

DRAFT MINUTES to be agreed on 09 December 2011

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee held at 10.15 am on Friday 30th September 2011 at the Victoria Club, Lingfield.

County Council Members

- * Mr Michael Sydney - Chairman
- * Mr N W Skellett – Vice-chairman
- * Mr Tony Elias
- * Mr David Hodge
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- Mr John Orrick

District Council Members

- * Cllr Nick Childs
- * Cllr Michael Cooper
- * Cllr Ken Harwood
- Cllr Gordon Keymer
- * Cllr David Lee
- * Cllr Marian Myland

- * Cllr Martin Fisher (Substitute)

* = Present

37/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Mr John Orrick gave his apologies and District Councillor Gordon Keymer sent apologies and nominated District Councillor Martin Fisher as his substitute. District Councillor Fisher arrived at approx 11.00 am.

38/11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2011 [Item 2]

Agreed as a true record.

39/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

40/11 PETITIONS [Item 4]

There were none.

41/11 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS [Item 5]

There were none.

42/11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS [Item 14]

There were none.

43/11 **COUNTY COUNCILLORS' ALLOCATIONS FOR 2011/12** [Item 7]

This report set out the funding available to County Councillors from the delegated budget for 2011/12 and asked them to consider requests for received bids. Each County Councillor had £8,410 revenue and the Committee as a whole had a further £35,000 capital to spend on local projects meeting the agreed criteria. The constitution further allowed Members to delegate authority to officers to agree applications up to £1,000.

A bid from Chaldon Village Council for a grit spreader, for use by local farmers in severe weather, which had been deferred from the meeting on 24th June 2011 pending the publication of the Winter Maintenance Report, was approved.

[NOTE: A bid from Felbridge Parish Council for a Vehicle Activated Sign was processed on receipt of the bid being resubmitted by a group of local residents as noted in the minutes of 24th June 2011.]

The bid from Chaldon Cricket Club was approved on the grounds of their work with young people in the community. However, the Committee wanted to see some evidence of how the improvements would impact positively on that, for example, by increasing numbers, and, in the interim, approved a reduced amount of £2000 on the understanding that the organisation could reapply in the new financial year if they were able to provide such evidence.

The bid from SUSY Radio was halved because it crosses borders and it was felt that Reigate and Banstead Local Committee should bear half the cost.

Tatsfield Horticultural Society's bid was not specific and Members approved £4,100 for the part of the project dedicated to installing a roof for rainwater collection.

Mr Tony Elias tabled a late bid from the Blindley Heath Parish Hall for support with refurbishment.

Allowing for these adjustments, Committee approved bids worth £17,865 at the meeting and has now committed a total of £31,336 for the year to date leaving a balance of £57,724 to the end of the year.

The review of local protocols, also deferred from the meeting on 24th June 2011 to allow discussion at an informal meeting on 2nd September 2011, was brought to committee for formal approval.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge):

- (i) **CONSIDERED** new requests for funding from the Members' Allocations budget as set out in Annex A [of the report], and **APPROVED** the following:

Chaldon Parish Grit Spreader	£2,000.00
Oxted Chamber of Commerce	£3,565.00
Age to Age Walk	£ 200.00
Felbridge Horticultural Society	£ 250.00
Chaldon Cricket Club	£2,000.00
SUSY Radio	£2,100.00
Lingfield Parish Council Hub	£ 800.00
Tatsfield Horticultural Society	£4,100.00
Blindley Heath Parish Hall	£2,890.00

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(ii) NOTED payments made under delegated authority, also at Annex A as follows:

Hurst Green CCTV Pole £ 521.00

(iii) AGREED to approve the amended local protocol attached as Annex B.

Reasons for Decisions

All projects under consideration had been sponsored by, and had the support of, the appropriate Local Member. Members were requested to consider them as a group and to decide whether or not to approve them.

Applications for funding where the sum was less than £1,000 and the timing was crucial which could, with the approval of the Members, be processed outside of the formal meeting were duly recorded in public at this, the next, formal meeting.

44/11 LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK [Item 8]

This report was one in a series tracking the progress of the implementation of the new Youth Service delivery structure being rolled out across the County. At the last meeting on 24th June 2011 a task group was set up, comprising County and District Councillors and local young people. Having met, an Assessment of Need workshop was held in Hurst Green on 28th August 2011 to which all local stakeholders had been invited. The attending officer reported back on their findings as the basis for considering tenders from local youth service providers.

