

Minutes of the meeting of the
Spelthorne LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.30 pm on 14 March 2016
at Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames. TW18 1XB.

Surrey County Council Members:

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

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Maureen Attewell
- * Cllr Kevin Flurry
- * Cllr Chris Frazer
- * Cllr Ian Harvey
- * Cllr Daxa Patel
- * Cllr Richard Smith-Ainsley

* In attendance

48/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos.

49/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

Minutes from the Local Committee held on 7 December 2015 were agreed and approved as an accurate record.

50/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

51/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 4]

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Maureen Attewell to the Local Committee as a Borough Council appointed member.

52/16 PETITIONS & LETTERS OF REPRESENTATION [Item 5]

No petitions were received for this meeting.

53/16 PETITION RESPONSE [Item 5a]

A petition was received at the Local Committee on 7 December 2015 from Abigail Macarty from Spelthorne School which contained 85 signatures and read:

“Improving the Safety Outside Our School.

Following the recent accident to Mrs Julie Porter, we would like to present this petition on behalf of the students and their families.

We strongly feel that some or all the following suggestions could be implemented to improve the safety outside the school:

- A Pelican/Zebra crossing
- More supervision on traffic control
- Bring back the drop off zone
- Yellow lines /Chevrons
- Rising bollards.”

A verbal update was provided by the SCC Schools Sustainable Travel Manager, Rebecca Harrison. The petition response report will be presented at the next Local Committee on 18 July, after the SCC Road Safety Audit Team has carried out further investigations.

Mr Ian Beardsmore said he may be able to offer funding, if required.

54/16 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 6]

No member written questions were received for this meeting.

55/16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 7]

Two public written questions were received from Mr Andrew McLuskey and Mr Ken Snaith. The questions and answers are set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

Mr McLuskey had a supplementary question regarding air pollution. He agreed to email the question to the Committee officer, who will obtain an answer for him.

Mr Snaith was disappointed that the rubbish in Sheep Walk, Shepperton had not been noticed and said that Spelthorne Borough Council did not have the equipment or the funding to remove the large items that SCC had removed from the ditch. The SCC Highways Area Manager agreed to investigate it further. Cllr Ian Harvey said he would also consult officers in the Borough Council.

56/16 SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS (SPELTHORNE) PROGRESS REPORT (SERVICE MONITORING & ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 8]

Rebecca Harrison, SCC Schools Sustainable Travel Manager, presented the report.

The report was for information only.

Mr Richard Walsh noted that residents were not mentioned in ‘reasons for recommendations’ on the report’s first page.

Members queried who in Spelthorne Borough Council had been involved in the consultation and whether it was officers and not councillors.

Cllr Daxa Patel asked Rebecca to note that The Hythe Community Primary School is in Runnymede and not Spelthorne (para 2.1). This would mean that the percentage figure quoted would have to be amended.

At present school travel plans are voluntary so are not enforceable. However, expanding schools have to complete a travel plan because it is a planning condition.

57/16 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 9]

The Chairman allowed members of the public to ask questions during this item, regarding Charlton Lane and Russell Road. The Area Highways Manager responded.

Cllr Smith-Ainsley proposed that an amendment be made to Recommendation (i): delete 'at a later date' and insert 'approximately three months after the implementation of the scheme'. Cllr Frazer seconded this.

Vote: For: 8, Against: 3. Motion was carried.

8.25pm: Cllr Ian Harvey left the meeting.

Mr Robert Evans asked for an amendment to be recorded for Table 3: St Mary's Avenue (not St Margaret's).

Cllr Frazer asked for an amendment to be recorded for paragraph 2.24, last sentence: insert the word 'not' after 'Officers have ...'.

It was agreed that Mr Walsh, Cllr Smith-Ainsley and the Chairman of Charlton Village Residents Association would meet with the Highways engineer to discuss the design brief for Charlton Village (see Table 5).

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) resolved to AGREE:

- (i) To authorise the implementation of the proposed increase in speed limit in Charlton Lane, and receive a report **approximately three months after implementation of the scheme** to detail the results of the speed limit change (paragraphs 2.3 to 2.10 refer).
- (ii) That the Staines STP phase 1 Major Scheme should be put to public consultation, and that the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Member Task Group should decide the consultation material and the manner of engagement (paragraphs 2.50 to 2.60 refer).
- (iii) To authorise the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes.

Reasons: Programmes of work have been agreed with the Committee and individual Divisional Members. Committee is asked to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver those programmes of work in consultation with the

Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

Public consultation is needed to assist the development of the Wider Staines STP scheme proposals. At a later date it is expected that Committee will be asked to approve statutory consultation (legal notices for certain elements of the scheme) once the detailed design is nearing completion.

58/16 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER [Item 10]

The Decision Tracker was acknowledged.

59/16 SURREY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE IN SPELTHORNE: ANNUAL REPORT (SERVICE MONITORING & ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 11]

The report was to update the Local Committee on the activities of Surrey Fire and Rescue teams within the Spelthorne Borough.

The Committee asked that an additional recommendation be added to the report, following the investigation into Cllr Robert Watts death:

(iv) Urge that the service continues to use its best endeavours to promote installation of working smoke alarms.

The Chairman asked for it to be recorded that he welcomed the report and found it easy to read.

