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Minutes of the meeting of the
WAVERLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 1.30 pm on 20 March 2015
at Haslemere Hall, Bridge Road, Haslemere GU27 2AS.

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

Waverley Borough Council 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

1/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mr A Young, Mrs V Young and Ms J Thomson.
Mr B Ellis joined the meeting during Item 4.

2/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

4/15 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Petitions were received as follows:

1. Mr Will Johnson presented a petition to request that the Local Committee should address concerns about the speed of road traffic and the safety of pedestrians along Grayswood Road in Haslemere by introducing:
 - (i) A pedestrian crossing from Three Gates Lane across Grayswood Road
 - (ii) Traffic calming measures to reduce speed of traffic in and out of Haslemere
 - (iii) 30mph signposts put up for traffic travelling north out of Haslemere town centre
 - (iv) Speed cameras put up to stop traffic speeding into and out of Haslemere
 - (v) Southbound on Grayswood Road 40mph signs changed to 30mph signs with associated warning signs of drivers being required to drive carefully in this residential area.

Mr Johnson informed the Committee that, in recent discussions with Mr A Selby of the Area Highways Team, some potential actions had been suggested. It was felt that the pedestrian crossing proposed at (i) may not comply with guidance on sight-lines, but the petitioners hoped that resources would be allocated to allow a safety audit at this location to be carried out. Although physical traffic calming is unlikely to be appropriate, the petitioners would support proposals to install red "1, 2, 3" road markings on the approach and to relocate the current 30mph terminal sign 100m to the north. Mr Johnson encouraged the Committee to allocate funding to the proposed actions.

Mrs N Barton, as local County Councillor, hoped that the Committee would support the need to improve safety at this location.

The Chairman indicated that a response would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting and requested that Mr Selby be involved in the preparation of the report.

2. Mr David Wydenbach presented a petition calling upon the Local Committee to reconsider its decision of 9 May 2014 not to proceed with the introduction of parking restrictions into Mavins and Little Austins Road, Farnham. Following their adoption in Lancaster Avenue, Morley and York Roads displacement has again occurred in Little Austins and Mavins Roads exacerbating residents' difficulties in accessing their drives and increasing the risk to the safety of children being delivered to and collected from South Farnham School.

Mr Wydenbach outlined the gradual increase of vehicles parking in the area following their displacement by the introduction of successive parking restrictions in south-east Farnham more widely. The petitioners requested that the Committee reconsider the prevention of all-day parking so that the area would remain accessible for short-term parking at either end of the school day.

Mr D Munro, as local County Councillor, acknowledged the increase in on-street parking in the area and welcomed the petition as a contribution to raising its profile.

The Chairman indicated that a response would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

5/15 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

The text of three formal questions received and of the responses provided is attached at **Annex 1**.

The following matters were raised by way of supplementary questions:

1. Mrs Grigalis drew attention to a pipe which had recently been revealed by soil erosion and was allowing egress of water onto the footway from the field known as "The Rough" and adjacent to the gate. The Area Highways Manager apologised for the delay in addressing the problem and confirmed that a jetter would visit in the week following the meeting; he would arrange for the pipe to be examined and asked that the problem be reported to the local County Councillor if it persisted one month after jetting.
2. Mr Boyd hoped that the £75,000 which remained unallocated in the 2015/16 highways programme budget could be used to meet his request for additional street lights. The Chairman noted the comment but explained that the sum had been set aside to cover any of the existing schemes which exceeded their budgeted costs.

6/15 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 6]

The text of one member question and of the response provided is contained in **Annex 2**.

Mr P Martin indicated that he was content with the response.

7/15 UPDATED RESPONSE TO PETITION: PROVISION OF HIGH SPEED BROADBAND (FISHER LANE AREA, CHIDDINGFOLD) [Item 7]

An updated response was tabled and is attached as **Annex 3**.

Resolved to note the update provided.

Reason

The Committee is required to respond to petitions.

8/15 RESPONSE TO PETITION: REQUESTED INTRODUCTION OF AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS IN HASLEMERE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 8]

Resolved to agree the response provided.

Reason

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9/15 RESPONSE TO PETITION: BACON LANE, FRENESHAM (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 9]

Resolved to agree the response provided.

Reason

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10/15 RESPONSE TO PETITION: STREAM FARM CLOSE, FARNHAM -- PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

Invited to respond by the Chairman, Mr Simon Cross, who had presented the original petition, welcomed the recommendations and added that 50% of the hazardous parking had been observed by residents to take place after dark.

The Chairman explained that it was important for supporters of schemes to register their view during the period of statutory advertisement and hoped that this provision would shortly be enshrined in the County Council's formal guidance.

