

Minutes of the meeting of the
Spelthorne LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.30 pm on 23 March 2015
at Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames. TW18 1XB.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Richard Walsh (Chairman)
- * Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Ian Beardsmore
- Mrs Carol Coleman
- * Mr Robert Evans
- * Mr Tim Evans
- * Mr Daniel Jenkins

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Chris Frazer
- * Cllr Ian Harvey
- * Cllr Jean Pinkerton
- Cllr Joanne Sexton
- * Cllr Richard Smith-Ainsley
- * Cllr Spencer Taylor
- * Cllr Robert Watts

* In attendance

148/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from County Councillor Carol Coleman and Borough Councillor Joanne Sexton.

149/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

At the Chairman's request, the draft minutes from the Local Committee held on 15 December 2014 were amended at paragraph 145/13, second sentence, to read 'If not, the Chairman will **try to** agree with...'. The amendment was put to the vote and carried; six votes for (Cllrs Saliagopoulos, Pinkerton, Watts, Smith-Ainsley, Harvey and Walsh) ; three votes against (Cllrs Robert Evans, Jenkins, and Beardsmore), and three abstained (Cllrs Tim Evans, Frazer, and Taylor).

150/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

151/13 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Two petitions were received:

1. Petitioner: Irene Gregory 38 signatories

“We, the undersigned, petition Surrey County Council to: ‘Stop cars parking inconsiderately and/or on the pavement in Wraysbury Gardens, Staines-upon-Thames, by the introduction of a single yellow line on both sides of the road from nos. 24 – 40 on the left hand side, and nos. 65 – 48 on the right hand side. We would like the restriction to run from 08:30 hrs – 18:30 hrs Monday – Sunday.

In addition, we would also like to see the current single yellow line at the entrance to Wraysbury Gardens be changed to a double yellow line on the bends, which will allow vehicles to enter and exit the development safely, and have clear visibility at all times.”

2. Petitioner: Michelle Redman 104 signatories

We, the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to: ‘Reduce speed to 30mph along the Ashford Road, Laleham, Staines to improve safety and noise’.

Both petitioners were present at the meeting and each petitioner addressed the Committee for three minutes on their respective petition. The Chairman thanked Mrs Gregory and Mrs Redman and said a formal response to each petition will be presented by officers at the next Local Committee on 29 June 2015.

152/13 PETITION RESPONSE [Item 4a]

One petition was received at the Local Committee on 15 December 2014 from Ms Teresa Derby. A report on the petition was presented to the Local Committee. Mrs Derby was not present at the meeting to receive the response.

153/13 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 5]

Two Member questions were received; one from Councillor Spencer Taylor and one from Councillor Daniel Jenkins. The questions and answers are set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

Councillor Jenkins asked a supplementary question: “Why is Spelthorne Borough Council refusing to use its influence on Surrey County Council to investigate the causes of flooding?” It was agreed that the officer would report back to a future committee.

154/13 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 6]

The Local Committee received a written question from Mr McLuskey. The question and answer is set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

155/13 DATA OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE [Item 7]

The Chairman welcomed Kerry Randle, Area Education Officer (NE), Surrey County Council and Bindi Sarl and Michael Youlton from Babcock4S who presented the report.

Members discussed the educational achievement in Spelthorne. It was noted that progress had been made in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2. Secondary schools in Spelthorne had maintained their position. A request was made for the context behind the data and for a comparison with schools in similar boroughs such as Hillingdon, Richmond, Slough and Hounslow.

Kerry Randle suggested that the Headteachers of the Primary and Secondary Schools in Spelthorne attend an Informal meeting of the Local Committee at a future date.

156/13 LOCAL PREVENTION YOUTH TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS [Item 8]

The Chairman welcomed Leigh Middleton, SCC Lead Youth Officer – West who presented the report. Leigh said that as a result of the 2015 – 2016 budget setting process there will be a 20% reduction in funding available to Services for Young People (SYP). The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the funding would be reduced. Leigh mentioned that Lifetrain had been able to make economies of scale and still aimed to undertake the whole programme thereby mitigating the effect of the reduced funding..

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to:

- (i) Approve the Youth Task Group recommendation to award a contract for a 36 month period for One to One Work from 01 September 2015 to Lifetrain for the value of £56,000 per annum (subject to future changes in SYP budgets). Within the contract there is the opportunity to extend the service for a further two years, subject to budget changes, provider performance and any changes in the needs of young people.
- (ii) Approve the Youth Task Group recommendation to award a grant for a 36 month period for Neighbourhood Work from 01 September 2015 to Lifetrain for the value of **£49,600** per annum (subject to future changes in SYP budgets). Within this grant agreement there is the opportunity to extend the service for a further two years, subject to budget changes, provider performance and any changes in the needs of young people.