He confirmed that the next stage would be for the task group to meet again to look at applications from providers and to comment before any contracts can be issued. Their recommendations would then be brought back to the next Committee meeting on 9th December 2011 for consideration by the Local Committee as a whole.

[NOTE: The Chairman welcomed Kay Hammond, both in her role as Cabinet Member with an interest in Youth and as a local resident.]

It was noted that Tandridge has some of the lowest statistics for NEETs (Not in Employment, Education or Training) in the County and has had no Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) served on Young People in Tandridge for 3 consecutive years, which was considered to be the direct result of excellent work by the youth service, in partnership with the Police and the District Council.

Members welcomed the development of the outdoor facilities at High Ashurst but raised concerns about the cost of travel and asked officers and Members to look at the transport budget with the intention of finding a solution.

Committee was in broad agreement with the findings, with one amendment. Mr Nick Skellett, Chairman of the Youth Task Group, pointed out that Outwood had not been identified as an area of geographical need and, as the local committee meeting was being held in the Lingfield division, clarified for members of Outwood Parish Council in attendance, that this did not mean that Outwood should receive any less support under the new arrangements and was actually closely involved in the process, as two of the young people on the task group came from Outwood. He went on to make it clear that the young people of Outwood had been proactive in attracting funding for a local transportation scheme. They produced questionnaires and advertising leaflets and, although the service did not prove as successful as they had hoped, demonstrated the profile and effectiveness of young people in the village. This is not characteristic of other locations on the list identified as having particular problems where this level of involvement is aspirational.

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Mr Skellett therefore proposed an amendment to delete Outwood, which was seconded by Mrs Sally Marks and duly approved by majority vote.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) **AGREED** to:

Approve the recommendations in Section 7 for future commissioning of preventative services for young people through the Local Prevention Framework (as amended below):

- 7.1 All risk factors identified at paras 2.2 and 2.3 be considered by providers, and providers will be asked to focus particularly on:
- a) Parenting and positive relationships
 - b) Aspirations of young people
 - c) Participation in school
- 7.2
- a) All areas of Tandridge are supported with outreach to the harder to reach areas.
 - b) Particular emphasis is to be placed in the following areas - Hurst Green, Caterham on the Hill, Bletchingley, Oxted and Lingfield.

Reason for decisions

The recommendations:

- a) support the council's priority to achieve "zero NEET", that is for 100% of young people aged 16 to 19 to be in education, training or employment;
- b) support the council's priority that more young people are safe from crime and anti-social behaviour;
- c) increase delivery of youth work locally

The amendment to 7.2 to delete Outwood from the priority list is because Outwood is already well served by the youth service and has an active youth community which has attracted funding to address local issues, and it was felt that it had been added to the list because some young people from Outwood were on the task group rather than because of significant need.

[NOTE: In the interests of good time-keeping, the Chairman brought forward the next two Transportation items out of sequence, reconvening with public questions after the scheduled break. As neither of these were dependent upon decision, this was considered not to disadvantage anyone.]

45/11 **HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 12]

This report sought to update the Local Committee on the progress of Integrated Transport and maintenance schemes on the highways in Tandridge district from a programme of works agreed in March 2011. The Highways Area Manager (East) reported that the majority of the maintenance schemes were now programmed and works had commenced. Work had also commenced on the investigation and design of the Integrated Transport schemes.

In response to a request from Mr David Hodge, the East Area Manager agreed to e-mail a list of the schemes in descending order of need for Members to share with parish councils in a realistic way.

In response to a question from Mrs Sally Marks, the East Area Manager assured Committee that Highways were aware of the need to pursue funds where damage had been caused to the highway as a result of carelessness or accident. These issues are picked up by the transport development team as routine but that he would be happy to pick up any issues from Members and liaise with the team to ensure that priorities were addressed. He added that incidents

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resulting from road traffic accidents were dealt with sensitively. He then agreed to provide a list for Members of locations being worked through.

He responded to questions from Mr Tony Elias on specific sites on the list in Godstone division and went on to clarify the process for use of the Community Pride funding of £5000 per Member. Parish Councils can identify small works but they must route these through the divisional Member. However, they cannot directly employ their own local contractors.

