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Minutes of the meeting of the
Waverley LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 1.30 pm on 20 September 2013
at Cranleigh Village Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh GU6 8AF.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Pat Frost (Chairman)
- * Mr David Harmer (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mrs Nikki Barton
- Mr Steve Cosser
- Ms Denise Le Gal
- Mr Peter Martin
- * Mr David Munro
- * Mr Alan Young
- * Mrs Victoria Young

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Brian Adams
- * Cllr Maurice Byham
- * Cllr Elizabeth Cable
- * Cllr Carole Cockburn
- Cllr Brian Ellis
- * Cllr Robert Knowles
- Cllr Bryn Morgan
- * Cllr Julia Potts
- Cllr Simon Thornton

* In attendance

43/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Cosser, Mr B Ellis, Ms D Le Gal, Mr P Martin, Mr B Morgan and Mr S Thornton.

44/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

45/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

The Committee noted a non-pecuniary interest declared by Ms J Potts on the grounds that her residence is in one of the roads included in the consultation described in Item 15.

46/13 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Mr D Jones presented a petition signed by local residents and parents of children attending Edgeborough School requesting a reduction in the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on the section of the A287 between a point just below Gong Hill Drive (The Bourne) and Fifield Lane (Millbridge).

The Chairman explained that the Committee would consider a response to the matter at its next meeting (13 December 2013).

Introduction to Cranleigh

The Chairman invited Mr A Young, as the local County Councillor, to welcome the Committee to Cranleigh. Mr Young thanked to Committee for its support to the village, as reflected in the recent projects to provide appropriate lighting and to de-clutter the High Street. He went on the outline the history and development of Cranleigh and noted that, while the village presented many positive features, concerns such as rural poverty should not be overlooked.

47/13 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

The text and response to two public questions are attached at **Annex 1**. By way of a supplementary comment to Question 1, Mr M Sandford was encouraged by the response provided, but hoped to see the County Council continue to recognise the rising profile of cycling. Mr D Beaman, in relation to Question 2, asked the Council to consider making Upper Hale Road a lower category road.

48/13 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were no member questions.

49/13 CATTLE GRIDS: HINDHEAD COMMON (NON-EXECUTIVE FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE) [Item 7]

Additional information was provided to the Committee and is contained in **Annex 2**. It was confirmed that the National Trust would pay for the installation of the cattle grids and associated by-pass gates and any future maintenance costs, that the by-pass gates would have easy-to-use latches, and that all relevant requirements can be written into licenses agreed with the National Trust. Licenses can be revoked in the event of any breach of their conditions. It would be possible to provide signs to warn cyclists of approaching grids, but most members who expressed a view felt that, unless mandatory, these were unnecessary.

The Committee was assured that the objector had been invited to the meeting and that no further correspondence had been received.

Resolved to:

- (i) Consider the objection.
- (ii) Agree, in light of the officer's report, that it is expedient to place cattle grids and provide by-pass gates on BOATs 21a Haslemere and 500, 501, 502 and 503 Thursley (as shown on Drawing No. 3/1/14/H50) and that

the purpose for which a right to install gates is exercisable will be adequately achieved by the provision of a cattle-grid.

- (iii) Approve the submission of the application to the Secretary of State for Transport for determination.

Reason

Officers do not have delegated powers to proceed with cattle grid applications. Officers support the installation of cattle grids and by-pass gates.

50/13 SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR WAVERLEY 2012-13 [Item 8]

The Committee noted the low level of fire incidents in Waverley and the extent to which the Service's activities are supported by partnership action. Members were invited to work with the Service to promote its efforts to identify vulnerable residents at particular risk and to support the work of its Volunteer Service.

Resolved to:

- (i) Recognise the achievements of the borough teams within the Waverley Borough and support their commitment to improve initiatives to reduce risk and make the Waverley Borough safer through the delivery of the borough/station plan.
- (ii) Note the targets and initiatives set within the Waverley borough plan for 2012/13 and support the Fire and Rescue Service in the delivery of this plan.
- (iii) Support the achievements of the retained duty personnel at Godalming, Haslemere, Dunsfold and Cranleigh and acknowledge the availability offered by employers who release staff, and those who are self-employed.

Reason

To update the Local Committee (Waverley) on the work of Surrey Fire and Rescue Service teams within the borough.