157/13 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 9]

The Chairman said that he had received a letter from Kwasi Kwarteng, MP for Spelthorne concerning Hounslow Borough Council's proposed overnight HGV parking ban (see Annex 2 to these minutes) stating that Hounslow have agreed to amend their scheme to exclude the A30. Richard then welcomed Nick Healey who presented the Highways Update. Nick said that the Full

Council decided at their meeting on 10 February 2015 to reduce the Local Committees' Highways Revenue budget (i.e. by £76,834 for Spelthorne). The Full Council also decided at the same meeting that 25% of the Local Committees' Highway capital maintenance budgets must be used to assist with drainage issues.

Nick outlined his recommendations for managing the reductions and suggested that each Divisional Allocation be reduced by approximately £11,000, as itemised in Table 4 of the report. The Committee agreed to accept the reductions set out in Table 4.

Nick asked Members to send him their suggestions for drainage schemes. He would then determine whether the schemes were capital or revenue.

Members discussed the quality of repairs undertaken by contractors. Nick said work was inspected and had a two year guarantee. He agreed to discuss the matter further with Members.

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to:

- (i) Approve the modified budget allocations for 2015-16 set out in Table 4 (paragraphs 2.12 to 2.15 refer);
- (ii) Approve the modifications to the 2015-16 programme of ITS schemes as detailed in Table 5, which are needed to accommodate the changes to the 2015-16 budgets (paragraph 2.16 refers);
- (iii) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member(s) to identify appropriate drainage related schemes in which to invest the £35,100 Capital Drainage allocation (paragraph 2.16 refers);
- (iv) Extend the Divisional Programmes detailed in Table 6 to become a two year programme from 2015-16 to 2016-17, and authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member(s), to prioritise schemes within the Divisional Programmes for delivery in the first year 2015-16 (paragraph 2.20 refers);
- (v) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

158/13 FELTHAM HILL ROAD ZEBRA CROSSING [Item 10]

Nick Healey outlined the background to the proposal. He said a feasibility study had been undertaken to consider six alternative locations for the pedestrian crossing on Feltham Hill Road. It was noted that the Divisional Member for Ashford would prefer the crossing to be located near Park Road but this location was not the preferred option of the officer conducting the feasibility study. Councillor Watts requested that it be noted in the minutes

that the Local Committee should not go against the professional officer's recommendations.

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to:

- (i) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s), to advertise the Legal Notice for the proposed new zebra Crossing in Feltham Hill Road near its junction with Park Road – the location that was originally proposed;
- (ii) Authorise the construction of the zebra crossing, in the event that no new concerns are raised in representations made to the Legal Notice;
- (iii) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member, to consider any new concerns raised in representation to the Legal Notices, and decide whether or not to proceed to construction in the light of the new concerns raised;
- (iv) Receive a report to a future meeting of the Committee detailing any new concerns raised and how the consideration of any such new concerns influenced the decision on whether to construct the scheme.

159/13 A308 STAINES ROAD WEST (SPEED LIMIT REVIEW) [Item 11]

Nick Healey outlined the case for reducing the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph between Fairways and Junction A244 Cadbury Road/ Windmill Road and from 40mph to 30mph between Junction A244 Cadbury Road/ Windmill Road and Sunbury Cross Roundabout on the A308, Staines Road West. Nick said that the Road Safety Team considered other engineering measures as well as reducing the speed limits and considered schemes across the county. Nick also said that any change in speed limit is reviewed and could be referred back to the Local Committee who can then decide whether they wish to revert back to the previous speed limit.

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to:

- (i) Approve the formal advertisement of Traffic Orders for a reduction in speed limit on the eastbound A308 Staines Road West from 50mph to 40mph between Fairways and a point 50m to the west of Cadbury Road;
- (ii) Approve the formal advertisement of Traffic Orders for a reduction in speed limit on the westbound A308 Staines Road West from 50mph to 40mph between a point 50m to the west of Ashford Road to a point 50m to the west of Cadbury Road;
- (iii) Approve the formal advertisement of Traffic Orders for a reduction in speed limit in both directions on the A308 Staines Road West from 40mph to 30mph between a point 50m to the west of Cadbury Road to the Sunbury Cross Roundabout;
- (iv) Authorise the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, relevant Divisional Member(s), Surrey Police and

Surrey County Council's Road Safety Team to consider any objections made in response to the advertised proposals;

- (v) Subject to there being no significant objections, to approve the implementation of the proposed speed limit reductions;
- (vi) In the event that significant objections are received, to receive a report to a future meeting of the Local Committee to decide how to respond to such objections.

