

Minutes of the meeting of the
Epsom AND EWELL LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 7.00 pm on 19 June 2017
at Ewell Court House, Lakehurst Road, Ewell KT19 0EB.

Surrey County Council Members:

- Mr John Beckett (Chairman)
- * Mrs Tina Mountain (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Eber A Kington
- * Mrs Jan Mason
- * Mrs Bernie Muir

Borough / District Members:

- Cllr Michael Arthur MBE
- * Cllr Rekha Bansil
- * Cllr Kate Chinn
- * Cllr Neil Dallen
- * Cllr Mike Teasdale

* In attendance

13/17 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR 2017/18 [Item 1]

The appointment by Council of Mr John Beckett as Chairman and Mrs Tina Mountain as Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee for the current municipal year was noted.

14/17 APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS [Item 2]

Resolved:

To co-opt substitutes for Borough Council members for the municipal year 2017/18.

The Local Committee noted that at the Epsom & Ewell Borough Council's first meeting of this municipal year, 5 Borough Councillors and 5 substitutes were appointed to serve on the Local Committee for the municipal year 2017-2018. David McNulty, Chief Executive, has now confirmed these appointments, the substitute members being appointed subject to the decision above.

Reasons: Standing Order 40(f) requires the Committee at its first meeting in the municipal year to agree whether it wishes Borough Council members to be permitted to have substitutes

15/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 3]

Apologies for absence were received from Mr John Beckett, Mrs Tina Mountain took the Chair in his absence and Cllr Michael Arthur, Cllr Humphrey Reynolds substituted for him.

16/17 CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS [Item 4]

It was reported that the Local Committee Chairmen had met with the Leader to discuss local highway budgets. Several options were discussed, including borrowing £2million capital to be divided amongst the Committees. However this would need to be repaid over 12 years using the Committee's revenue funding. The Chairmen agreed not to take up this option.

17/17 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS [Item 5]

One question was received. The question and answer is set out in Annex A. The following additional points were made:

Mr Willows stated that since the question had been submitted a number of other residents at the end of the previously agreed area proposed for yellow lines had requested an extension past their properties. It was, therefore,

Resolved:

To amend the previously agreed proposals for Fairfax Avenue, East Ewell in the Phase 10 parking review, to extend the restricted area to include all houses up to Cleves Avenue in the advertisement.

Reasons: To respond to residents requests to extend the restrictions to regulate parking in the area.

18/17 ADJOURNMENT [Item 6]

19 members of the public were present. One informal question was asked and an answer was provided. The local councillors agreed to keep the residents updated on progress.

19/17 PETITIONS [Item 7]

No petitions were received.

20/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 8]

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

21/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 9]

Mrs Bernie Muir declared a personal interest in respect of Item 10 as her son is a resident of Temple Road.

22/17 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 10]

Two questions were received. The questions and answers are set out in Annex B. The following additional points were made:

Question 1: A resident of Chartwell Place outlined the issues of commuter and school parking in the road, which results in vehicles obstructing the pavement, as a result she has to walk in the road pushing her son who is in a wheelchair. Parents with buggies also have problems. This is unsafe particularly as there is a blind bend in the road. Members felt that as the problem was worse at school pick up and drop off time, limiting commuter parking may mean that the space is filled by school parking and suggested a longer period of restriction should be advertised to seek local opinion.

There was no indication of any further public questions or statements so the Committee moved to debate the options and

Resolved:

To include a parking restriction in Chartwell Place, Epsom in the advertisement for the Phase 10 parking review, for the even number side of the road to prevent parking between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Reasons: To facilitate access for a child in a wheelchair and for pushchairs obstructed by pavement parking.

Question 2: members were unhappy with the response provided and felt that the bus was often stationary at the stop for longer than the 5 minutes stated. They requested that officers look again for a solution to ensure that it does not remain at the stop except to pick up and drop off passengers at any time.

23/17 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 11]

Declarations of Interest: Mrs Bernie Muir declared a personal interest in Temple Road

Officers attending: Nick Healey, Area Highways Team Manager; Steve Howard, Transport Policy Project Manager

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points

Members requested that they should be informed of the outcome of the analysis of the underspend of the Committees revenue funding in 2016/17, as soon as this has been completed, rather than waiting for a report to a future meeting.

