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Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.00 pm on 30 June 2016
at Portesbery School, Newfoundland Road, Deepcut, Camberley GU16 6TA.

Surrey County Council Members:

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

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Vivienne Chapman
- * Cllr Rodney Bates
- Cllr Valerie White
- Cllr Josephine Hawkins
- * Cllr Paul Ilnicki
- * Cllr Rebecca Jennings-Evans

* In attendance

19/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillors Vivienne Chapman, Valerie White and Josephine Hawkins.

20/16 APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS FROM SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL [Item 2]

It was noted that Surrey Heath Borough Council had renominated the six current Borough Councillors to serve on the Surrey Heath Local Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

21/16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN [Item 3]

It was noted that the County Council had appointed Mr David Ivison as the Chairman and Mr Chris Pitt as Vice Chairman of the Surrey Heath Local Committee.

22/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 4]

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

23/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 5]

There were no pecuniary declarations of interest made at the meeting.

24/16 PETITIONS [Item 6]

One petition was received at the meeting regarding a reduction in the speed limit on Gibbet Land and Larchwood Glade to 20 mph. Trefor Hogg and Jerry Brownlee presented the petition. Although there had been no accident reports in the past three years, a speed survey would be undertaken and a full report presented to the next Committee meeting with recommendations on appropriate action.

25/16 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 7]

One written question was received from Andrew Willgoss

The question received stated:- “The response and recommendation to the petition, 'stop through traffic using Bagshot village as a short cut to and from the M3 ' was based on a false premise. The response provided little factual evidence and was mostly opinion. This mislead the committee and gave the wrong impression that there is not a serious traffic problem through Bagshot and erroneously that the closure of the High Street had been requested. There is sufficient data available to show that the amount of commuter through traffic is excessive and that there is a significant speeding problem.

At the previous LAC the traffic problem was reduced to a statement that the average speed was 17.9 mph (the data collected showed it was actually 21.4 mph). It ignored that an average figure is meaningless and the traffic flow is reduced to a walking pace for about 3 to 4 hours daily and therefore there is a far more serious problem.

Could the committee review the available statistics that show there is a traffic problem all through Bagshot?

Could the committee investigate further and review the decision on not taking any action?”

The written answer given (and read out at the Committee) stated – “The Surrey Heath Local Committee has recently considered this matter, after listening to the views expressed in the previous Committee meeting, and taking into account the contents of the officer report presented by Surrey Highways.

It is recognised that speed data requires careful interpretation, and it is for this reason that the professional views of Highways Officers are of assistance to the Committee in reaching decisions.

In the case of the High Street, Bagshot, there is good compliance with the existing speed limit, and the Committee does not intend to review this matter again.

If you remain dissatisfied with the response provided by Surrey Highways, then the appropriate way to address this is to make a formal complaint directly

to Surrey Highways. Details of how to raise a service complaint are found on the Surrey County Council website.”

26/16 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 8]

There were no Written Members’ questions

27/16 DECISION TRACKER [Item 9]

The Committee noted the progress made on the decision tracker.

28/16 PETITION RESPONSE - ADDRESS THE ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS RELATING TO INAPPROPRIATE/UNSUITABLE HGV/PSV USE OF LUCAS GREEN ROAD, WEST END [Item 10]

The Local Committee considered a report responding to a petition received at the previous meeting signed by 132 local residents requesting the Local Committee address the amount of HGV and PSV traffic using Lucas Road, Bisley.

It was noted that Surrey County Council objected to HGV operator licence applications, but limitations on the grounds under which objections can be made meant that highway conditions away from the entrance to the site would not be considered.

Surrey County Council were also concerned about Planning Application SU/12/0235, but considered that the proposed vehicle size and length would be no different to that which the site could generate under its the existing lawful use.

A proposal to introduce an informal one-way system for HGVs along Lucas Green Road (between Kerria Way and Ford Road) is included in the list of schemes to be considered for inclusion in the Local Committee’s 2017/18 programme of works. The proposal is currently ranked 26 in the list of 47 schemes.

Other options to improve the current layout had been considered but were found to not be suitable.

It was noted that there was some confusion regarding the advice that Mrs Loney had received from the Traffic Commissioner and the information held by TDP. It was agreed that TDP Officers would check the position with the Traffic Commissioner and a meeting would then be arranged with Mrs Loney to clarify the position.

29/16 PETITION RESPONSE - STOP DIRECTING HGV TRAFFIC THROUGH WEST END, BISLEY, KNAPHILL, BROOKWOOD TO WOKING [Item 11]

The Local Committee considered a report responding to a petition received at the previous meeting requesting that HGV traffic is not encouraged to use the A322 through West End and Bisley.

It was noted that the A322 and A324 are strategically important roads within Surrey's highways network and would be expected to be used by HGVs when crossing the county. Diverting traffic via the M3 and M25 would require traffic to use the A320 (a road of similar character to the A322 and A324) and extensive changes to existing signing.

The route from Junction 3 of the M3 to Woking is approximately 6 miles longer when travelled via the M3, M25 and A320 than it is when travelled via the A322 and A324.

HGV drivers now extensively use navigation technology to determine routes to meet demands on them to maximise efficiency. As a result, highway signs are unlikely to have an impact on driver behaviour.

The local Committee agreed that the existing signing remains unchanged and that no action is taken to encourage HGV traffic to use alternative routes to the A322 and A324 when travelling to Woking from Junction 3 of the M3.

30/16 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 12]

It was noted that the majority of the planned work had been completed. Concern was expressed that in the forthcoming Horizon programme only two roads in Surrey Heath had been identified. It was agreed that Members should advise Andrew Milne of any other roads that they considered a priority.

It was noted that a new post had been identified funded to move forward the A30 proposals by both SCC and Surrey Heath Borough Council.

31/16 LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUP REPRESENTATION [Item 13]

The terms of reference of the three task groups were approved and the membership agreed as set out in paragraphs 2.4, 2.7 and 2.10 of the report.

Membership of outside bodies was agreed as set out in paragraph 2.12.

32/16 MEMBER ALLOCATIONS [Item 14]

There was an update report on the funding the County Councillors receive to spend on local projects that hope to promote social, economic or environmental well-being in the neighbourhoods and communities of Surrey.

The Local Committee noted the amounts that have been spent to date.

33/16 FORWARD PLAN [Item 15]

The Local Committee noted the Forward Plan and requested that a presentation be made to a future Private Members' Meeting outlining the merger of Windle Valley Youth Group and ICON.

Meeting ended at: 8.06 pm

Chairman