Councillors Saliagopoulos and Pinkerton left at 9.55pm.

**160/13 LOCAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS FUNDING UPDATE
[Item 12]**

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to note:

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

161/13 FORWARD PROGRAMME [Item 13]

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) agreed:

- (i) the Forward Programme 2015/16 as outlined in Annex 1, indicating any further preferences for inclusion;
- (ii) to consider any further themes for members briefings during 2015/16 and the next municipal year.

162/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

To be held on Monday 29 June 2015 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Spelthorne Borough Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB.

(6.30pm – 7pm: Informal Public Question Time)

The meeting which commenced at 7pm ended at 10.10pm.

Meeting ended at: 10.10 pm

Chairman

Item 2: Local Committee (Spelthorne) Minutes 23 March 2015, Annex 1**QUESTIONS FOR LOCAL COMMITTEE SPELTHORNE 23.03.15****WRITTEN QUESTIONS****1. Member Questions****1.1 Cllr Spencer Taylor will ask the following question:**

"Who is responsible for setting the policy regarding waste collection and charges concerned? Where does the waste go from street parties, fun days, community events etc.? Does this now mean a warning needs to go out to voluntary groups that they or individuals organising said events will see a charge for the collection of the bi-product? This could undermine the drive to bring communities closer together though such organisations and events."

Richard Parkinson, SCC Waste Operations Group Manager, will give the following answer:

The types of waste for which a district or borough council **can** make a charge for collection and the county council may make a charge for disposal are set out in statute. The relevant pieces of legislation are The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Controlled Waste Regulations 2012.

The legislation categorises charging arrangements based on the types of premises or on the organisation or activity from which waste is produced. It is not explicit with regard to how waste from street parties, fun days, community events etc is to be treated and therefore I suspect that it is down to each authority to interpret the legislation accordingly, using legal advice where appropriate.

Jackie Taylor, Head of Street Scene, Spelthorne Borough Council, will give the following answer:

Where waste is produced, either rubbish or recycling as a result of an event that has been charged for, it is classed as commercial e.g.

- If a church hall hires out its facilities, waste produced is classed as commercial waste but produced in a domestic environment and is subject to domestic collection charges as detailed in our own fees & charges;
- If however the same church hall produces waste as part of its every day actions i.e. get-togethers & meetings where no fee is payable for the event, the waste is classed as domestic and is collected FOC, as long as it is collected within our own domestic schedules i.e. alternate weekly rubbish & recycling.

In terms of street parties it is up to the organisers to manage, organise & arrange their own waste collection & disposal. It is not the authority's responsibility to do so; most will take their waste to the local civic amenity site. Spelthorne Borough Council's Street Parties Guidance Notes <https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/3229/Street-parties-guidance-notes> state that:-

'8. The site must be left clean and tidy after the event. You will be responsible for clearing your own rubbish. The Council will not take away extra rubbish from street parties, so you will have to put it in your bins or take it to Charlton Lane tip.'

Where larger events are organised and we contribute to the safety and/or management of the event we do make separate arrangements for disposal of the waste produced, these instances are variable and judged on their own merit.

In terms of commercial collections, most commercial waste collectors will offer a recycling collection. We don't currently operate a commercial waste collection but we are required to do so if needed and may charge admin fees for such arrangements. It is therefore probably cheaper for the producer to go directly to the supplier rather than through us as a 3rd party.

I am not currently aware of any of our voluntary organisations adversely affected by our policy but am more than happy to discuss their requirements with them to see if there is anything we can do, or offer any advice to assist and/or reduce potential costs.

1.2 Cllr Daniel Jenkins will ask the following question:

In February 2014 hundreds of homes in Staines upon Thames were affected by flooding from the River Ash. It is known that the floodwater emanated from the privately owned Thames Water Aqueduct, and was apparently the consequence of man made infrastructure. A year later many residents in Staines upon Thames still suffer from the effects of the flooding and not all have been able to obtain proper compensation. Under the Flood Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA), Surrey County Council has a duty to investigate, but has failed to use this power to investigate the causes that led to the flooding.