Mr Eber Kington expressed concern at the 78% reduction in the highways budget for the Local Committee in 2017/18. The decision was taken in March, by the Cabinet, six weeks after the County Council Budget Meeting and without consultation with Members or post-decision scrutiny. This has resulted in the Committee having to abandon the plans which it had made based on the anticipated budget and has seriously curtailed the Committee's ability to respond to residents requests which are not deemed to be safety related. Whilst he agreed with the Local Committee chairmen's decision not to borrow to fund this budget, he did not accept that savings could not have been made within other Surrey services to release funding to meet this important area of work for residents. He proposed that the Chairman be

asked to write to the Cabinet member expressing these views on behalf of the Committee. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Neil Dallen.

Mr Eber Kington proposed that the £12,000 in Table 3 of the report allocated to the Stoneleigh Park Road to Bradford Drive cycle link should be reallocated to fund maintenance work in Highfield Drive, as he did not feel that the construction of a cycle way was the highest priority for residents in his area. The Area Highway Manager indicated that there was a risk that £12,000 would not be sufficient to cover the works required in Highfield Drive once an investigation had been completed and it may then be too late for the cycle link scheme to be delivered this financial year. Mr Kington accepted that there was a risk and that the money may have to be spent in a different division. Mrs Mason seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Dallen queried the process of bid submission to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The Project Manager reported that the resilience scheme bid has already been submitted and assessed, formal submission of bids should take place in July for a decision later in the year. The County Council have asked for the bid to be accelerated. Cllr Dallen asked for clarification of the process as this did not accord with his experience of LEP processes. The Project Manager undertook to check when the Horizon schemes in paragraph 2.16 will go ahead.

Members asked for clarification of the nature of the structure at Tolworth Court on Page 32 of the report.

Members discussed the potential cycle route funded as part of a S106 agreement with the Epsom Station developers on page 15 of the report.

The Area Highways Manager reported that whilst an alternative proposal for a zebra crossing in Waterloo Road may fall within the remit of the s106 agreement he did not feel that this was what was intended when the agreement was drawn up. The Transport Planning Development Officer has written to the developer to seek their views on alternative schemes, but a response has not yet been received. In addition it was not possible to say, without a feasibility study, whether a zebra crossing could safely be provided at this location and what affect it would have on the parking spaces outside the shops. A feasibility study could not be funded from the s106 money and an alternative source of funding would need to be identified by the Committee.

The latest estimate for the original scheme is £34,000 plus £15,000 for the lighting under the bridge. The bus stop in Waterloo road could be relocated to Station Approach but a larger bus stop would be required. Members queried why more space would be required and the Area Highways Manager agreed to ask the Passenger Transport Team for more information. Noted that the potential sites for new cycle stands had been suggested to the Borough Planning Officer. Members agreed to defer a decision until the next meeting pending a reply from the developer and asked that they should be notified as soon as a reply has been received. They also asked that the developer should be consulted on whether the time limit for spending the money could be extended.

Mrs Mason asked in relation to the parking update whether in view of the additions made to the Phase 10 proposals earlier in the meeting her request for restrictions in Gibraltar Crescent could be added to the review. The

Parking Engineer had indicated that he could take this forward, subject to the agreement of the Committee and of him agreeing a plan with Mrs Mason.

In relation to Annexe D, a member asked how bus drivers would access the Ashley Centre from the bus stand as there is a barrier around it. The Project Manager reported that they would alight into the red hatched area and walk round in view of oncoming vehicles. A gate had been considered but this would allow other pedestrians to access the stand which was not considered to be safe. A meeting had taken place with the bus companies and a safety audit had been carried out. A user guide will be prepared for bus drivers. There has been a loss of 3 vehicle queuing spaces for the Ashley Centre car park, but traffic modelling indicates that the queue length will be reduced when South Street becomes two way as more vehicles will be able to access the car park from this direction rather than using the current one way system around the town centre.

