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Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 6.00 pm on 30 November 2017
at St Michael's Church, 286 London Road, Camberley, GU15 3JP.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Bill Chapman (Chairman)
- Ms Charlotte Morley (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Paul Deach
- * Mr Mike Goodman
- * Mr Edward Hawkins
- * Mr David Mansfield

Borough / District Members:

- * Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman
- Borough Councillor Josephine Hawkins
- * Borough Councillor Paul Ilnicki
- Borough Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- * Borough Councillor Pat Tedder
- * Borough Councillor Valerie White

* In attendance

OPEN FORUM

Questions and responses from the informal open forum session are attached as Annex A.

101/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Ms Charlotte Morley and Cllr Josephine Hawkins.

102/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes from the previous meeting on 5 October 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

103/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were none.

104/17 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Two petitions were received and officer responses provided at the meeting.

105/17 PETITION: IMPROVE ACCESS TO COSTA ON THE A30, BAGSHOT [Item 4a]

Declarations of interest: None

Officers attending: Andy Stokes, Transport, Development and Planning (TDP) Officer

Petitions, Public Question, Statements: The lead petitioner, Mr Hamilton addressed the committee, detailing the concerns of the residents in Bagshot with regards to the access off the A30 in to the costa drive thru. He explained that the residents were unaware of exactly what was planned for the site when initial planning permission was approved but do accept that planning permission had been granted. He also noted that although not many accidents have been reported there are frequent near misses at this turning. Mr Hamilton concluded that in consultation with the Divisional Member and TDP Officer there were several options available to helping to alleviate the problems at this junction.

1. Conduct an audit of signage in the vicinity to ensure the entrance to costa is clearly signed.
2. Take further steps to ensure accidental access to the residential road adjacent to Costa is reduced.
3. Install signs along the A30 to stop users making dangerous U-turns.
4. Add keep clear markings or a yellow hatched box outside the Costa entrance to stop dangerous queuing on the A30.

Member Discussion – Key Points

1. The TDP Officer commented that although planning permission had been granted and a series of audits conducted to ensure safe driver movements, drivers do not always behave as expected and dangerous driving situations can occur. He noted that a big issue is drivers taking the wrong turning in to the adjacent residential road and then having to back out on to the A30 to find the correct entrance to Costa. This would be helped by decluttering this section of the A30. Discussions are ongoing with Costa and a meeting has been agreed with them to improve matters.
2. It's important to distinguish what is an A30 problem and what is a Costa problem. Ideas for signage to improve matters have been sent to Highways for consideration.
3. The members noted the access will continue to be reviewed and monitored, addressing any problems that arise.

Resolution:

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed to support the Transport Development Planning Officer's meeting with Costa, Bagshot to discuss issues raised out of the Level 3 Safety Audit.

The above decision was made in response to the resident's concerns and petition presented to the committee to review the access arrangements.

106/17 PETITION: SAFER CYCLING ROUTE FROM CHOBHAM TO WOKING
[Item 4b]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: The lead petitioner, Mr Norman Johns addressed the committee with his concerns over the lack of a family friendly cycle route between Chobham and Woking. He noted there appeared to be a lot of funding available from developers, parking and landfill tax that could be put towards such a scheme. Such a route would be well used as Woking High Schools catchment area extends to Chobham and with lack of a good bus route between the two locations many children would opt to cycle. The current option for cycling is only really usable by the experienced cyclist due to the speed limit of the roads.

Member Discussion – Key Points

1. Landfill tax was not an option that was open to the committee to use for funding.
2. Part of the route, which is located in Woking is on a list of schemes to be considered for funding from the Government as part of a Sustainable Transport Package. There is support for the route although particular sections will require additional land in order to widen the footpath.
3. The members of the committee saw the benefits of such a route but due to the current financial position for now and the foreseeable future it is not currently an option but should developer or any other funding become available then this would be of benefit to the community.
4. Mike Goodman therefore proposed, seconded by Bill Chapman that the first part of the recommendation be amended to say "To progress with work on the pedestrian and cycle facility when funds become available to do so".

Resolution:

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed:

- i) To progress with work on the pedestrian and cycle facility when funds became available to do so.
- ii) That part of the existing footway will have maintenance work carried out to restore the original width.

