

**DRAFT**

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Waverley LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
held at 1.30 pm on 26 September 2014  
at Wrecclesham Community Centre, Greenfield Road, Farnham GU9 8TJ.

**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 Nicholas Holder
- Cllr Robert Knowles
- Cllr Julia Potts
- \* Cllr Jane Thomson

\* In attendance

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**35/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from: Mr B Adams, Mr R Knowles, Ms De Le Gal, Ms J Potts.

**36/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2014 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**37/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

None were received.

**38/14 PETITIONS [Item 4]**

Petitions were presented as follows:

- (i) Mr M Creak presented an online petition requesting the replacement of the zebra crossing on Ewhurst Road, Cranleigh (near the junctions with New park Road and St Nicolas Avenue) with a pelican crossing (traffic lights) or a school crossing patrol. Attention was drawn to a number of “near misses” which had been experienced by pedestrians when on the crossing and it was suggested that, while parental education as to the rules relating to zebra crossings might be helpful, either of the two solutions proposed by the petitioners would offer greater clarity to all users at this location.

The Chairman indicated that a response would be reported to the Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2014; in the meantime the Area Team Manager (Local Highways Services) would ensure that the matter is included in the relevant Local Task Group’s discussion on priorities for 2015/16.

- (ii) A petition had been received from Mr Hale on behalf of residents and businesses in the Fisher Lane and Pickhurst Road area of Chiddingfold: the petition requested that urgent action be taken to provide the locality with a good, fast, workable broadband service, either by improving the existing infrastructure or by installing fibre optic cable in the area.

A response was tabled (**Annex 1**) and it was agreed that a report would be presented to update the Committee at its meeting on 12 December 2014.

- (iii) Ms W Lockwood presented a petition on behalf of the Chiddingfold Road Traffic Group requesting the installation of average speed cameras on the A283 through the village. The petitioners drew the Committee’s attention to the risk to residents’ health arising from the high levels of vehicle noise recorded, especially at night, and to the extent of non-compliance with the 30mph speed limit in place. Recognising that neither Surrey Police nor a Community Speed Watch are in a position to undertake intensive enforcement, it was hoped that the County Council would take note of the effective use elsewhere of the new breed of average speed cameras and consider their introduction here.

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### **39/14 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

The texts of a public question received from Mr D Beaman and of the response tabled are attached at **Annex 2**.

By way of supplementary comment, Mr Beaman asked the Committee to note that the reported average speed (32mph) exceeded the 30mph speed limit on Upper Hale Road. Officers’ attention was drawn to the condition of the kerbing outside 67 Upper Hale Road.

#### **40/14 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

The texts of a member question from Mr P Martin and of the response tabled are attached at **Annex 3**.

#### **41/14 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SAFER WAVERLEY PARTNERSHIP (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 7]**

There was a discussion about the grants awarded by the police and Crime Commissioner to projects in Waverley and the extent to which they reflect his priorities. The Chairman explained that the Police and Crime Panel and Local Committee Chairmen shared a concern about the deployment of the Commissioner's resources and the extent to which preventative work is supported.

Commenting on the level of reported antisocial behaviour in Haslemere, Insp. T Budd (Surrey Police) noted that the neighbourhood officers in the town are very active and each of their interventions is recorded as an incident. An increase in reported incidents of domestic abuse in Waverley is largely responsible for the raised level of violent crime and reflects in part action by Surrey Police to enhance its response. Police forces nationally are pressing for action to ensure that people with poor mental health, whether related to domestic abuse or presenting in other circumstances, receive timely referrals to the appropriate agencies.

Members were interested in the Partnership's attempts to engage schools with Prevent and were informed that further contact had been delayed until the start of the current term. The Chairman requested that councillors be copied into letters to schools and colleges in their division.

The Committee discussed aspects of substance misuse. The increase in recorded drug offences was a result of an improved detection rate and strengthened Police activity, e.g. in arrests and warrants. The Committee was reassured that changes to the licensing team within Surrey Police had not had a detrimental impact in Waverley and that maintenance of effective engagement with licensed premises remains a priority for the partnership.

It was reported that non-domestic burglaries involving sheds and outbuildings were decreasing following a preventative campaign. Crimes of this type can be hard to detect when reporting is delayed or property is unmarked. Although it was understood that Police resources needed to be effectively deployed, members felt that continued liaison between neighbourhood teams and parish councils would be productive.

#### **Resolved to:**

- (i) Note the contents of the annual report of the Safer Waverley Partnership in the year 2013-14 and the updated Partnership Plan 2014-17.
- (ii) Request that its comments on the work of the Partnership be noted.
- (iii) 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.