Mr Nick Skellett received an assurance that work on Little Bridge could be financed from the Community Pride Fund.

District Councillor Nick Childs raised concerns about works that involved ensuring that the road was cleared of parked cars, such as road lining, not being properly carried out. The East Area Manager replied that, while letter drops are carried out in advance and local residents are warned, there is no contingency to allow for those who do not comply on the day and no staff available to move vehicles when, for example, people go on holiday.

The Local Committee NOTED the report for information.

[NOTE: District Councillor Martin Fisher arrived at 11.00 am]

46/11 **UPDATE ON WINTER MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS** [Item 14]

This report was brought in order to update Members on progress towards improved winter maintenance arrangements in Tandridge.

In response to a request from Mrs Sally Marks on the status of farmers, the East Area Manager agreed to arrange for a list to be sent to Members for each division with contact details. Mr Hodge added that there was a Members Pack in preparation that could be shared with parish councils, CEOs and Leaders of districts and boroughs. He went on to applaud the £700,000 of identified savings that had been redirected into Winter Maintenance. He clarified that no member of the public attempting to clear snow would be liable in the event of accident unless they were using water, which is extremely dangerous. He encouraged Members to help with advice to local residents.

District Councillor Martin Fisher asked about the future of grit bins which he understood were being removed and not replaced in some locations. The East Area Manager replied that bins were being removed from the gritting routes as they should be being routinely cleared but that the County was still making additional bins available to Local Committees at the reduced cost of £1000 for 4 years. In response to a further question about footpaths, he agreed that they were not a priority for Highways but that the County was providing additional salt to districts and boroughs and that he hoped that the workforce would fully engage and network.

District Councillor Marian Myland pointed out that Mid Street appeared to be missing from the list of priorities and District Councillor Michael Cooper asked if the gritting routes could be sent to parish councils. The East Area Manager said he would pass this on to the team.

Mr Tony Elias pointed out that the gritting routes map was still labelled as 'provisional' and was assured that this was an error and that the routes had been approved by Cabinet.

The Local Committee:

- (i) NOTED the revised winter maintenance arrangements for Tandridge.
- (ii) COMMENTED ON the proposed precautionary salting networks and suggest any adjustments on a like for like basis.

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- (iii) AGREED to ensure that the information contained in the report is shared widely within the District.

Reason for decision

This report was for information only.

[NOTE: Committee adjourned for refreshments at 11.35 am and reconvened at 11.51am]

47/11 **PETITIONS** [Item 9]

There were none.

48/11 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** [Item 10]

There was one formal question [attached as an Annex to the minutes] from Ann Osborn and Eileen Playell who raised issues about parking and speed in Detillens Lane in Oxted. Mrs Osborn took the opportunity to thank Members for their annual support of the In Bloom competition where Limpsfield had once more achieved a gold. There was an additional informal comment on the same subject from a local resident with a different perspective on the problem.

49/11 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS** [Item 11]

There were no formal questions but Mr Nick Skellett asked whether Highways officers could look at implementing a 30 mph limit in Barrow Green Road and Chalk Pit Lane and on the A25 at the entrance to Oxted. The East Area Manager said that it could be added to a list for investigation from next year's budget if funds allow.

He also agreed to meet with District Councillor Marian Myland outside of the meeting to address issues with regard to the Avenue footway.

District Councillor Martin Fisher made a point about Detillens Lane in relation to the parking issues and cautioned that, unless Oxted was looked at as a whole, the problem of displacement was likely to arise as it had done in other locations. Mr Nick Skellett listed other sites where congestion was an issue in Oxted and called for an evening meeting in order to look at a co-ordinated approach with invitees to include the County and District members and officers from the Parking team in October. The Parking Manager, who was present for another item, said that they would be taking a more holistic view at their review in October but that he would be happy to discuss it with Members and residents.

50/11 **TANDRIDGE (VARIOUS) – SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT** [Item 13]

This report sought approval to advertise so that the process for implementing speed limits in various Tandridge locations could go ahead.

The majority of these amendments were welcomed but there was some discussion around the proposed speed limits on the A25 in Bletchingley where some doubts had been raised about the robustness of the consultation and which the East Area Manager asked the Chairman to defer.