Resolved to agree:

- (i) The proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Waverley as described in the report and shown in detail on the drawing labelled Annex A are agreed.
- (ii) The intention of the County Council to make an order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting restrictions in Stream Farm Close, Farnham as shown on the drawing labelled Annex A is advertised.
- (iii) That the proposed restrictions for Stream Farm Close, Farnham be advertised as part of the forthcoming Waverley Parking Review to be presented to this Committee in June 2015.

Reason

The waiting restrictions proposed will make a positive contribution towards:

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Junction sight lines

11/15 DATA OVERVIEW OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 11]

This item was taken after Item 12.

The Committee welcomed the predominantly positive messages conveyed by the report. Members were nevertheless concerned that a relatively small proportion of pupils attend schools which are not good or outstanding and there is still progress to be made in improving the progress of disadvantaged pupils: in these respects the Committee wished to challenge schools and support services to maintain their efforts to narrow the gap further and aim for the highest levels of achievement.

There was interest in understanding the attainment of Looked After Children: currently the data is not disaggregated below county level and officers will investigate the possibility of including this in future reports. The Committee was informed that most academies in Surrey have maintained their relationship with the Surrey “family of schools” and engage in collaboration and support with neighbouring schools. There is no noticeable difference in results between academies and non-academies in Waverley. Some academies in Surrey have been challenged financially by changes in pupil numbers.

To reflect the excellent results achieved in maintained schools in Waverley, the Chairman secured the Committee’s unanimous agreement to an additional recommendation (ii).

Resolved to:

- (i) Note the content within the report for information only purposes.
- (ii) Congratulate schools in Waverley on their achievements and to ask the Chairman to write to head teachers in these terms.

Reason

The Local Committee had been informed of the planned support being provided to schools in Waverley and wished to record its appreciation of the level of attainment achieved.

12/15 LOCAL PREVENTION TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 12]

The Committee wished to know more about the background of the organisations referred to in the recommendations and officers undertook to circulate the relevant application forms to members of the Committee.

The decision on this matter was reserved to the County Council members of the Committee only and the recommendations were agreed unanimously.

Resolved 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 Step by Step for the value of £52,000 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 Eikon for the value of £49,000 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.

Reason

The decisions will support the Council's priority to ensure that all young people in Surrey are employable.

13/15 HIGHWAYS UPDATE AND 2015/16 BUDGET (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 13]

The Chairman described proposals which would bring the Project Horizon programme under closer control and strengthen the Local Committee's oversight.

It was noted that there was a need to reduce the total value of applications to the Lengthsman (Localism) Scheme and confirmed that officers will assess these for value and compliance and notify the relevant members within one month.

Mrs E Cable thanked the Highways officers for their work to address flooding in Witley. Mr S Cosser reported the successful completion of the Marshall Road scheme in Godalming and asked for Mr A Selby of the Area Highways Team to be thanked for his efforts.

Resolved to:

- (i) Note progress on the programme of minor highway works for 2014/15.
- (ii) Agree the recommendations of the Local Transport Plan Task Group meeting of 11 March as set out in Annex 3 of the report.
- (iii) Agree to fund or part fund the 2015/16 Lengthsman (Localism) Scheme bids listed in this report to a maximum total value of £45,000 and subject to officer scrutiny to ensure proposed works fall within the remit of the scheme.
- (iv) Agree that cyclists be permitted to use the footways along the B2126 Bookhurst Road between the roundabout at Parklands Drive and the village gateways at Ewhurst.

Reason

The Local Committee was asked to note progress of the programme of work for 2014/15 and make the decisions set out above to enable the progress of the 2015/16 locally funded programme of highway schemes and operations.

[Mr D Munro left the meeting during this item.]

14/15 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME AND APPOINTMENT OF FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITIES CHAMPION (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 14]

The Committee deferred a decision on the appointment of a Champion for the Family, Friends and Communities initiative pending further consideration outside of the meeting.

Resolved to:

- (i) Note the Forward Programme for 2015/16, as outlined in Annex 1 of the report.
- (ii) Ask that interested members consider further whether they would wish to act as the Committee's Champion in relation to the Family, Friends and Communities initiative.

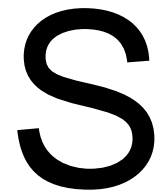
Reason

Members were asked to comment on the Forward Programme so that officers can publicise the meetings and prepare the necessary reports. Family, Friends and Communities is intended to promote well-being by encouraging people to become more involved in their communities.

Meeting ended at: 3.10 pm

Chairman

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LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES**

20 MARCH 2015

1. From Mrs Mary Grigalis (Witley)

The question relates to pavement flooding alongside the A283, west side, opposite the Chichester Hall, Witley. Local residents wish to put the question:

In spite of several years of difficulty with regard to the pavement being flooded, why cannot residents and visitors use this pavement, which is essential for those walking between Wormley and Witley, especially those with infants, King Edward School students and pupils at Rodborough School, who close for health reasons to walk to school ?

