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Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.30 pm on 13 March 2014
at Collingwood College, Kingston Road, Camberley, GU15 4AE.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr David Ivison (Chairman)
- * Mr Bill Chapman
- * Mr Denis Fuller
- * Mr Chris Pitt (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr Adrian Page
- * Mr Mike Goodman

Borough / District Members:

- Cllr Vivienne Chapman
- * Cllr Rodney Bates
- * Cllr Valerie White
- * Cllr Josephine Hawkins
- * Cllr Paul Ilnicki
- * Cllr Surrinder Gandhum

* In attendance

35/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllrs Adrian Page and Vivienne Chapman.

36/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5th December 2013 were reviewed.
The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

37/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

With regard to the two petitions received, Cllr Rodney Bates declared an interest as he lives in Berkshire road near Cordwalles Junior School and Cllr Josephine Hawkins declared an interest as she received a parking fine on the A30 slip road.

38/13 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Two petitions were presented to the Committee.

Cllr Bill Chapman presented a petition on road safety outside Cordwalles School and Rev, Bruce Nicole presented a petition requesting refunds of parking fines given out on the A30 slip road in Camberley.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the petitions. A response will be given at the next meeting.

39/13 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

There were none,

40/13 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were none.

41/13 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - BRIDLEWAY 19 [Item 7]

Surrey County Council received a request from Network Rail to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), under section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit horse use on Public Bridleway No. 19, Camberley and Frimley. The bridleway runs from The Hatches over the level crossing to the Hampshire county boundary where a TRO is already in place. The British Horse Society had raised objections.

Councillors discussed the crossing and raised concerns over its safety. Local Councillor Chris Pitt objected to the closure as horse droppings proved it was used by horse riders to access other areas. A vote was held with Councillors voting 6 v 4 for the TRO to be published.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that the grounds for making a TRO as outlined were met, and a Notice of Intention to Make an Order should be published for Public Bridleway No. 19 (Camberley & Frimley) to prohibit equestrian use under s1(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Order 1984 for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, as shown on Drawing Number 3/1/84/H8 (Annexe 1).

42/13 ROAD SAFETY POLICY UPDATE [Item 8]

The Local Committee received a draft update to the county council's policy on setting local speed limits and a new draft policy to address road safety outside schools, including school crossing patrols.

Councillors discussed road safety outside schools and what measures could be taken to improve safety. It was noted that 20mph zones alone did not achieve anything and that often a series of physical highway measures were required. There was a lot of anxiety amongst the public over road safety outside schools, which was not always backed by statistics, however one incident was one too many. Councillors felt that each school situation needed to be looked at on its own merits and individual tailored solutions found – however, several schools were highlighted to Officers as priority (Cordwalles, Tomlinscote, Pine Ridge, Prior Road). Parents were also encouraged to park considerately to avoid congestion during drop off / pick up times. Councillors also raised concerns that the policies needed to be backed by resources and that there were only 4 staff members dealing with this issue for all Surrey Schools and there were no specific funds for highway safety improvements outside schools.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted that their comments would be taken into account prior to the policies being submitted to county council Cabinet for approval.

43/13 PARKING REPORT - FARM ROAD [Item 9]

As part of the last parking review, statutory consultation was completed about a proposal in Farm Road (outside 34 to 44), Frimley.

Councillors discussed the issue. Sight lines were poor and some felt that parking restrictions were possibly needed on both sides of the road in question.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that having considered the objections, the proposed waiting restrictions in Farm Road, as shown in annex A be implemented.

44/13 OPERATION HORIZON [Item 10]

The Committee received a report which recorded the progress made in the first year of the 5-year carriageway investment maintenance programme, any changes to the year one programme and the success of the countywide Operation Horizon project to date. Progress of the supporting surface treatment programme of roads in Surrey Heath that have been carried out this financial year were also reported.

The report also set out the proposed Operation Horizon roads within Surrey Heath for the year two programme (financial year 2014/15), along with the remaining approved roads to be completed in years three to five (2015 – 2018).

It was noted that bids were being made for additional Government funding to tackle flood damaged roads. Councillors were concerned that some roads had deteriorated in the recent bad weather and that priorities needed to be regularly reviewed.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- a) The success of the countywide 5-year programme in year one.
- b) The progress of Operation Horizon roads, Surface Treatment roads, and changes in year one in Surrey Heath in Annex 1.
- c) The proposed programme of Operation Horizon roads for Surrey Heath for year two (2014/15) and the remaining approved roads to be undertaken in years three to five (2015-2018) listed in Annex 1.

45/13 TRADING STANDARDS UPDATE [Item 11]

Graeme Preston gave an oral update on the work of Trading Standards in Surrey Heath. This included the range of work undertaken by the team on :-

Business Advice
Animal Health and Welfare – including farm animal movements
Age restricted products – including test purchasing
Petrol station inspections
Buy with confidence schemes
Eat out, Eat Well
Investigations – including doorstep crime, rapid action teams, cold calling and scams

Councillors found the report useful and informative.

46/13 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [Item 12]

Surrey County Council Councillors receive funding to spend on local projects that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being in the neighbourhoods and communities of Surrey. This funding is known as Members' Allocation.

For the financial year 2013/14 the County Council allocated £12,876 revenue funding to each County Councillor and £35,000 capital funding to each Local Committee. The report provided an update on the projects that have been funded since May 2013 to date.

Councillors were pleased to note that all funds had been spent with only £157 remaining unallocated. Thanks were given to Jenny Harvey for her help and support to Members.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- (i) The amounts spent from the Members' Allocation and Local Committee capital budgets, as set out in Annex 1 of the report.

47/13 FORWARD PLAN [Item 13]

The Forward Plan report is produced for each meeting of the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) so that members can review the plan. The reports that are currently anticipated will be received by the committee are outlined in paragraph 3.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the forward plan.

Meeting ended at: 8.30 pm

Chairman