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Mr Tony Elias welcomed the deferment and made a case for looking at this location again as he felt that the reduction in speed limit for that stretch of road was justified. He did not feel that enforceability was relevant to the criteria and referred to a fatality that had taken place outside of the three-year study period. The East Area Manager assured him that a proper consultation would ensure a correct result taking into account such factors as the service road.

The Chairman, Mr Michael Sydney, raised an issue in Outwood which had been brought to his attention by the Outwood Parish Council Chairman and the East Area Manager agreed to add it to the programme for investigation.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) AGREED:

- (i) to note the results of the speed limit assessments undertaken.
- (ii) that, based upon the evidence, the speed limits should be changed to meet the current policy at the following locations:
 - a) Outwood Lane, Bletchingly (From a 29m north of Mitchener's Lane to a point 17m north of northern boundary of No. 1 Harewood Cottages) should be reduced to 40mph.
 - b) Chelsham Common, Warlingham (Chelsham Road to Ledgers Rd/Church Lane) should be reduced to 30mph
- (iv) to authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit changes and revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the changes, and subject to no objections being upheld, the Order be made.
- (v) to authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

And that a decision on recommendation (iii)

[that, based upon the evidence, no changes be made to the speed limits at the following locations:

- a) *A25 Godstone Road, Bletchingly (From a point 126m west of the junction with Water House Lane to a point 242m east of the junction with Rabies Heath Road) should remain at 50mph]*

be deferred to the next formal meeting on 9th December 2011 pending further consultation with Surrey Police.

Reason for decision

Recommendations (i); (ii); (iv) and (v) were made based upon existing policy, in consultation with Surrey Police.

The 30mph extension to the existing speed limit along the A25 Godstone Road was proposed to remain at 50mph due to the character of the road in accordance with Surrey County Council's Speed Limit Policy. The road character from the existing 30mph to a point 126m west of Water House Lane was rural in character due to a lack of street lighting and comprised of some residential properties on the outskirts of Bletchingly. Under SCC's Speed Limit Policy this section would therefore be classed as rural with partial development and the recommended speed limit would be 40mph. This would act as a buffer zone to help reduce speeds from 50mph down to 30mph. However, this section of 40mph would be under SCC's recommended speed limit distance of 600m, therefore it was been proposed to keep the existing speed limit at 50mph. However a decision was taken to defer this recommendation pending further consultation with the Police.

[NOTE: District Councillor Nick Childs left at approx 12.05 pm]

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51/11 PROPOSED ON STREET 'PAY AND DISPLAY' PARKING CHARGES IN TANDRIDGE
[Item 15]

This report sought approval to progress to advertising the proposed implementation of on street parking charges in two Tandridge Locations: Woldingham and Dormansland.

However, in his role as Divisional Member for Lingfield, the Chairman, Michael Sydney, reported that, in discussion with the District Council, the possibility had been put forward that there was an area of land that could potentially be developed as a car park close to Dormansland Station and that, if this was pursued by the District Council, it would impact adversely on the proposals at Annex 1 of the report. He therefore requested that decision on that part of the recommendation be deferred and proposed an amendment to recommendation (a). This was seconded by Mr Nick Skellett and agreed by majority vote.

Mrs Sally Marks welcomed the report in relation to Woldingham but asked whether security lighting or motion sensors could also be employed where residents park. Mr David Hodge also requested clarity on the procedure.

RESOLVED that the Tandridge Local Committee AGREED to:

- a) approve the statutory advertisement of the parking charges and waiting restrictions in locations shown on the attached plans in Annex 2.
- b) agree that objections and comments to the proposals are reviewed by the Committee at a later date.

Reason for recommendations

Charging for parking helps the County and District Council effectively and efficiently manage on street parking in Surrey and has the following benefits:

- The availability of free all day parking at these locations encourages unnecessary trips, which increase congestion and CO² emissions.
- Formalising the existing parking arrangements would improve the safety of the area for all road users, and would enhance the verges and roadways.
- Blue badge holders would be exempt from the charges

It is proposed to carry out a formal statutory consultation and report the response back to the Local Committee for a decision.

Members agreed to defer a decision on Annex 1, Dormans Station, until alternative parking arrangements proposed by the District Council, which would have a direct bearing on the matter, could be investigated.

