

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15am on Friday 14th December 2007 at the Council Offices, Oxted

County Council Members

- * Mr Peter Langham - Chairman
- * Marian Myland - Vice-Chairman
- * Mr David Hodge
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- * 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

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66/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mr N Skellett.

67/07 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2007 [Item 2]

Accepted.

68/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Mr Peter Langham declared a personal, but non-prejudicial, interest in Item 6 County Councillors' Allocations [Para 2.9]

69/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 4]

Mrs Marsha Gair asked a formal question on the school admissions process currently under consultation until 23rd January 2008, as it affects the residents of Godstone. [Appended as Annex A]. The Chairman apologised for the fact that no officer was present to respond as expected and said he would instigate enquiries as to why this had happened. He did not read out a formal response but, due to a large turnout of close to 80 local residents of Godstone, Lingfield and Dormansland, took several additional questions on a variety of aspects and agreed to write to the Portfolio holder, Mr Andrew Crisp, to make him aware of the depth of feeling locally and to urgently request that he meets with residents of both Godstone and the Lingfield area to hear their concerns at first hand.

He expressed a degree of sympathy with those who had come to the meeting but made it clear that deciding on the admissions strategy was not an executive function of the Tandridge Local Committee and that that decision lay with Surrey County Council's Executive Committee. He reassured those present that their divisional Councillors, Mrs Marian Myland (Godstone) and Mr Ken Rimington (Lingfield and Dormansland) were well aware of the issues and would also be making representation on their behalf.

70/07 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 5]

There were none.

71/07 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS LOCAL ALLOCATIONS FOR 2006/07** [Item 6]

Members have been allocated £11,000 each for 2006/07 plus £35,000 for capital projects for voluntary sector organisations in the local area giving a total of £101,000.

[NOTE: Mr Peter Langham had declared a personal interest in the Le Personne bid [Para 2.9] as his wife is a trustee of Le Personne homes. As his interest was non-prejudicial, there was no reason for him to leave the meeting and he continued to chair this item.]

Members considered 8 new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as at Annex A of the report and **AGREED** as follows:

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| Whyteleafe Tennis Club, Refurbishment | £5,483.00 |
| Godstone Baptist Church, Café | £2,000.00 |
| Nutfield Village Hall, ladies toilets | £4,230.00 |
| Limpsfield In Bloom | £ 950.00 |
| Woldingham Village Hall, chairs | £1,400.00 |
| Crowhurst Village Centre project | £1,885.00 |
| Woldingham Cricket Club, nets | £1,000.00 |
| Le Personne Trust, hearing loop | £ 795.00 |

The newly approved applications represented a figure of £17,743 leaving a balance of £32,892 and Members were reminded to get their bids in to the Local Committee and Partnership Officer by the end of January 2008.

72/07 **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN TANDRIDGE 2007-08** [Item 7]

This report sought to share current Health and Social Care developments and aspirations for the future in Tandridge in discussion with key stakeholders, identifying areas of success, barriers and ways to overcome them by working in partnership and supported by the Local Committee.

Alan Warren and Barbara Pink represented the County Council working in partnership with the Primary Care Trust; Jayne Godden-Miller represented the District Council and Janet Lambley attended in relation to the Local Strategic Partnership to talk about work undertaken by the Primary Care Trust and partners locally to address strategic targets in public health.

Alan Warren responded to questions on the new Dementia Unit at Dormers; the disparity and appropriateness of private sector resources (he confirmed that officers will offer advice on appropriate care and costs); marketing particularly of services at Caterham Dene and extra care services. Jayne Godden-Miller took questions on the Care and Repair Agency and asked for help with raising awareness of Telecare to encourage officers to learn more about it so that they can roll it out to clients. Janet Lambley promoted the new Alcohol strategy. Members asked for contact details to be forwarded to the Local Committee and Partnership Officer for circulation.

The Committee **AGREED** to:

- (i) note the initiatives in progress and plans for the future
- (ii) identify with partners any barriers to successful delivery of these initiatives

- (iii) consider specific actions which the Local Committee can take to encourage and support successful delivery and outcomes with partners, particularly in promoting and marketing the services
- (iv) agree that the Local Committee continues to monitor and support this work

[NOTE: There meeting adjourned for refreshments at 11.45 and recovened at 12.05]

73/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 8]

There were none.

74/07 PETITIONS [Item 8a]

[Note: Due to an oversight, this item was not separately listed on the agenda and has therefore been added to the Minute as Item 8a following on from Public Questions.]

Mrs Natasha Copp and Mrs Jo Pulley brought a 252 signature petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Church Lane from the Total Garage to Master Park to which the Local Highways Manager responded. [Attached as Annex B]

75/07 MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 9]

There were no formal questions.

District Councillor Jeremy Pursehouse asked why Highway Authority permission had been refused for the erection of a village sign in Warlingham when the Parish Council was prepared to pick up the cost and to comply with whatever highways criteria there might be.

Having been assured that this request referred to a village sign and not to a gateway, the East Area Transportation Group Manager suggested a site visit and agreed to report back to Committee in the New Year.