Members expressed concern at the communication with residents and businesses around the progress and plans for the Plan E scheme. The website had not been updated for several months and residents had lost faith in the information provided. The Project Manager acknowledged that the website should be updated and undertook to ensure that this is done. Noted that the next phase of work would not now begin until August, although there may be some advance work taking place. When dates are finalised they will be communicated

[Kate Chinn left the meeting at 9.35pm]

A member queried whether the loss of parking spaces associated with the proposed bus stop clearways had been quantified. It was noted that a bus cage is approximately 13m equivalent to 3 spaces. However loss of parking is not taken into account in relation to bus stop clearway proposals as they are considered to be needed to address a safety issue.

Resolved:

- (i) To introduce double yellow lines in Temple Road between the parking bays between numbers 46 and 70 Temple Road, to discourage vehicles overhanging the bays and give residents increased forward visibility whilst leaving their driveways as set out in the report;
- (ii) To extend the double yellow lines on the western side of Temple Road from Pound Lane, southwards to encompass the entire length of the hatching and prevent any obstructive parking on the approach to the pedestrian refuge;
- (iii) To implement double yellow lines in Temple Road in the chicane area outside St Barnabas' Church, to prevent obstruction of this area by parked vehicles;
- (iv) To include a single yellow line restriction in Gibraltar Crescent operational between 10.00-11.00am and 15.00-16.00, the detailed plan to be agreed by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional member;

- (v) That the proposals in (i) to (iv) above be advertised as part of the Phase 10 parking review and follow the procedures as agreed at the March 2017 meeting to complete that review;
- (vi) To defer consideration of the construction of a new cycle route in Waterloo Road, connecting Epsom railway station to the extensive network of cycle routes to the north of the Borough, to the next meeting, pending a reply from the developer indicating whether an alternative use for the funding would be acceptable to them within the terms of the 106 agreement;
- (vii) [On a vote 6 votes FOR, 1 AGAINST and 1 ABSTENTION] To introduce new bus stop clearways in five locations in Hook Road, Epsom as detailed in Annexes F, G, and H of the report;
- (viii) To transfer £12,000 currently allocated to the construction of a cycle way from Stoneleigh Park Road to Bradford Drive to fund maintenance work on Highfield Drive where the road surface has sunk;
- (ix) 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 outlined in the report as amended above.
- (x) [On a vote by 7 votes FOR to 2 AGAINST] That the Chairman be asked to write to the Cabinet member for Environment & Transport expressing the Committee's opposition to the 78% cut in local highways funding in 2017/2018 on the grounds that the decision was made six weeks after the agreement of the County Council budget, without consultation with members, when the Committees draft programme for the year had already been agreed and that different choices could have been made to enable this area of work to continue to be funded adequately.

Reasons: Programmes of work have been agreed in consultation with the Committee. 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.

A number of new lengths of double yellow lines are recommended for Temple Road to ensure the continued safe travel of drivers using Temple Road and to resolve, as much as is reasonable, access issues for residents on the north-eastern side of Hook Road.

Residents have requested the implementation of parking restrictions in Gibraltar Crescent to limit anti-social parking.

24/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING AND REPRESENTATION ON TASK GROUPS AND EXTERNAL BODIES [Item 12]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Nicola Morris, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points

Members wished to make it clear that they would like to receive bids for the Committee's community safety funds from both the Community Safety Partnership and other local organisations. They would like to assess all the bids after the closing date and not allocate funding as bids are received.

Resolved that:

- (i) The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 for 2017/18 be retained by the Community Partnership Team, on behalf of the Local Committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at paragraph 2.4 of the report.
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Community Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated at paragraph 2.4 of the report.
- (iii) The committee receives updates on the project(s) that was funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.
- (iv) The committee approves the membership of the task groups and appointments to outside bodies, as set out below for the 2017/18 municipal year:
 - a) The East Surrey Community Safety Partnership – Bernie Muir
 - b) On Street Parking Task Group - County Councillors John Beckett, Jan Mason, substitute Bernie Muir, Borough Councillors Neil Dallen, Michael Arthur, substitute Tella Wormington.
 - c) Major Schemes (Epsom & Ewell) Task Group – County Councillors John Beckett, Jan Mason and Tina Mountain, Borough Councillors – Michael Arthur, Neil Dallen and Tella Wormington.
 - d) Epsom Banstead STP Task Group – John Beckett, Michael Arthur substitute Tella Wormington
 - e) Borough Council Joint Infrastructure Group – John Beckett, Jan Mason substitute Tina Mountain if substitutes are permitted.