**42/14 SUPPORTING PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)  
[Item 8]**

The Committee welcomed the proposal that parts of Cranleigh, specifically the estates in the north-east quadrant of the village in Cranleigh East ward and the immediately adjacent part of Cranleigh West, should be added to its list of priority neighbourhoods. The data in support of this was noted and local members reflected that the relative isolation experienced in Cranleigh can exacerbate problems which may be concealed by the general prosperity of much of the area.

It was noted that, while support for families experiencing disadvantage had been increasingly integrated into the routine work of services, there was now little additional funding available for community development work to enhance resilience and capacity within vulnerable neighbourhoods.

The concentration of vulnerable older residents in certain areas was noted as a potential focus for the Committee's interest. The perception that NHS dental services are not available was mentioned (with particular reference to Ockford Ridge/Aarons Hill); the matter was covered more fully at Item 9.

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Maintain support for multi-agency activity in the Committee's identified priority neighbourhoods.
- (ii) Agree that those parts of Cranleigh East (and the adjacent part of Cranleigh West) specified in the report would benefit from further investigation and targeted local support.
- (iii) Note the implications of the data described and bear these in mind when making funding decisions and monitoring services across the range of the Committee's responsibilities.

**Reason**

The report describes progress in those neighbourhoods which the Committee has identified for support, provides evidence for the continuation of this approach and describes changes in the profile of Waverley to which the Committee may wish to respond.

[Mr M Byham left the meeting during this item.]

#### **43/14 THE PUBLIC HEALTH LANDSCAPE IN SURREY AND WAVERLEY (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 9]**

The following topics were covered in discussion:

- There is a need for greater awareness of mental health services, more local provision and better cohesion.
- Dementia should have a high profile in Waverley in view of the demographic profile; Public Health is involved with raising awareness and promoting early intervention.
- Surrey Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) may have been disadvantaged by the funding formula which places less weight on the proportion of older people in the population than on overall disadvantage. CCGs may vary in the relative emphasis given to similar themes across Surrey.
- There is a challenge in providing communities with easily accessible information on health matters. Members were referred to the Healthy Surrey website: <http://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/> . Elected members could play a part in signposting residents but there is a need for very local information.
- NHS dentistry is widely available: information is provided online, but it was recognised that this may not be sufficient to counter the perception of limited availability, especially when online access is limited.
- The promotion of physical activity, e.g. in relation to cycling, is linked to the highways agenda, along with air quality, but requires significant cultural change.
- Messages for residents and information for councillors needs to be presented in simpler language and greater clarity.

**Resolved to note:**

- (i) The Clinical Commissioning Group structure in Surrey.
- (ii) The role of Public Health within Surrey.
- (iii) The public health priorities for Waverley.

#### **Reason**

It is important to take a preventative approach to health and wellbeing in order to lower the impact that ill health has on people's lives, especially as they get older. Smoking has the biggest impact on people's health of all risky behaviours. Through provision of evidence-based smoking cessation services, Public Health helps people to quit and improve their future health.

#### **44/14 CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - EARLY HELP (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]**

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Approve the local set of priorities (contained in **Annex 1** of the report) to be considered by providers, focusing on the identified needs of

Waverley and the geographical neighbourhoods prioritised by the Youth Task Group.

- (ii) Note the changes to the council scheme of delegation agreed by the Cabinet on 23 September 2014 which provides increased decision making in local commissioning in relation to youth work and Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development (SOLD).

**Reason**

Local Prevention has been in place across Waverley since 1 April 2012. It has contributed significantly to the reduction in young people becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). It is therefore recommended that this Early Help commission is re-commissioned for 2015-20. These recommendations will (i) support the Council's policy of Creating Opportunities for Young People and (ii) support the Council's priority to provide early help for children, young people and their families.

**45/14 UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIBRE-BASED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IN WAVERLEY (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 11]**

The following topics were discussed:

- It may be possible in due course to provide members with a street-level summary of broadband access provided under the Surrey contract.
- The position of premises whose broadband speed falls below the required level is being analysed to identify opportunities for alternative connections which will result in higher speeds.
- There was some concern about the progress made by BT in connecting properties covered by its commercial operation. Although data on these areas are not shared, pressure is being exerted on BT to complete its commercial delivery programme in Surrey.
- The foundation for the Surrey contract is the existing network and there may be some correlation between A-roads and the principal fibre ducts; clusters of significant population which experience low speeds because they are situated at a distance from these principal routes will fall under the current review and alternative solutions could be considered. The possibility of using cabinets outside of Surrey is being investigated.
- The Committee was reminded of the size and impact of the Surrey project.

