommendation (ii) to reflect this.

The Committee:

- (i) NOTED the current work in delivering the Community Strategy 2006-2010 in the wider context, and
- (ii) CONSIDERED processes by which members can be kept fully informed, involved and able to influence the delivery of the Community Strategy and LAA priorities and requested six-monthly updates from the Area Director.

[Note: The meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.30 am and reconvened at 11.45 am]

**40/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 9]**

There were no formal questions but two members of the public exercised their right to ask informal questions in adjourned mode.

**41/07 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 10]**

There were three formal questions and responses [appended at Annex A] from Mr Peter Langham and Councillor Martin Fisher and one informal question from Mrs Sally Marks, who wanted to know what was being done about overgrowth on the A22 obscuring hatching on the road. The Highways Group Manager (East) gave an undertaking that it would be resolved within two weeks.

**42/07 VERBAL UPDATE BY THE HIGHWAYS GROUP MANAGER (EAST) [Item 11]**

The Highways Group Manager (East) updated Members on local developments not requiring a full report. A briefing note was tabled for information [appended at Annex B]. In the course of his comments he gave statistics on the number of potholes in Surrey, comparing East to West and the contractor's strategy for dealing with them. The Highways Group Manager agreed to forward confirmation of the statistics to the committee clerk following the meeting. These state that 14573 jobs were completed in the East as opposed to 6729 in the West.

**43/07 EAST SURREY ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PLAN 2007-08 [Item 12]**

This report sought approval to the Annual Highway Management Plan for the Local Transportation Service for the year 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 and asked Members to note the expenditure made in last year's plan. Members also discussed how the delegated revenue funding should be spent and a decision was deferred to the next meeting pending a report. Recommendation (iii) was amended to reflect this.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- (i) approve this report of the East Area Maintenance and Delivery Plan for 2007/08 which includes Tandridge.

- (ii) note the anticipated outturn figures for the East Area Maintenance and Delivery Plan for 2006/2007.
- (iii) delegate the authority for authorising expenditure of the £100,000 revenue monies to the Highways Group Manager (East) in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of this Committee following a report to the next meeting.

44/07 **EAST SURREY HIGHWAYS LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2007-2008 PROGRAMME** [Item 13]

This report requested that the Committee consider the Local Transport Plan programme to be progressed in 2007/08 for Tandridge as part of the East Surrey Highway Services improvement programme.

[NOTE: There was an error on the numbering on Annex 2 where two was missing but this did not affect the content.]

Members queried whether the list was not overly long and unrealistic as it contained items that kept appearing in the annual plan but were not sufficiently pressing to ever become a priority. The Chairman suggested that, if there were items that fitted this category, they should be emailed to the Local Highways Manager for his consideration.

There was some discussion on the Average Speed Camera option which centred on whether it was appropriate to spend significant amounts of funding on a single project that was of greater benefit to those travelling through, rather than resident in, the local area and whether the funding would not be better spent on repairs and maintenance. The Highways Group Manager (East) compared the costs of a fatality with the anticipated outlay on such a scheme and concluded that measures that would reduce accidents and fatalities would prove to be cost effective. The road has a history of accidents, some of them fatal, and Members were generally supportive of this view. However it was understood that a report would come back to Local Committee detailing options, costs and safety implications before a scheme could be approved. District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse asked that his opposition to recommendations (i) and (ii) be recorded.

The Committee AGREED:

- (i) to approve the programme of Local Transport Plan funded integrated transport schemes for Tandridge for progression in 2007/08 as set out in Annex 1.
- (ii) to approve the application of Local Allocation for highway schemes for Tandridge for progression in 2007/08 as set out in Annex 1.
- (iii) that authority be delegated to the Highways Group Manager (East), in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-chairman and local elected Member to advertise any necessary traffic regulation order(s), to consider any objections received and subject to those objections make the associated order(s) deliver the schemes in (i) and (ii) above.
- (iv) that the Highways Group Manager (East) be authorised to determine any objections received in response to statutory notices in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee, and the local elected Member.
- (v) that authority be delegated to the Highways Group Manager (East), in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-chairman and the local member in relation to any amendments to the 2007/08 scheme list, as a result of changes in available funding following the closing of the 2006/07 accounts.

45/07 **JUDGES CORNER B2028 WEST PARK ROAD JUNCTION WITH B2037 SNOW HILL AND EFFINGHAM ROAD, COPTHORNE** [Item 14]

This report described progress towards a roundabout scheme for Judges Corner and sought approval for various aspects of the scheme. The Committee welcomed the proposed improvement as laid out in the officer's recommendations but expressed some concern over

the implications of compulsory purchase. Mr Ken Rington reported that he had visited the area the previous evening and suggested to officers that, as an alternative to creating a five exit roundabout, an offer be made to Lamb Holdings that Surrey County Council pay for a new entrance to their property in West Park Road some 50 yards or more further away from the proposed new roundabout. Officers expressed some reservations that this might not be appropriate as it could compromise any future planning decisions on the future development of the site.