Reasons: The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3,000 to local organisations. It also proposes local committee task group membership for the forthcoming year to enable the provision of informed advice and recommendations to the committee. The appointment of councillors of the Local Committee to external bodies enables the committee's representation on and input to such bodies.

25/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION/ACTION TRACKER [Item 13]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Nicola Morris, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

Member Discussion – key points

In relation to the advertising of the Phase 10 parking review, members queried when the advert would be placed. The Partnership Committee Officer replied that as there had been some changes agreed at tonight's meeting further work would be required before the advertisement could be placed. It was hoped that this could be completed before the summer holidays as it is not felt to be appropriate to advertise in August as many residents may be away. Otherwise the advert may be delayed until September. Members requested an updated timetable from the Parking Engineer and for him to inform the Chairman and Vice-Chairman if the advert could not be placed before the summer.

Noted the progress with the actions listed.

26/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

Monday 25 September 2017 at 7.00pm, Bourne Hall, Ewell

Meeting ended at: 10.00 pm

Chairman



SURREY

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM & EWELL
19 June 2017**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Question 1 – Mr Alan Willows

Re: Extension of Yellow Lines Fairfax Avenue

I understand yellow lines are being applied to Fairfax Avenue this October up to and including no 26. I live at no 28 and my neighbour lives at no 30 can these both be included as well. The reason being that drivers who use East Ewell railway station are now parking in Fairfax Avenue after yellow lines and parking restrictions were implemented in Nonsuch Court Avenue

Officer Response:

The Local Committee agreed to advertise proposals for yellow lines in part of Fairfax Avenue for consultation, at its last meeting. As a result of the purdah period for the county council elections these proposals have not yet been advertised. Provided that the Committee is agreeable to the extension, it would be possible to include the extension to the proposals on Fairfax Avenue, in the current parking review.

Note: John Beckett the divisional member will be absent from the meeting but is supportive of this extension.

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SURREY

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL
19 June 2017**

MEMBER QUESTIONS

**Question 1: Cllr Tina Mountain
Re: Parking Restrictions – Chartwell Place, Epsom**

Would it be possible to include a parking restriction in Chartwell Place, Epsom in the current parking review, for the even number side of Chartwell Place to stop parking between 10am and 12 noon Monday to Friday. This is to facilitate a child in a wheelchair.

Officer Response:

The Local Committee agreed to advertise proposals for parking restrictions in the Borough for consultation, at its last meeting. As a result of the purdah period for the county council elections these proposals have not yet been advertised. Provided that the Committee is agreeable, it would be possible to include the proposed restrictions in Chartwell Place in the current parking review.

**Question 2: Cllrs Michael Arthur (Cllr Humphrey Reynolds substitute at the meeting)
Re: Bus Stand High Street (East) Epsom**

Notwithstanding the earlier reduction of bus routes which laid over, there still continues the standing of route 318 several times a day. The resultant obstruction causes additional congestion to the southbound traffic flow on the A24 frequently stretching back to Kiln Lane and beyond.

The positioning of a Bus Stand is highly inappropriate at this location. May I ask that serious consideration is given to find an alternative location for this route to lay over and that there be Bus Stops only on this section of the highway.

It is interesting, that on the recent Derby Day, I observed the bus waiting in the new Ashley Avenue layby - a great improvement to traffic flow.

Officer response:

Service 318 serves bus stop "K" in the High Street but this is not its designated stand. This service has a 47 minute stand in Epsom from 10:57 - 11:44 and the bus stand for service 318 is in Station Approach. On departure from Station Approach the service operates via Waterloo Rd, Chase Rd, Hook Road and East St so that stop "K" and the clock tower stops can still be served on the 11:44 departure from Epsom.

This service operates between Banstead and Epsom with only 4 journeys a day (M-F) which have a maximum dwell time of approximately 5 minutes (traffic dependant) on arrival in Epsom. The dwell time is very short but necessary to allow for any unforeseen traffic delays and hold ups which would otherwise delay the departure of the following journey.

There is insufficient time for the bus to go to any other stand area and circumnavigate the Epsom one way system ready to depart from stop "K" as scheduled.

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