51/13 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP [Item 9]

The Committee noted the changing community safety landscape and the progress which had nevertheless been made. Members were informed that Surrey Police would be reverting from a thematic to a geographical structure in October. There is a focus on the causes of offending, which would typically be addressed in partnership. Although there has been a significant increase in certain crime types, e.g. burglary, in recent months, this follows a year in which, around the London 2012 Olympics, Police presence had been enhanced and crime rates in the current year are adjusting to levels which are more typical for the nature of the area. Nevertheless, overall numbers are low and all incidents receive the attention of a detective.

Resolved to:

- (i) Note the contents of the annual report of the Safer Waverley Partnership in the year 2012-13, the updated Partnership Plan 2013-16 and the first quarter report for 2013-14.
- (ii) Bear the priorities of the Partnership in mind when making decisions on funding.

Reason

The Local Committee wishes to receive periodic reports on the work of the Safer Waverley Partnership, its achievements and priorities and to consider its contribution to these.

52/13 HIGHWAYS UPDATE REPORT [Item 10]

An amendment to the published report was tabled after paragraph 2.4:

At its meeting on 5 July the Committee considered Localism bids from Parish Councils and agreed that the Localism allocation would be increased by up to £20,000 to a total maximum of £40,000.

Additional material on this project was also tabled (attached as **Annex 3**). In connection with this the Area Highways Manager explained arrangements for releasing payment to Parish Councils funded through this initiative.

The Committee was informed that the published Annex 2 (Operation Horizon) was in need of further updating and clarification. It was confirmed that Hale Road, Farnham would be included in the programme for the current year. Members were keen that published commitments to complete resurfacing schemes in 2013-14 should be honoured and officers were confident that this would be achieved. The most common reason for the deferral of schemes to date has been the discovery on site that surfaces have deteriorated to the extent that more serious treatment is needed. A number of members congratulated the Horizon team on the quality of schemes completed to date. A budget has also been set aside to enable the condition of roads subject to sudden deterioration through winter damage to be addressed.

In relation to its programme of Integrated Transport Schemes for 2013-14 the Committee was informed that all design work commissioned in this year would be complete by October, after which feasibility studies would be carried out; it was recognised that this may mean that accurate costs may not be available to inform the development of the programme for 2014-15.

Resolved to note progress on the programme of highways schemes.

Reason

The Committee requires regular updates on the progress of its programme.

53/13 D5308 LICKFOLDS ROAD, ROWLEDGE: SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT [Item 11]

Local councillors reflected the view of residents that, in contrast to the published recommendation, the speed limit should be 30mph throughout Lickfolds Road. The character of the road has changed with increased residential development and it was noted that engineering costs associated with a reduced limit would be minimal and that the Area Highways Manager would not oppose this course of action.

Mr D Munro, seconded by Mrs C Cockburn, proposed the deletion of the published recommendation and its replacement with that set out below. This amendment was agreed unanimously, likewise the new recommendation when put to the Committee.

Resolved that the speed limit on the D5308 Lickfolds Road, Rowledge (between its junction with Boundary Road and the existing National/30mph speed limit change point) be reduced to 30mph. [Implicit within this resolution are agreements to:

- (i) Advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit change and revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the changes, and that subject to no objections being maintained the Order be made.
- (ii) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and local member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.]

Reason

The Committee noted the wish of local residents for a reduced limit and the consequent safety benefits, reflecting the residential development of the road in recent years. The Area Highways Manager did not oppose the amended resolution.

54/13 A281 HORSHAM ROAD AND BIRTLEY ROAD, BRAMLEY: SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT [Item 12]

Local members reported that there are concerns about speeds in Bramley generally and felt that, particularly on the north side of the village, the extent of the assessment did not fully reflect the local conditions. The Area Highways Manager pointed out that the Police would not support reductions to 30mph in the areas described in the report and that, if the Committee were to decide in favour of reduced limits, additional engineering measures would be required, for which funding would need to be allocated.

The Committee agreed a proposal from the chair that the matter be referred to the Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Local Task Group for further consideration of all the implications, including the development of a possible Integrated Transport Scheme.

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Cranleigh and Eastern Villages Local Task Group for further consideration.

Reason

The Committee noted the concern of local councillors that all implications had not been fully addressed in the report.

55/13 A286 HASLEMERE ROAD BETWEEN BROOK AND GRAYSWOOD: SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT [Item 13]

The Committee welcomed the report, both relevant County Councillors being in support of the proposals.

Resolved

- (i) That the speed limit on the A286 Haslemere Road between Brook and Grayswood is reduced from 60mph to 50mph.
- (ii) To advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit change and revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the changes, and that subject to no objections being maintained the Order be made.
- (iii) To authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and local member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

Reason

Recommendations have been made based upon existing policy, in consultation with Surrey Police.