The Committee AGREED to:

- (i) approve the revised outline scheme plan at Annex A
- (ii) agree the appointment of consultants to prepare the detailed design and contract documentation for construction.
- (iii) approve the acquisition of land required for the scheme, and
- (iv) recommend that the Executive be asked to approve a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land needed for the scheme.

[NOTE: District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse declared an interest and left the meeting prior to the discussion of Item 15.]

46/07 **A22 GODSTONE ROAD/MAPLE ROAD PUFFIN CROSSING, WHYTELEAFE** [Item 15]

This report detailed the outcome of a feasibility study and public consultation exercise required in providing a new puffin crossing on Godstone Road. Members were supportive of the scheme but Mrs Sally Marks asked that a third recommendation (c) be added in the light of experience to ensure that there would be no delay between the completion of the work and its implementation and this was accepted.

The Committee AGREED:

- (a) that a puffin crossing be installed in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe as shown on the drawing 44559001/001 in Annex A, and
- (b) that the Highways Group Manager (East), in consultation with the Chairman and the local County Member, consider and resolve any representations that are made as a consequence of the statutory advertisement of the crossing.
- (c) that the Highways Group Manager should ensure that EdF is informed well in advance of the completion of these works in order that there is no delay to the full implementation of this Puffin Crossing.

[NOTE: District Councillor Colin Walker left at 1.15pm]

47/07 **REVIEW OF ON-STREET PARKING CONTROLS IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 16]

This report detailed the recommendations for amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders for on-street parking controls. As local consultation meetings, convened by Surrey Highways, had taken place in each division with the local Member, there was general agreement to the recommendations. As it was intended to progress the items in Annex 1 as a priority and to follow up with those on Annex 2, it was suggested that any Annex 1 items which were delayed due to objections be added to Annex 2. There was also some concern that school keep clear list was not fully comprehensive and that the work should not be delayed for the sake of bringing any which had been omitted in error back to a future committee meeting. Recommendation (iii) was subsequently amended to take this into account. The chairman also expressed some concern about the impact on disabled badge holders and asked for a further recommendation (v) to be included which calls for a follow up report.

The Committee AGREED

- (i) that proposals to amend the “The Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Tandridge) (Consolidation of Free On-Street Parking Places) Order 2006”; “The Surrey County Council (Various Lay-Bys in Tandridge And Westway (D1399) Caterham on the Hill) (Free On-Street Parking Places) Order 2006”; “The Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Tandridge) (Consolidation of Free On-Street Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (No. 1) Order 2006”; “The Surrey County Council (Various Roads in Tandridge) (Revocation and Consolidation of Waiting Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2006” as detailed in Annex 1 to this report be published and, if no objections are maintained, the Order be made.
- (ii) that authorisation be given to the Local Highways Manager for Tandridge in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Local Members to consider and resolve any objections to the proposals advertised.
- (iii) that the suggestions listed in Annex 2 be investigated for further consultation with Divisional Members and, if school keep clear schemes are not listed, by omission, they should be included in Annex 2 or Annex 1 as appropriate.
- (iv) that a limited pilot residents’ parking scheme in Caterham Valley Division be investigated.
- (v) that officers provide a follow up report to Annex 1 detailing how best to meet the parking needs of disabled badge holders.

**48/07 A25 EAST HILL IMPROVEMENTS NEAR UVEDALE ROAD, OXTED [Item 17]**

This report proposed an improvement scheme at the above location consisting of a new pedestrian refuge, improved footways/drop kerbs and an extension to the existing cycle lane.

The Committee AGREED the proposals as shown on Annex A.

**49/07 TATSFIELD VILLAGE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME [Item 18]**

This report outlined a proposed traffic management scheme for the centre of Tatsfield Village and sought approval of the layout and authority to progress both a detailed design and the required statutory procedures. The Committee agreed that this scheme offered good value for money and commended Mr David Hodge on the hard work he had put into the consultation process. There were some points of issue but the recommendations were agreed on the understanding that the details would be resolved in discussion with local people during the process of progressing the detailed design. The Local Highways Manager asked that this be extended to include the local parking restrictions, which were also integral to the scheme, but which were not shown on the published version of Annex A, as had been intended, but were available to view.

The Committee AGREED:

- (i) that the proposals for a new bus stop and pedestrian facilities as shown on drawing 5404/04 in Annex A be progressed and implemented subject to any statutory procedures.
- (ii) that the Local Highways Manager for Tandridge, in consultation with the Chairman and local County Member, consider and resolve any objections that are made as a consequence of the statutory advertisement of the proposals or minor changes resulting from the detailed design.

**[Meeting Ended: 1.35 pm]**

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**Chairman**