The above decision was made because although the provision of a continuous route for pedestrians and cyclists between Chobham and Woking

would be ideal, the financial and physical constraints do not currently make this route possible.

107/17 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

One written public question was received from Ms Siobhan Romp. The question and answer were provided as part of the supplementary papers. Ms Romp was unable to attend the meeting and did not submit a supplementary question.

108/17 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

None were received.

109/17 HIGHWAYS UPDATE REPORT [Item 7]

Declarations of interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: none

[Cllr Valerie White left the meeting at 7.30pm]

The Area Highways Manager introduced the report stating the local committee had 2 decisions to make based on the capital work programme for 2018/19 and the allocation of the parking surplus.

He noted that there was an amendment to the table 2 under item 2.3, indicating that the carriageway maintenance for Wimbledon Road, Old Dean, Camberley would now be funded from another budget that has been agreed by Colin Kemp, Cabinet Member for Highways. This would then allow for work to be undertaken on the following 2 schemes on the list; Oakwood Road, Windlesham and Greyfriars Drive, Bisley.

Member Discussion – Key Points

1. Members queried whether other schemes on the list were permitted to go ahead if Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) or Parish Council funding became available. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that if such funding was made available then work on other schemes could go ahead.
2. The majority of the major schemes works for 2018 are in close proximity to one another, it must be ensured that the scheduling of such work is considered in order to cause minimal disruption for residents. The street works team are responsible for the co-ordination of the works and this has been done to keep disruption to a minimum including any lane closures associated with the Meadows Gyratory to be in place overnight.
3. The Chairman congratulated the highways team on their excellent customer service statistics in Surrey Heath, with 97% of all enquiries being resolved within 28 days. He also praised the improvements to the website,

making it easier for residents to self-serve and report routine matters and avoid duplication.

4. Members queried whether schemes on the list could be substituted for others based on the change of priorities and updated needs. The Area Highways Manager confirmed it was possible to reevaluate the list, proposing new schemes that would be of more benefit.

Resolution:

The Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed:

- i) the proposed capital works programme for 2018/19 shown in table 2 at section 2.3 including Oakwood Road, Windlesham and Greyfriars Drive, Bisley given that Wimbledon Road, Old Dean, Camberley will be funded by other means.
- ii) that £4,161 of unallocated parking surplus is allocated to the Committee's revenue maintenance budget to support ongoing maintenance works.

The above decisions were made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and work.

110/17 MEMBERS ALLOCATION REPORT [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Jess Edmundson, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Surrey County Council Councillors receive funding to spend on local projects that help to promote social, economic or environmental well-being in the neighbourhoods and communities of Surrey. This funding is known as Members' Allocation.

For the financial year 2017/18 the County Council has allocated £6,000 revenue funding to each County Councillor. This report provides an update on the projects that have been funded since June 2017 to date.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the amounts that have been spent from the Members' Allocation budget, as set out in Annex 1 of this report. The committee also noted the deadline for committed spend is 31 December 2017.

111/17 DECISION TRACKER [Item 9]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Jess Edmundson, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Resolution:

The committee noted the decision tracker.

112/17 FORWARD PLAN [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Jess Edmundson, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

The Committee received a report on the forward plan and was asked to comment on the items that are currently anticipated would be received.

Member Discussion – Key Points

1. The Chairman noted that his intention was for the item on mental health provisions to be included within the education item, although a separate item on mitigating mental health issues and prevention would also be welcomed. It was suggested that as such items would be of great public interest then these should be first on the agenda when these items come to the Surrey Heath local committee.

Resolution:

The committee noted the forward plan and requested the mental health provisions and education items be added to the forward plan for June 2018.

Meeting ended at: 7.50 pm

Chairman

Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
30 November 2017
Open Public Question Time

Question 1: Tricia Parker, Alsford Close, Lightwater

Regarding the street signage in our road in Lightwater. Alsford Close is a road that subdivides and in recent years with the increase in home deliveries it is becoming harder for people who do not know the road to find their way. There is only one sign at the beginning of the road and nothing further indicating where particular numbers are. Frequently delivery drivers are knocking on random doors to find out where the correct house is. Is there any way we can get more signs installed?