Local residents have drawn the attention of Waverley Borough Council and more specifically Surrey County Council to this problem. We have correspondence dating back to 2003, when we were dealing with Mr Philip Crossland (Local Transportation Director) and in 2006 with Mr Mike Dawson. Most of our correspondence has been with Waverley and Surrey County Council, but we have also kept the local parish office informed of the difficulty.

Waverley and Surrey County Council undertook some remedial work along this length of pavement. One year Waverley had it swept and shrubs were cut back. Two years ago Surrey County Council had a work party there to cut ditches for water catchment purposes. Those ditches were soon overflowing.

Most recently we wrote to Mr Jason Russell at County Hall. Our 62 signature petition to him in September 2014 was acknowledged in December 2014 by Mr Lewis, Community Highway Officer.

Our stoicism and tolerance have been tested to the limit. We are now seeking engineering competence, resulting in a safe pedestrian pavement.

Response

The Local Highways Team has identified several gullies on the footway which appear to be blocked and require cleansing. This work is due to take place in the week commencing 23 March 2015. Following that, additional drainage measures in the form of a French drain are planned to be installed along the grass verge, subject to funding, as part of the 2015/16 highways work programme.

2. From Mr David Boyd (Haslemere)

The Local Committee is asked to consider a request for two 'missing' street lights in Haslemere, one in Derby Road and one in Weydown Road.

Former County Councillor Christine Stevens arranged for additional lights in Derby Road and Weydown Road several years ago; due to budget constraints two were omitted which create dangerously dark stretches along the footpath (details of the location of the 'missing' lights have been supplied).

The lights are needed for the following reasons:

- They are filling logical gaps in the sequence.
- The footpath is regularly use by the residents.
- The footpath is used by close to 100 commuters twice a day.
- The footpath is used by many of the parents taking their children to St Bartholomew's School.
- The footpath is used by the Roman Catholic Church and all the various groups that frequently use that church hall in the evenings.
- The footpath is regularly used by the residents of High Lane when they visit Weyhill.
- For safety: a couple of years ago a car was highjacked along Derby Road and also a commuter had their laptop and handbag wrestled off them on the same road.
- I understand from a local resident that at least one commuter has recently fallen over in the dark, again demonstrating the safety issue.

I understand that some street lighting is to be installed in Sandrock Hill which certainly has some of the same needs above, but I doubt if it has all of these. I therefore hope that our request would be treated in at least the same way as theirs. I hope that not all of the 2015/16 budget has been allocated and that some may be allocated to provide us with our much needed light. Finally if funds this coming year only exist for one light, then the one in Derby Road would be our priority.

Response

The Highways budget for 2015/16 has already been fully allocated. The request for additional street lighting in Derby Road and Weydown Road will need to be discussed and prioritised at the Haslemere and Western Villages Task Group meeting later in the year with the view to prioritisation for funding in the 2016/17 highways programme.

3. From Mr Mike Bryan (Farnham)

Surrey County Council has proved itself unable to satisfactorily meet Farnham's current needs for roads, school places, healthcare/wellbeing and welfare/social support. What identified and fully-funded measures has Surrey County Council taken to ensure that the massively increased public service needs of the tens of thousands of additional residents of new homes planned and identified, both in and within a few miles of Farnham over the next few years, will necessarily be fully met ?

Response

There are of course tight constraints on public sector spending and it is the case that resources available for funding local authority services are finite. Nevertheless, the County Council recognises the need to provide the highest possible level of service and to maintain good quality for residents. It continually reviews service delivery priorities in the light of feedback from stakeholders. Even within budget constraints we believe that it is always possible to improve our service and the County Council consistently looks for ways for this to be achieved.

You will be aware that Waverley Borough Council consulted last year on some alternative approaches to delivering new housing in Waverley. At this stage no firm decisions have been made on the level of future development to be allocated for Farnham and the surrounding area. The Farnham Neighbourhood Plan is also being prepared which will include proposals for development. It is reasonable to assume that, given the pressures of housing need, there is likely to be new development in the area, either through the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan or through the granting of planning permission. In its capacity as a key provider of infrastructure and services the County Council is consulted on development proposals and has a legal Duty to Cooperate with Waverley Borough Council, as the Local Plan is prepared, on the infrastructure required to support new development. The Council shares your concerns about how this infrastructure is to be funded.

In an ideal world, borough and district councils would approach us with firm future housing numbers and locations for new development and we would assess the likely impact on existing services, the need for additional provision, when it will be required, how much it will cost and how it will be funded and delivered. However a Local Plan goes through a number of stages of preparation and it is only during the later stages that the scale and location of likely new development is known. The Waverley Local Plan has not yet reached this stage.

