

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
held at 7.00 pm on 6 December 2018  
at Heather Ridge Infant School, Martindale Avenue, GU15 1AY.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its next meeting.

**Surrey County Council Members:**

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

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**OPEN FORUM**

There were 7 Questions from members of the public attending the meeting as follows:-

- Lorry Layby on the A322 at Bagshot
- Frimley Green traffic lights
- Childrens Centre in Bagshot – potential closure
- Traffic noise on the Bagshot Road
- Traffic lights timing / filter lane on Bagshot Road
- Traffic lights timing on Knoll Road / A30
- Public questions on the website

The full questions and responses given are attached (Annex A).

**46/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies were received from Rebecca Jennings-Evans.

**47/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]**

The minutes of the last meeting on 4 October 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**48/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]**

There were no declarations of interest.

**49/18 PETITIONS [Item 4]**

There were no petitions received.

**50/18 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]**

There was one written question from Cllr Rodney Bates on child poverty in Surrey Heath.

The full question is recorded in Annex B and will be responded to at the next meeting of the Committee.

**51/18 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

There were no written member questions received.

**52/18 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 7]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

**Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:** None

The Area Highways Manger presented the report. The AHM also gave a verbal update on the proposed budget for 2019/20. The proposal is that the Capital Budget will increase from approx £39,000 to approx £180,000. However, the current revenue budget of £168,000 will be cut. This will have implications for Committee Members and Highways in managing and maintaining roads and infrastructure, as the current budget does not keep up with public and committee requirements.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- i) the progress with the ITS highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2018/19 financial year.
- ii) the budgetary position.
- iii) that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

Reasons for decision:

To enable progression of highways related works.

**53/18 A331 BLACKWATER VALLEY ROUTE AIR QUALITY, SPEED REDUCTION TO 50MPH (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION) [Item 8]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** William Bryans, Transport Studies Team Manager, SCC

**Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:** None

The Transport Studies Team Manager presented the report. The Committee discussed that this speed reduction did not fall within the criteria of the SCC Speed Limit Policy, yet the Officer recommendation was for the reduction in order to meet the Government directive. Attention was also drawn to the Police position on this. The Committee raised concerns that the absence of any meaningful enforcement as originally proposed would mean the effectiveness of the mitigation measures would be significantly reduced.

It was agreed that the Committee would accept the report and recommendations but that talks would continue to try to resolve this and look at alternative options.

**The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to agree that:**

- (i) An advertisement should be published for a Speed Limit Order (SLO) to extend the current 50mph speed limit (and revoke the existing 70mph limit) on the A331 BVR between the M3 junction 4 and A325 Frimley junctions to 100 metres south of the Coleford Bridge Road junction;
- (ii) Any objections to the revocation of the existing 70mph speed limit and resultant introduction of a 50mph speed limit should be considered and resolved by the Area Highways Manager (NW) in consultation with the Divisional Member, Chairman and relevant Hampshire County Council officers and Members, and that this issue only be returned to Committee if any objections prove insurmountable;
- (iii) Once any objections have been considered and resolved, that the order be made and the 50mph limit introduced with the expectation that the current national speed limit of 70mph will be reinstated once it can be assured that nitrogen dioxide levels will remain compliant with these higher traffic speeds

Reasons for Decision:

The Committee would usually look to the SCC Speed Limit Policy before recommending a change in speed limit. However, this decision enables the County to react to the Government directive for Air Quality. A decision to not proceed, could mean the County Council is fined.

**54/18 PUBLIC REALM WORKS - CAMBERLEY HIGH STREET - A REVIEW OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION) [Item 9]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Tricia Gurney, Principal Transportation Development Planning Officer

**Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:** None

The Transportation Planning Officer explained that the Council had received Local Economic Partnership (LEP) funding to improve the public realm in Camberley and the report outlined the changes to be made to the High Street. The improvements would reduce parking, but instead provided loading bays, time limited bays, taxi ranks and disabled parking spaces. Additional taxi ranks were to be installed elsewhere to support the night-time economy.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that:

- (i) A notice is advertised in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effects of which will be to allow the implementation of a parking scheme in accordance with the plan shown at Appendix 1 **(with the amendment of the 5 disabled bays to allow 3 on the Post Office side and 2 on the other side of the road).**
- (ii) Any objections to the traffic regulation order should be considered and resolved by the Chairman, Vice- Chairman and the Local Divisional Member in consultation with the Transport development Planning Team Leader (West), and that this issue only be returned to Committee if any objections prove insurmountable.
- (iii) The Order be made once any objections had been considered and resolved.

Reasons for decision:

Recommendations (i), (ii) and (iii) are made to enable the implementation of the parking layout for the High Street, which is essential to enable the public realm improvements to take place.

The Proposed parking plan results from consultations with key stakeholders. Traffic Regulation orders are required to implement the plan and Local Committee approval is required to advertise the TROs.

**55/18 SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS - ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 10]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Edward Cowley, SCC

**Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:** None

The Officer outlined the contents of the report. Members were very supportive of the School travel plans, but noted the following:-  
The need to address the parking / school planning policy as one size fits all does not work. Councillors wanted a pick up / drop off facility at Deepcut school and the developer was prepared to pay for this, but the policy would not support it.

Modern life means that parents need to drop off children on the way to work and this needs to be addressed.

Idling engines created air quality hot spots around school pick up areas, especially fumes from busses and this needed to be addressed for the children and local residents.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted:

- (i) The county council's Safer Travel Team will continue to encourage and support all Surrey's expansion schools to complete and maintain their School Travel Plan using the online Modeshift STARS system.
  