56/13 WITLEY AREA: SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENTS [Item 14]

The report was withdrawn by officers and will be resubmitted to the 13 December 2013 meeting of the Committee.

57/13 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A RANGE OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR FARNHAM [Item 15]

Resolved that a report on the outcome of the consultation is delayed until after discussions with the Police have taken place and any implications for the proposals have been considered through the Farnham Local Task Group.

Reason

To allow further discussions with Surrey Police to take place.

58/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 16]

Members requested additional reports on:

- Superfast Broadband
- The outcome of the consultation on the Surrey Cycling Strategy
- Public Health and the Waverley Health and Wellbeing Partnership
- Social disadvantage in Waverley

Resolved to agree the Forward Programme 2013/14, as outlined in **Annex 1** of the report, with the inclusion of additional topics requested by members of the Committee.

Reason

Members are asked to comment on the Forward Programme so that officers can publicise the meetings and prepare the necessary reports.

Meeting ended at: 3.00 pm

Chairman

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LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES**

20 SEPTEMBER 2013

1. From Mr Martyn Sandford (Farncombe)

In view of the increasing government support for cycling at the highest level and the releasing of new funding into this area, what is Surrey doing to put itself in a strong position to bid for funding when it becomes more widely available ?

Response

Surrey County Council is committed to improving cycling in Surrey. Our draft cycling strategy is currently out for public consultation and sets out our ambition to get more people cycling, more safely. It will be complemented by local cycling plans, to be developed over the next two years, which will include detailed proposals for improvement at the district/borough level. The strategy includes a commitment to identify and bid for external funding. We will also seek funding from developer contributions and link our plans to improvements on the highway to make the money go further. The strategy will demonstrate to the government that we are serious about cycling, and through the local cycling plans we will prepare proposals for priority schemes to ensure we are in a strong position to bid when government funding becomes available.

We have already been successful in recent bids for cycling funding. We recently secured £1.5 million in funding from the Department for Transport towards two proposed new cycling schemes, one linking Walton Bridge to Walton town centre, Elmbridge Leisure Centre and Upper Halliford, and another linking Leatherhead to Ashted. This was the second highest award from the Cycle Safety Fund of all local authorities in the country. Through our Travel SMART programme, funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, we are investing in new cycle routes, training and events in the Travel SMART towns (Guildford, Woking, Redhill and Reigate). We have also secured funding for Bikeability training from the Department for Transport to subsidise the cost of training for school children.

2. From Mr David Beaman (Farnham)

Whilst the current closure of Upper Hale Road is obviously causing inconvenience to a number of local residents, one benefit has been that the significant number of HGVs that normally use Upper Hale Road has had to take alternative routes. From observation it appears that HGVs have been taking other alternative routes rather than using the signposted diversionary route using Farnborough Road and Alma Lane. Since taking these alternative routes does not appear to have caused any problems to HGV operators, could consideration please be given in the current review of HGV restrictions on roads in the Farnham area of placing a permanent prohibition on HGVs from using Upper Hale Road for the social and environmental benefit of local residents and to improve safety for all road users and pedestrians, including a large number of young school children attending Hale School along a road that is unsuitable for use by HGVs ?

Response

The A3016 Upper Hale Road is a principal road and forms part of the Surrey Strategic Route Network. National and local guidance advises that traffic, especially HGVs, should be directed along the highest category of road available, and only use local roads for access. It is likely that with the recent road closure on Upper Hale Road at least some of the diverting HGV traffic has been using less suitable local residential roads. If these routeing patterns are continued this could increase danger and transfer problems to these roads as traffic levels increase again following the summer holiday period. HGV restrictions will only be applied if there is an equally or more suitable route available; this is not likely to be the case for the A3016 so it is felt that restrictions here would not be appropriate.

A previous road signing scheme in Farnham was implemented to encourage long distance HGV traffic bound for the M3 to use the A331 Blackwater Valley Route in preference to the A3016 through Upper Hale. It is possible that during the recent closure more longer-distance HGV traffic was using the preferred route. The possibility of reinforcing these measures will be investigated further as part of the current HGV review.

The review of HGV routes and restrictions aim to minimise unnecessary longer distance HGVs passing through or around Farnham town centre but there will always be the need for some HGVs to make local deliveries. The reported problems in the Upper Hale area will be re-appraised as part of the current HGV review of the Farnham area.