On planning applications, the County Council has been working with Waverley Borough Council to ensure that where possible they can secure from developers contributions towards the cost of providing infrastructure to avoid these costs being borne by local residents through increases in council tax. However, developer contributions will not be sufficient to fund all the infrastructure required to support new development. Therefore, the Council is working in partnership with the Borough Council to bid for funding for strategic infrastructure from the Local Economic Partnership and actively lobbies Government on a regular basis for additional infrastructure investment in Surrey. For example, the Council successfully lobbied Government to retain the New Homes Bonus to help deliver infrastructure and continues to make the case at national level for more funding to meet future needs for school places in Surrey.

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**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****MEMBER QUESTION AND RESPONSE****20 MARCH 2015****1. From Mr Peter Martin (Godalming South, Milford & Witley)**

Residents in Brighton Road, Godalming and other roads nearby are very unhappy with the adverse impact on their parking arrangements caused by the recently introduced Controlled Parking Zones in Town End Street, Carlos Street, Latimer Road and Croft Road. This has been further exacerbated in the Brighton Road by the loss of four parking bays over the next 12 months or so while house building works take place. I would like to ask if officers would develop a long term solution as swiftly as possible and also ask whether a short term temporary solution might also be found to deal with the very acute difficulty of car parking that we now have.

Response

The loss of four or five parking spaces for up to 18 months due to redevelopment in Brighton Road will certainly make it more inconvenient for nearby residents, but it is planned to suspend the parking spaces only when building work and deliveries are being carried out, meaning they should be available in the evening and at weekends.

Following the introduction of the Croft Road area residents' parking scheme, we are investigating whether it should be extended up Brighton Road from Latimer Road and Town End Street as far as Crownpits. More detailed proposals will be brought to the Committee as part of the parking review item at the June meeting. If agreed there will follow a consultation with residents before a final decision is made whether it should go ahead; however, this will take some time and it is unlikely that any changes could be made on the ground before 2016.

In the interim, we therefore propose to monitor the parking situation in Brighton Road during the building work. Potentially it would be possible to allow Brighton Road residents (between Town End Street and Crownpits) to apply for temporary permits to park in the Croft Road scheme. There would however need to be a set limit on the number of temporary permits provided in order to maintain sufficient space in the Croft Road scheme for existing permit holders. In the event that any changes are agreed, we will write to residents in the area to explain the temporary changes.

ANNEX 3

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 20 MARCH 2015
LEAD OFFICER: KATIE BRENNAN
SUPERFAST SURREY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER



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

DIVISION: WAVERLEY EASTERN VILLAGES

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

UPDATE

On 26 September 2014 Superfast Surrey Programme Manager, Graham Cook, provided the Committee with a progress update on Superfast Surrey with specific emphasis on the rollout in the Waverley Borough. He confirmed that whilst the main deployment would be ending on 31 December 2014, some work would continue on harder to reach premises.

He also confirmed that a review of the premises with slow speeds (including those premises listed in the Petition) was already underway. The review was assessing if there was a viable means of improving existing speeds premises with slow speeds within the programme's cost constraints. Fibre to the Premises (FTTP), Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) (secondary cabinet) and re-parenting were all being considered.

In December the Superfast Surrey team was directed that, before any further decisions could be made with regards to the outcome of this review, they had to complete the delivery of the main phase of the contract and identify options for using any remaining funds to enable a decision to be made on the future scope of the programme.

The options developed not only acknowledged Openreach's analysis of premises with slow speeds in the Intervention Area (IA) but also took into account feedback from residents and businesses in the commercial rollout area that were not covered by the fibre network or who were on slow speeds.

As a result, and to ensure that Surrey County Council fully understands the extent of the remaining challenge, Deputy Leader Peter Martin announced on 17 March 2015 that Surrey County Council will undertake a further investigation known as an Open Market Review (OMR). This is the only way to establish a clear understanding of the latest position regarding existing and planned fibre coverage throughout the county. The results will enable Surrey County Council to identify how to prioritise the use of any remaining funds to address issues of broadband coverage and speed across the county. The review will identify all premises throughout Surrey (including those in Chiddingfold) without a fibre broadband connection or those covered by the fibre network but unable to access a fibre service.

The OMR has to follow a strict government process that involves commercial consultation, analysis, mapping and public consultation to ensure compliance with EU State Aid regulations.

With limited budgets combined with high demand for Council-funded services across the county Surrey County Council is conscious that there is no quick-fix solution. However, Surrey County Council remains committed to working towards extending fibre broadband services to as many residents and businesses as economically possible.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to note the update provided.

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Consulted:

N/A

Annexes:

None

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