**Resolved** to note the report.

**Reason**

The Committee had requested an update on the programme.

**46/14 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 12]**

County Councillors were requested to allocate their Community Enhancement budgets by the end of November.

Some members were concerned that the programme of capital maintenance schemes had been developed by officers without consultation with the relevant councillors. Other members, however, felt that engineers in an operational service needed to make decisions on occasion and that the work of the local highways team was much appreciated. The Area Team Manager explained that the programme reflected pressure from residents and complemented Project Horizon. A further list of roads would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting and members would be notified in advance.

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Note progress on the programme of minor highway works for 2014/15.
- (ii) Agree the Lengthsman bid by Witley Parish Council (£2,000) subject to County Council officer scrutiny.

**Reason**

The Committee was asked to agree the recommendations in order to progress the programme of work for 2014/15.

**47/14 ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAVERLEY LOCAL CYCLING PLAN TASK GROUP (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 13]**

**Resolved:**

- (i) To establish a Waverley Local Cycling Plan Task Group.
- (ii) That the Task Group's Terms of Reference set out in **Annex 1** of the report are adopted.
- (iii) That the Task Group should initially develop for approval by the Local Committee a programme for producing a Local Cycle Plan for Waverley, setting out:
  - Scope and priorities
  - Data and information needs
  - Timetable for developing final recommendations to the Committee
- (iv) That, subject to (iii), the Task Group should develop a draft Local Cycle Plan for Waverley (containing details of priorities, costs and potential sources of funding) for agreement by the Local Committee.

**Reason**

The Committee has indicated its intention to consider how it will develop a Local Cycling Plan.

**48/14 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 14]**

**Resolved to:**

- (i) Agree the Forward Programme 2014/15, as outlined in **Annex 1** of the report
- (ii) Agree the schedule of meetings in the year 2015/16.

**Reason**

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

Meeting ended at: 4.20 pm

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**Chairman**

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**DATE:** 26 SEPTEMBER 2014  
**LEAD OFFICER:** GRAHAM COOK  
**OFFICER:** SUPERFAST SURREY PROGRAMME MANAGER



**SUBJECT:** RESPONSE TO PETITION: PROVISION OF HIGH SPEED BROADBAND, FISHER LANE LOCALITY, CHIDDINGFOLD  
**DIVISION:**

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

At the meeting of the Local Committee held on 26 September 2014 a petition was received as follows:

**Petition title: Petition by the residents and businesses of Fisher Lane locality in Chiddingfold, Surrey, for the provision of High Speed Broadband.**

Created by: Alan Hale

Details of petition: "The properties in Fisher Lane have never been able to access workable broadband due to factors including distance from their telephone and fibre cabinet, the status of overhead cables to their homes, increased demand on the network and the lack of investment in replacing or improving existing infrastructure. We request that urgent action be taken to provide our locality with a good, fast workable service, either by improving the existing infrastructure or by installing fibre optic cable to our area."

Signatories: There are 65 signatories to the petition representing 33 properties

**PROPOSED RESPONSE**

The Committee thanks Mr Hale and the signatories for their petition.

Mr Hale emailed Surrey County Councillor Victoria Young and Deputy Leader Peter Martin on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 advising of his intention to present the petition to the Local Committee on 26 September 2014. The Superfast Surrey Team were made aware of the petition.

The existing telephone lines are owned and operated by Openreach. Replacement or repair of these lines is not within the scope of Superfast Surrey; however, these concerns have been forwarded to Openreach.

Openreach have advised Superfast Surrey that the enhancement of infrastructure would not impact negatively on the existing level of service. Although, if Internet Service Providers do not respond to additional demand with increases in capacity, there could be a detrimental effect on broadband speeds in the locality.

The residents of this petition are included in the Superfast Surrey deployment area and are served by Wormley Cabinet 1 which was upgraded to the fibre network at the end of December 2013 via Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) technology. The speeds that residents can achieve are dependent on a number of factors but the principal

one is length of the telephone line between the cabinet and their premises. Premises served by telephone lines that are approximately two miles or longer are unlikely to be able to access an adequate fibre broadband service.

There are approximately 5000 premises throughout the county in the Superfast Surrey deployment with slow speeds. The residents of the petition are included in a review of slow speeds by the programme team that is currently under way to identify what, if any, improvements can be made within the constraints of cost and technical feasibility.

Once the outcomes of the review are known, the Superfast Surrey team will advise Mr Hale of what the outcomes are with regards to the premises listed in the petition.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree** the proposed response to the petition.