Item 7 Cattle Grids: Hindhead Common

Financial Implications

The National Trust has confirmed in writing that it will pay for the installation of the cattle grids and associated by-pass gates and any future maintenance costs. Although the legislation states that Surrey County Council, as the highway authority, becomes responsible for their maintenance (as stated in the letter to Bob Milton in Annex 3, point 9) the County Council is able to recover its costs, which will be done in this instance.

Gates

The gates to be installed beside the cattle grids will be 3.0m wide oak hunting gates with 2-way opening handles. These will have easy- to-use latches.

The proposed fencing will also affect a number of other public footpath and bridleway crossing points. The National Trust has applied to the County Council for licences for these, which will be metal 'Worcester' self-closing gates. These licences can be granted under officers' delegated powers. The National Trust will pay for their installation and any future maintenance. They will also be responsible for the adjusting/ controlling of the closing speed in consultation with the Countryside Access Team.

Fencing Application

The National Trust will request that the Secretary of State consider the fencing application and the cattle grid application at the same time.

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Parish or other local organisation	Local Committee (Chairman)	Divisional Member	Area of interest	Funding requested/ status/ interest	Latest Position 11 Sept 2013
Bramley	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Victoria Young	Grass cutting, rubbish and vegetation clearance	£2,500 bid for 5 July LC	<i>Area highways team have discussions with parish council and Rights of Way are happy with proposal but GFA not received yet.</i>
Chiddingfold	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Victoria Young	Ditch, drain and culvert regular maintenance to clear blockages and prevent flooding; and clearance of vegetation along Rights of Way (other than where they run across private land). Areas prioritised have been supported in a household survey.	£6,000 bid as part of the total costs (the balance to be paid by the precept) 5 July LC	<i>Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) returned for revision</i> <i>Paid</i>
Dunsfold	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Victoria Young	Roads, ditches and Commons area within the Parish boundary and cleaning road signs.	£10,000 Bid received for 5 July LC	Bid revised to £5,000. <i>Paid</i>
Farnham	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Pat Frost / Denise La Gal / David Munro	Sign cleaning, graffiti removal, basal tree growth, minor works (e.g. installing bollards), small fly tip clearance, SCC bus shelter cleaning, overgrown vegetation clearing.	£13,800 bid received for 5 July LC	<i>GFA received.</i> <i>Community Highways Officer to have further discussions re details as sign cleaning proposed in roads over 40mph, fly tipping etc.</i>
Hambledon	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Victoria Young	One scheme suggested as a priority if funding is	For LC 5 July – £3,630 + VAT (both	GFA signed

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			unavailable for both. Ditch clearances, cut back overhanging growth, remove ditch clearings and cut grips where needed. Clear drain covers and unblock pipes.	schemes) £2,500 for the priority scheme.	<i>Paid</i>
Haslemere	Waverley (Pat Frost)	Nikki Barton	Vegetation removal, sign cleaning and general maintenance (i.e. re-painting railings).	£2,000 bid for 5 July LC	HTC has asked to undertake a planting scheme instead of their planned bid. Highways liaising on other works as this is not possible. <i>Paid</i>
Thursley – Western Villages 14	Waverley (Pat Frost)	David Harmer	Maintenance of the rights of way but other associated works would also be undertaken (e.g. cutting back overgrown vegetation, management of epicormic tree growth, minor ditch maintenance, clearance of leaves and storm drains etc.)	£6,900 - Western Villages bid includes Churt/ Elstead/ Frensham, Tilford/ Dockenfield and Thursley. Thursley is the 'lead' parish council.	<i>Thursley PC leading on Western Villages bid. SCC have commented on initial works list and now awaiting revisions.</i> <i>GFA not yet received.</i>
Tilford – Western Villages	Waverley (Pat Frost)	David Harmer	See above (part of Western Villages)	See above	<i>GFA not yet received.</i>
Frensham – Western Villages	Waverley (Pat Frost)	David Harmer	See above (part of Western Villages)	See above	<i>GFA not yet received.</i>
Elstead – Western	Waverley	David Harmer	See above (part of	See above	<i>GFA not yet received.</i>

Villages	(Pat Frost)		Western Villages)		
Dockenfield – Western Villages	Waverley (Pat Frost)	David Harmer	See above (part of Western Villages)	Interest as part of the Western Villages in doing 3 days work at £300 per day - £900 of the total Western Villages See above	<i>GFA not yet received.</i>
Churt – Western Villages	Waverley(Pat Frost)	David Harmer	See above (part of Western Villages)	Interest as part of the Western Villages in doing approx 2 days per year. See above	<i>GFA not yet received.</i>

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