Response from David Mansfield: I have been in communication with Jenny Rickard at Surrey Heath Borough Council about getting this resolved. Unfortunately due to the financial position there is little that can be done to help with this confusing road.

Response from Andrew Milne: Street name plates are the responsibility of the Borough Council and indication of numbers and directions is the responsibility of the developer. Highways can only provide statutory signage. The local committee revenue budget could fund something like this but as this has been drastically cut it would appear to not be a viable option. The last option would be to consider using Members' Allocation, if in such an unusual circumstance this would be permitted.

Question 2: Max Wheeler, Chobham Parish Council

In the petition response regarding the cycle route from Chobham to Woking it indicates the path will be cleared, is there a budget to do this?

Response from Andrew Milne: The scheme is fully supported in principle and budgets will need to be looked at over the coming years although this would also be helped if there was any appropriate developer funding available.

Response from Mike Goodman: The clearing of the path is budget dependent. Chobham Parish Council could always contribute to the maintenance if desired. Cycle routes are being reviewed and with this one there is still land that needs to be purchased to complete as desired.

[Further discussions on this continued under Item 4b: Petition: Safer Cycling Route from Chobham to Woking]

Question 3: Cyril Pavey

With regards to the Surrey Heath Young Citizens scheme I've noted that of the four secondary schools/academies we have within Surrey Heath only 2 of them – Collingswood and Kings - decided to partake in this. I am wondering why Tomlinscote and Gordon's did not participate. It also seems there is no longer a junior scheme which is a great shame and seems to me the younger children are being neglected.

Response from Valerie White: All schools make their own choice about whether they wish to participate in the scheme and unfortunately if the school chooses not to then pupils are unable to participate individually.

Response from Edward Hawkins: I know that Josephine as the Corporate Portfolio Holder and Children's Champion was frustrated there wasn't a greater uptake from schools. The problem being that this is simply one event in an already busy school calendar.

Response from Paul Deach: Primary schools were invited to take part in the junior citizen scheme.

Question 4: Rev Andreas Sistig, St Anne's Church, Bagshot

Frequently there are lots of cars that park down the road by the church, often making it difficult to get through and effecting driver sight lines. We looked at the possibility of requesting a traffic mirror to help with the problem but were faced with one objection from a resident and therefore have come to request whether double yellow lines can be installed instead to help with the lack of space.

Response from Mike Goodman: This request has already been sent to Jack Roberts in the parking team to be considered. Surrey County Council would not install traffic mirrors as inaccuracies can occur resulting in accidents. The proposed parking amendments come to the Surrey Heath local committee in March 2018, then out to consultation in May 2018 with changes hopefully implemented in the summer 2018.

Question 5: Simon Jones, Highview Road, Lightwater

Regarding the granting of permits to Virgin Media for the work they are undertaking in Lightwater, they are digging up the roads, causing lots of aggravation for residents, leaving them in dreadful states. Who is responsible for these repairs and on what basis are these permits granted?

Response from Andrew Milne: There have been many complaints about the virgin media work that have gone to the street works team and subsequently their permits to carry out work has been withdrawn due to their failure to comply with the conditions of the permit; leaving roads in an unsightly state.

Virgin Media are not permitted to operate in more than 3 roads and a new permit will not be granted until the work is completed to a satisfactory standard. This action taken by Street Works is of the highest severity with Virgin Media needing to present a thorough Management Plan when reapplying for the permits to ensure any future work will be of better quality. The street works team are very aware of the problems and are monitoring it.

Question 6: Tricia Parker, Alsford Close, Lightwater

On behalf of Mrs Ireland who was knocked down on Red Road earlier this year and a recent accident that has occurred, there is confusing and nonsensical signage along the length of the road. With the speed limit altering from 40mph to 50 mph and no clear signage to indicate this. The electronic signs also appear to be switched off. Can this signage be improved to improve the safety of an already dangerous road?

Response from Bill Chapman: Red Road is high on the priority list. There have been recent discussions with the Road Safety Team and we will continue to pursue these but Red Road should be reviewed in spring 2018. I agree the road signs are confusing despite complying with the regulations.

Response from David Mansfield: This has been discussed with the Borough Commander in the last few days. It is high on the priority list; things are happening.

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