District Councillor Martin Fisher made a short statement on the problem of access by lorries to the Chalkpit Lane Quarry in which he stressed that the issue is not of the Local Authorities' making but asked that several solutions be considered.

The Chairman read out a press release from the Leader of the Council, Mr Nick Skellett [attached as Annex C] which discussed progress and suggested a way forward. Councillor Fisher endorsed this approach but asked for alternatives to be taken into consideration in case this failed.

Mrs Sally Marks asked whether Highways officers were aware of the concern felt by residents in Woldingham at the potential planning application for a new haul road from Chalkpit Quarry up to the Ridge. She also said that a public meeting would be held on Saturday 15th December at which the application and the consequent increase in lorry traffic in the area would be discussed along with a response to the current and possible future situation.

Mr David Hodge noted that the issue affects three county divisions and not just Oxted.

76/07 D426 MILLLANE, HURST GREEN PROPOSED FOOTWAY [Item 10]

This report recommended the construction of a new footway along side the D426, Mill Lane to provide a safe route for pedestrians.

People walking to Moor House School would use the footway. A new footway with dropped kerbs would be constructed on the grassed land outside the school and on the opposite side of Mill Lane.

While the Parish Council largely welcomed this, Mrs Barbara Harling, Oxted Parish Council, requested a site visit be undertaken as she was concerned about the affects on parking after the kerb is built. The Chairman made the point that consultation with Parish Councils should be undertaken earlier so that concerns are addressed before reports come to Committee. However, he noted the need and agreed to a site visit.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee Tandridge agree:

the proposal of a new footway and uncontrolled crossing point indicated by dropped kerbs along the D426 Mill Lane in Hurst Green as shown on Annex A.

77/07 **SPEED LIMIT REVIEWS ON ROADS IN TANDRIDGE** [Item 11]

This report sought to reconsider progress on the top priorities for speed limit reviews on public highways in Tandridge.

There are many requests for reduced speed limits on roads in Tandridge. Many revised limits have been implemented and work continues on the higher priority sites. This report gave an update on work currently being progressed. The report recommended that further work be carried out to provide a prioritisation system for speed limit reviews in Tandridge.

After some discussion on the effectiveness of speed limits, Mrs Sally Marks reminded officers that Woldingham welcomes speed limits and would like to have them implemented as quickly as possible and, since there had already been a delay, she asked when this would be done.

The Local Highways Manager assured her that the advertisement was due to be published on 20th December 2007.

The Chairman then addressed the list of proposals and noted that items 3.7 to 3.14 had been agreed by Parish Councils but not by Members and asked the Local Highways Manager to take this forward.

The Local Committee for Tandridge AGREED that:

- (i) a prioritisation system is considered for speed limit reviews in Tandridge and a further report be provided to the Committee.
- (ii) a revised speed limit of 40mph for Flower Lane, Godstone be progressed with the area scheme for Woldingham, but without any further delay to that scheme.
- (iii) the proposal for a revised limit of 30mph for the A22 through South Godstone be progressed as a priority,

78/07 **GODSTONE ROAD, WHYTELEAFE A22 PELICAN CROSSING** [Item 12]

This report recommended the construction of a new staggered pelican crossing on Godstone Road in front of the Well Farm Heights development site near Salmons Lane and the Whyteleafe South train station.

A new staggered pelican crossing with Central Island and dropped kerbs would be constructed, providing pedestrians safe passage across the A22. The facility should be used for residents of Well Farm Heights wishing to access the train station.

Mrs Sally Marks expressed her delight but felt that future Section 106 agreements should be time limited to prevent delays in agreed constructions. She admitted that, in this case, the delays were the result of legal problems but was concerned that, while this section of road remains unlit it is extremely dangerous for local residents.

The Local Committee Tandridge AGREED:

- (i) the proposal of a pedestrian crossing facility in Godstone Road, Whyteleafe as shown on Annex A.

[NOTE: Mrs Sally Marks and Mr Ken Rimington left at 1.03 pm]

79/07 **GODSTONE GREEN FOOTPATH LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS** [Item 13]

This report recommended the erection of three new lighting columns and the upgrading of two existing lighting columns along Public Footpath 126 across Godstone Green to provide a safer route to all pedestrians.

The upgrade would improve the lighting level of the surrounding area and increase the perception of safety for pedestrians.

Mrs Marian Myland expressed her gratitude but asked when this would be implemented. The Local Highways Manager said that it could be included in next years improvement programme subject to approval by the Local Committee and the Chairman asked that it be moved forward as quickly as possible.

The Local Committee Tandridge AGREED:

- (i) the proposal of 3 new lamp columns along the Public Footpath 126 across Godstone Green as shown on Annex A.
- (ii) the proposal of upgrading 2 existing lighting columns along the Public Footpath across Godstone Green as shown on Annex A.

[NOTE: UPDATE BY THE EAST AREA TRANSPORTATION GROUP MANAGER. A paper [attached as Annex D] had been brought to the table but had not been discussed and it was circulated for information with the following amendment: Penultimate line '2007' should read '2006'.

[Meeting Ended: 1.05 pm]

Chairman