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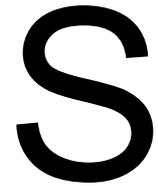
**Consulted:**

N/A

**Annexes:**

None

**Sources/background papers:** Petition received at meeting on 26 September 2014.



**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND  
RESPONSES**

**26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**1. From Mr David Beaman (Farnham)**

Upper Hale Road has again been closed for resurfacing, albeit for a much shorter period of time than the recent long period of closure required by South East Water. Whilst these closures bring residents relief from the number of HGVs that generally use Upper Hale Road, they also cause considerable inconvenience to local residents and loss of valuable trade for local businesses which could mean the difference between survival and closure in these difficult economic times. I have the following questions:

1. Why could not the resurfacing work have been undertaken at the same time as the work undertaken by South East Water, which would have required only one road closure with resurfacing taking place over stretches of road as they were completed by South East Water and resulting in the road having to be closed for slightly less time ?
2. There have been some comments from local residents regarding the quality of the resurfacing work that has been undertaken. What quality checks are undertaken on contractors to ensure that the resurfacing work is up to the standards required by Surrey County Council and nationally for A roads ?
3. During the periods of closure HGVs appear to have found no problems in finding alternative routes to use other than Upper Hale Road. Whilst it is appreciated that it is not possible to implement traffic calming measures on A roads, could consideration be given to implementing space sharing proposals similar to the proposals suggested by Jeremy Hunt for Farnham Town Centre on roads which are themselves A roads, along with a 20 mph speed limit and a weight and/or width restriction along the narrowest stretch of Upper Hale Road between the Recreation Ground and the junction with Alma Lane to “encourage” HGVs to continue using the alternative routes they have found when Upper Hale Road has been closed ?
4. Are there are known further proposals that will require Upper Hale Road to be closed again in the foreseeable future ?

## Response

1. Upper Hale Road was surface-dressed earlier in the month under daytime off-peak closures. South East Water had installed a new main along the entire length of the road in 2013 with the road closed for several months. This left a trench along much of the road along with various other reinstatements for connections between the new main and dwellings. The patched condition of the road following installation of the new main prompted Surrey County Council (SCC) engineers to include it in the surfacing programme for 2014/15, and it is this work that has now been undertaken. Now that the surfacing has been installed kerbs will be raised at vehicle accesses to preserve a surface water check along the edges of the road and this work will be undertaken in October and November using off-peak temporary traffic signals or stop-go boards.
2. Completed work is inspected by SCC engineers and payment is withheld for both defects and failure to comply with national specifications until such time as these are rectified.
3. Guidance suggests that it is inappropriate to use traffic calming methods or any type of HGV weight or width restrictions on strategic A roads as this may lead to a displacement of larger vehicles on to less appropriate smaller roads, which in turn may lead to an increased risk of safety and collisions. It is also highly likely that any restrictions would receive objections from the Police and freight industry. 20 mph speed limits are required to be self-enforcing with average speeds at 25 mph or less. The average speed for Upper Hale Road is 32 mph which means that it would not meet the criteria for a reduction to 20 mph.
4. The SCC Streetworks Team, which issue permits for all works on the highway, has received no notices for the future closure of Upper Hale Road at present.



**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)**

**MEMBER QUESTIONS AND  
RESPONSES**

**26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**1. From Mr Peter Martin (Godalming South Milford and Witley)**

Could the Surrey County Council Parking Team advise the Committee on any queries or developments regarding the parking restrictions in Busbridge Lane, Godalming arising from the Committee decisions on 9 May 2014 ?

**Response**

At its meeting on 9 May 2014 the Committee reviewed the outcome of a statutory consultation and agreed to implement certain aspects of the 2014 Waverley parking review. It was also agreed that if necessary the Parking Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member, could make minor adjustments to the proposals following the meeting.

In one of the locations, Busbridge Lane in Godalming, the restrictions had been developed following complaints from residents about obstructive parking. There were no objections during the statutory consultation and it was agreed by the Committee to go ahead as advertised.

Following the meeting the Parking Team received representations from some residents in this location who were concerned that they would have nowhere to park on street, or that there could be displacement into neighbouring roads.

As a result further discussions with residents have taken place in an attempt to find a more inclusive solution. The outcome is that two gaps will be left in the proposed restrictions to provide a small amount of additional parking.

Although there are mixed views from residents about this solution, it is considered to be the best compromise and the changes can be made by the Parking Team Manager under the delegated authority described, having updated the Committee.

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