- (ii) From 2018/19, the Safer Travel Team will also encourage all Surrey's schools to create a School Travel Plan using the online Modeshift STARS accreditation system. This will involve promotion and the offer of training and support to all schools
  
- (iii) Members are invited to assist by encouraging schools to sign up to Modeshift STARS, and to take up the activities offered by the Safer Travel and Cycle Training Teams to improve road safety and encourage sustainable travel.

**56/18 DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 11]**

The decision tracker was noted.

**57/18 FORWARD PROGRAMME (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 12]**

The forward programme was noted.

Meeting ended at: 9.40 pm

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**Chairman**

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**Surrey Heath Local Area Committee**  
**6 December 2018**  
**Open Public Question Time**

**Question 1: Andrew Paine and Lee Townland, Bagshot residents**

The layby on the A322 at Bagshot is used overnight by Lorries who create Pee, Poo and Pollution and are a nuisance for local residents as well as often obstructing the road. Can the layby be closed on the residential side (it could be extended on the other side if required.)

*The questioners invited the Committee to visit and listen to the noise nuisance.*

**Response from Tim Pashen, Deputy Chief Executive, Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC):**

*As the issue of noise pollution is an environmental health issue, this question was answered by SHBC. Tim Pashen is an Environmental Health Practitioner and has been at SHBC since 1996.*

I have dealt with this issue since joining the Borough and it is a long standing problem. The HGVs park close to residential properties and leave their refrigeration units running with low frequency and long wavelength noise. The Borough have installed fences, but as the sound is predominantly low frequency it is unlikely to be screened by fencing. The Council has spent many thousands of pounds dealing with litter clearance and rodent issues and this is a very real problem for residents.

ACTION SHBC - SHBC will be putting a sound meter into one property and would be happy to call in a consultant to look at the screening of the noise, but residents really need a long term solution of either closing or moving the layby.

**Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council**

This issue has been raised on a number of occasions and the County Council have looked at a number of options, including introducing parking restrictions on the layby. Moving of the layby would be a major undertaking and cost and the County Council would need to provide an alternative facility within a reasonable distance.

ACTION HIGHWAYS - We need to look at where the lorries come from and we could do a study with the Road Haulage Association. We will keep in contact with our Borough Colleagues and will see what can be done.

**Additional Question:**

Could the M3 works parking area at New Road be utilised as an alternative? Several laybys at Coral Reef have been closed so why can't this one close? Bagshot is not an HGV parking spot for vehicles travelling on the M3/M4 and there are Fleet services nearby.

**Answer from Cllr Mike Goodman, Cabinet Member, SCC:**

New Road is farm land and will return to the farmer once Highways England vacate it. The Police are adamant that they won't consider closure without somewhere for the HGVs to go.

**Answer from the Chair:**

ACTION HIGHWAYS - The Committee think it is worth having a look at the costs of a feasibility study and we can have further discussions with the Police. Members also supportive of putting some of their allocations towards these investigations.

**Question 2: Cliff Hilton, Frimley Green resident**

This is the third birthday of the Frimley Green traffic light petition to stop the installation of 4 way lights. Would the Local Committee support a meeting of local residents as new traffic data surveys show that mini roundabouts would be better.

**Response from Paul Deach, Frimley Green and Mytchett Councillor:**

There will be a public meeting and Colin Kemp, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport has already agreed this – but we want to work on a solution and a change of modelling before this. I agree with the residents, but want a way forward before we then have a public discussion. This will also need an amendment to the planning consent.

**Question 3: Anna Langley-Jones, Bagshot resident**

I am worried about the closure of the children's centre in Bagshot. Do Councillors support the Children's Centre and want it to remain open? What is more important than children and their future?

**Answer from Cllr Paul Deach, SCC:**

Children's centres are very important and want them to remain open – however the County Council is running out of money and we need to look at what we can do rather than what we can't. Can we offer community transport instead?

**Answer from Cllr Mike Goodman, SCC:**

There are 35 children's centres across Surrey – we want to deliver in a different way and look at services rather than buildings.

**Question 4: Wendy Murphy, Bell Place, Bagshot**

My house overlooks 4 lanes of traffic on the Bagshot road and suffers from noise and fumes. Can a fence be put up along this part of the road as there is one further up? This will also protect children playing on the green space.

**Answer from Tim Passion, SHBC:**

We could measure the noise along that stretch.

**Answer from Cllr Mike Goodman, SCC:**

ACTION CLLR GOODMAN - Will look at this with the Highways Team and see what we can afford to do. I will contact you by email over this matter.

**Question 5: Ruth Hutchinson, Bagshot Councillor**

On the service road lights opposite Waitrose, the filter light confuses the traffic from Camberley - can this be better screened? Also the phasing of the lights at the Jolly Farmer are out a bit and need looking at.

**Answer from Andrew Milne:**

ACTION HIGHWAYS - I agree the timing of the lights is off and will raise this, and the filter lights with the signals team.

**Question 6: Cllr Bill Chapman**

ACTION HIGHWAYS - There is a similar timing issue with the lights at the junction of the A30 and Knoll Road, Camberley which will be looked into. Similarly a member of the public stated that the lights at the Windmill also needed checking.

**Question 7: Cyril Pavey, local resident**

The annex to the minutes of the last meeting (the public questions) are not attached in tonight's papers.

**Answer from the Clerk:**

ACTION CLERK - The annex is available on our website. Apologies that it is not included in the agenda pack and we will ensure that it is included in future.

**Public Open Questions ended at 7.45 and the Official meeting started.**

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