[NOTE: District Councillors Ken Harwood and David Lee left at approx 12.30 pm]

52/11 **APPLICATION FOR A MAP MODIFICATION ORDER TO ADD A FOOTPATH TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR SURREY FROM THE JUNCTION OF NETHERN COURT ROAD WITH ULSTAN CLOSE TO SOUTHFIELDS ROAD, WOLDINGHAM** [Item 16]

This report sought to determine whether the Local Committee would agree that a Map Modification Order for a footpath from the junction of Nethern Court Road with Ulstan Close through to Southfields Road, Woldingham, be made.

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Five members of the public, comprising the landowners and a local resident, registered to speak against the proposal and four local residents registered to speak in favour, with the applicant registering her right of reply.

A strict note of the timings of the objectors was kept and the applicant was allowed a total of 14 minutes and 30 seconds to address the objections raised, which she did well within the allotted time.

The Chairman reminded Members that they were not debating the desirability of the proposed footpath but whether the evidence was sufficient, on the balance of probabilities, to establish that a right of way subsists or is reasonably alleged to subsist over the claimed route.

Members expressed sympathy with both sides and when put to the vote there were two abstentions. However, on a show of hands, the majority voted in favour of the recommendation.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) AGREED that:

- i. A Map Modification Order be made to add a public footpath from the junction of Nethern Court Road with Ulstan Close through to Southfields Road, Woldingham to the definitive map and statement for Surrey. The route will be known as public footpath no. 160 (Woldingham).
- ii. In the event that one or more objection is received and maintained, that the order and supporting documentation be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to decide the matter.

Reasons for decisions

Taking the evidence as a whole it was considered that there was sufficient evidence, on the balance of probability, to warrant making a map modification order (MMO), under s. 53 (2)(b) and (3)(b) and (c)(i) to establish that public rights subsist or are reasonably alleged to subsist over the claimed route and to add a public footpath to the definitive map and statement for Surrey.

[NOTE: Mr Nick Skellett and District Councillor Michael Cooper left at approx 1.30 pm]

53/11 PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 131 (GODSTONE) DIVERSION ORDER APPLICATION
[Item 17]

This report sought permission to make a diversion order. No members of the public registered to speak and the recommendation was unopposed.

RESOLVED that the Local Committee (Tandridge) AGREED that:

A Diversion Order be made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, to divert Public Footpath No. 131, Godstone onto the line shown A – B – C on Drg. No. 3/1/26/H3 1a and that if any objections are received and maintained to the Order that it is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

Reason for Decision

Officers were of the view that the criteria for making a diversion order had been met.

54/11 **PUBLIC FOOTPATH No. 130 (GODSTONE) DIVERSION ORDER APPLICATION**
[Item 18]

This report sought a decision to reject an application to divert Public Footpath No. 130 Godstone, in light of the number of objections received.

An application had been received from Mrs P Chernin – Venhovens of Leigh Mill House, Eastbourne Road, Godstone to divert Public Footpath No. 130 where it crosses her property. The definitive route runs between points A – B – C and the proposed route between points D – E – F, as shown on Drg. No. 3/1/26/H30 (attached as Annex 1 of the report). The application had been made for security reasons to move the footpath further away from her house. Twenty-three objections, including from the Parish Council and The Ramblers, had been received. The objectors considered that the proposed route was less convenient and attractive, and that other measures could be undertaken to improve privacy and security. Ten letters of support had also been received and Tandridge District Council had raised no objection.

The decision had been deferred on 24th June 2011 to allow time for a site visit by Members as the Divisional Member, Mr Tony Elias cited a similar situation where an alternative solution had been arrived at in negotiation between the various parties and he wished to investigate further. In the meantime, a statement of support signed by over one hundred local residents had been presented to the attending officer, although this did not affect the number of objections.

However, as no site visit had been arranged, the situation remained unchanged and Mr Elias therefore requested a further deferment. The attending officer agreed to set up a site visit with a view to bringing the report back for a final decision on 9th December 2011. Those attending will include the Chairman and Vice-chairman, the Divisional Member, Mr Tony Elias and District Councillor Nick Childs, plus a representative of the Parish Council.

The Local Committee (Tandridge) DEFERRED the decision on the application from Mrs Chernin-Venhovens to divert Public Footpath No. 130, Godstone as shown on Drg. No. 3/1/26/H30.

Reasons for decision

Officers were of the view that the criteria for making a diversion order had not been met. However, Members deferred a decision in order to see whether an alternative route might be considered.

[Meeting Ended: 1.43pm]

Chairman

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