Will this committee call upon Surrey County Council to use its powers under the FWMA 2010 to conduct a full and thorough investigation into the circumstances and causes that led to the flooding of the River Ash in 2014?

Thomas Pooley, Project Consultant, SCC will give the following answer:

Surrey County Council has fulfilled its duty under S19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to investigate the causes of flooding from the River Ash.

In partnership with Spelthorne Borough Council, a full and thorough S19 investigation has been completed and published. The report covers the requirements under the Act and complies with the duties imposed upon the County Council.

Furthermore, the Environment Agency has also undertaken its own investigations into the flooding and the River Ash, and this is covered by two separate reports for the West Thames, and Lower Colne and Ash Catchment. These reports have already established that the aqueduct is the responsibility of Thames Water to manage. The Environment Agency and Thames Water have agreed on an updated operational and management agreement for the aqueduct at times of flooding. The aqueduct will be solely operated by Thames Water.

It is therefore not proposed that this Committee calls upon Surrey County Council to undertake any further investigation into the causes of the flooding from the River Ash. In this particular case, there are already three reports addressing the area in question, the risk management authorities are known, and there is agreed action going forward.

2. Public Questions

2.1 Andrew McLuskey will ask the following question:

“Given that Surrey County Council has clearly spelled out its vision for the future of Stanwell Quarry as a recreational area (in planning application SCC ref 2014/0005 – now approved) how do they react to Heathrow’s suggestion, in their recent submission to the Airports Commission, that the area be used for a car park (sic)?”

Alan Stones, SCC Planning and Development Group, will give the following answer:

Planning permission for mineral working at Stanwell Quarry was first granted in 1964. The majority of the site has been worked and restored. Planning permission for waste recycling (Ref. SP08/0337) with an amended restoration scheme was granted planning permission in October 2011 and was subject to a legal agreement which secured a long term management arrangement for the site. A planning application (SCC Ref 2014/0005) was submitted in January 2014 to reorder the phasing of restoration at the site without changing the end date for final restoration of October 2017. The issue of a decision notice for the latter planning application is dependant on completing a deed of variation to the previous legal agreement and this matter is in progress.

The approved restoration is for the majority of the land to be used for agriculture, with some wetland and woodland planting and management to the south. The approved restoration complies with planning policy in that it seeks to reinstate the previous land use which is compatible with the Green Belt designation. There is no formal element of recreation. Any future planning application to the County Planning Authority would be treated on its merits in accordance with Development Plan policy and any relevant material planning considerations.

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Kwasi Kwarteng MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

19th January 2015

Cty Cllr Richard Walsh
Chairman, SCC Local Committee
Local Partnerships Team, Spelthorne
Council Offices
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Dear Richard,

You will recall that last September I promised to write to Mary Harpley at Hounslow Borough Council raising concerns about the proposed overnight HGV parking ban in Hounslow.

I am afraid that it has taken some time to get a response, but I have at last received the enclosed email from Hounslow's Head of Traffic and Transport which as you will see confirms that Hounslow have agreed to amend their scheme to exclude the A30.

This is of course excellent news, and I understand that the revised proposal will be put before the local committee in March.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kwasi'.

Kwasi Kwarteng - Working For Spelthorne
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KNIGHT, Sarah

From: Mark Frost <Mark.Frost@hounslow.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 January 2015 17:15
To: KWARTENG, Kwasi
Cc: Aled Richards; Mary Harpley; Christopher Deakins
Subject: FW: Kwarteng MP, Kwasi - HVG Parking Ban - 12.09.14 - UPDATE
Attachments: Kwarteng MP - 09.09.14.pdf

Dear Mr Kwarteng,

Please can I provide my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to this correspondence on our proposal for a overnight lorry ban across the borough, which you submitted to us last year.

Over the past months we have been collating responses to this proposal and, as I'm sure you are aware, have received formal objections to the statutory consultation from Surrey County Council and Surrey Police.

As you may also be aware, following these representations we have proposed to amend the scheme to exclude the A30. I understand this proposal is going to the next local committee of SCC in March for consideration, which we hope will find their support.

The provision of a ban across the borough is a manifesto commitment of the current administration, partly in recognition of the fact that, for reasons lost to history, we are the only borough in London not to have one in place since the majority imposed them in the 1970's. With the continuing intensification of logistics operations in the Heathrow area, this is leading to ever increasing numbers of complaints from our residents in regards to abuse of residential parking by HGVs.

Kind regards,

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