60/16 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & SURREY TRADING STANDARDS WORK IN SPELTHORNE (SERVICE MONITORING & ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 12]

There was an amendment to be noted regarding para 1.7: Page Aerospace no longer exists in Spelthorne.

Some members had attended the Older People's event run by Spelthorne Borough Council and Trading Standards had given a talk, as mentioned in para 1.17 of the report. It was noted that older people had valued the information and that a further event will be held.

Members asked for their thanks to be passed to the officer for the report. Members would like to be kept informed via email regarding Trading Standards activities in Spelthorne and how joint working can be improved in the future.

61/16 FORWARD PROGRAMME 2016/17 [Item 13]

It was agreed that the following item will come to the Local Committee on 18 July 2016:

- Cycling Strategy for Spelthorne – for information.

62/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

To be held on Monday 18 July 2016 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber,
Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB.

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

The meeting which commenced at 6.30pm ended at 9.13pm.

Meeting ended at: 9.13 pm

Chairman

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Annex 1 to 14 March 2016 MINUTES

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 14 March 2016

AGENDA ITEM 6

MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTION TIME

1. No member written questions were received for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTION TIME

1. Mr Andrew McLuskey will ask the following question:

“Given recent revelations that Spelthorne is the unhealthiest council in Surrey (and the 132nd in England) what action is the Local Committee planning to take to correct this distressing situation?”

Lisa Andrews, SCC Public Health, will give the following answer:

“The health and wellbeing of Spelthorne residents is a key priority. There are significant dedicated resources to ensure that residents of all ages have opportunities to stay physically and mentally active and maintain a healthy lifestyle. There is a huge choice of sporting and leisure activities in the Borough and many of these are provided free of charge.

It is not uncommon for Spelthorne to compare less than favourably in health statistics when compared with other Surrey Boroughs. The Borough lies to the south west of London and has a demographic which makes it more comparable with some outer London boroughs than the rest of Surrey.

Surrey is one of the healthiest counties in the UK and Spelthorne also fares well in the majority of health measures when compared with the national picture and that of our neighbouring boroughs. However, the County and Borough Council are not complacent and recognise the key role they play in helping to improve the health and wellbeing of residents, particularly those in areas of greater deprivation where certain health issues are more prevalent.

Based on the indicators listed, Spelthorne has been ranked 132 out of 324 councils in England and the 'unhealthiest' council in Surrey. While many residents in Spelthorne experience good health outcomes, there are small pockets of deprivation in the borough in parts of Stanwell, Ashford, Staines-upon-Thames and Sunbury Common. The main issues in these areas are low income, unemployment, poor educational attainment and higher levels of crime and disorder which can all have an impact on health outcomes.

In order to address this need, Spelthorne Borough Council, Surrey County Council and North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group collaborate to ensure services and initiatives are prioritised and targeted.

A Spelthorne Health and Wellbeing Strategy is being written in liaison with partner organisations, which includes several health related actions. The local strategy is aligned to the NW Surrey CCG Prevention Plan and the prevention element of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It contains a number of initiatives all aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of residents, looking at local needs and evidence of what has worked well in the past.

Current initiatives include:

- Surrey County Council commissioned Weight Management courses are currently running at Spelthorne Leisure Centre and Stanwell Rose Centre.
- Food premises can take part in the Surrey wide 'Eat Out Eat well' award scheme.
- Surrey County Council has commissioned Quit 51 to provide a Surrey Wide Stop Smoking Service and Spelthorne recently took part in the smoke free playground project.
- Spelthorne works very closely with Active Surrey, schools and local sports clubs to promote opportunities for sport within Spelthorne. Free sports sessions for young people will start in April as part of the Surrey Youth Games and a 'Sports week' will take place in the summer holidays for young people.
- There are several free opportunities for people of all ages to keep active including four skate/BMX parks, tennis courts, basketball courts and multi-use games areas and play areas, plus several large parks and open spaces and riverside walks. There is a new 5k measured run route in Laleham Park, which is free to use.
- Spelthorne runs a Walking for Health and Cycling for Health schemes for adults and an exercise referral scheme for those with health problems is available at Spelthorne Leisure Centre. Local walk route maps are available on the Spelthorne website and cycling maps are being developed.
- There is a disability sports club for young people on a Saturday morning and a Boccia Club for adults with disabilities on a Thursday evening.
- Spelthorne is currently taking part in the Get Fit 50+ Surrey wide scheme in liaison with Active Surrey and Public Health and day centres and community centres offer a wide range of activities for older people.

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- Spelthorne works with Action Surrey, AgeUK and GP surgeries to ensure residents' homes are safe, warm and in a good state of repair.

2. Mr Ken Snaith, Shepperton Residents Association, will ask the following question:

“The ditches on both sides of Sheep Walk, Shepperton, near the Chertsey Road end, were cleared many weeks ago but the rubbish brought up from them is still piled high alongside the ditches and footpath. Before this becomes more contaminated with weeds etc can you please advise as to when this rubbish will be collected and removed from site. Sheep Walk is already a regular area for fly-tipping and these piles of rubbish will attract further illegal tipping.”

Nick Healey, SCC Area Highway Manager (NE), will give the following answer:

“Sheep Walk was inspected last week in response to this question. The recent clearing of the ditch on the east side of the road has brought up what appear to be white coloured stones, rather than rubbish. Officers will ask colleagues at Spelthorne Borough Council to arrange a litter sweep to pick up any rubbish that may be present.”

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