

Minutes of the meeting of the
Waverley LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 10.00 am on 9 March 2018
at Hale Institute Village Hall, Wings Road, Farnham GU9 0HW.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Victoria Young (Chairman)
- * Mr Richard Hampson (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr David Harmer
- * Mr Andy MacLeod
- * Mr Peter Martin
- * Dr Andrew Povey
- Mr Wyatt Ramsdale
- * Mrs Penny Rivers
- * Mr Stephen Spence

Waverley Borough Council Members:

- * Cllr Carole Cockburn
- * Cllr James Edwards
- * Cllr Pat Frost
- * Cllr Jerry Hyman
- * Cllr Denise LeGal
- * Cllr Denis Leigh
- * Cllr David Round
- * Cllr Richard Seaborne
- * Cllr Liz Townsend

* In attendance

OPEN FORUM

Members of the public asked questions of the committee relating to Surrey County Council functions. Attached at Annex A are the questions and answers summarised.

1/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies for absence had been received from the Chairman County Councillor Victoria Young, and County Councillors David Harmer and Wyatt Ramsdale.

2/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

3/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

County Councillor Stephen Spence declared a personal interest in Item 9 of the agenda, as he was a member of the Ramblers Association.

4/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 4]

There were no Chairman's Announcements made at the meeting.

5/18 PETITIONS [Item 5]

There were no petitions received for submission at this meeting.

6/18 PETITION RESPONSES: ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOLS IN WITLEY [Item 6]

Members considered a report responding to two petitions submitted to the Waverley Local Committee on 8 December 2017 requesting improvements to road safety in the surrounding areas of Witley Infant School, Barrow Hills and Chandler Junior Schools.

The Witley Parish Council clerk, alongside the local members County Councillor Peter Martin and Borough Councillor Denis Leigh, thanked the officers for the report and supported the proposals. Councillor Martin asked that if the highways schemes were progressed that a detailed consultation with residents be carried out beforehand.

The Waverley Local Committee agreed that the:

- (i) Measures set out in Tables 1 & 2 of the committee report be carried out, with the dropped kerb improvements carried out when funding is identified.
- (ii) Measures set out in paragraphs 3.3 & 3.6 of this report would be added to the list of possible future highway improvements in Waverley for prioritisation and consideration for future local committee funding.
- (iii) Safer Travel Team would work with the schools to take up more of the road safety education and training activities offered by the county council.

Reasons for decisions:

These proposed highway measures will help improve the road environment to encourage more walking, cycling and scooting to school. The proposals would therefore also help reduce congestion and driver frustration in the immediate area of

these schools. The measures suggested would need to be prioritised alongside suggestions for other highway schemes across Waverley. The recommended school travel plan and road safety education improvements would also help to improve road safety and reduce reliance on the car for the school journey.

7/18 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 7]

There were no members questions submitted for this committee.

8/18 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 8]

Four public questions were submitted to this committee. The questions, answers and supplementary questions are attached at Annex B.

9/18 RIGHT OF WAY: ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN NEW ROAD AND CLOCK BARN LANE, BUSBRIDGE [Item 9]

Members considered an application to recognise a public footpath between New Road and Clock Barn Lane in Busbridge.

Declarations of Interest: County Councillor Stephen Spence declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Ramblers Association.

Officers in attendance: Debbie Prismall, Senior Countryside Access Officer

Mr Richard Flavell, who was objecting to the officer recommendation made the following points:

- At previous meetings the officer had stated that there was not sufficient evidence to meet the statutory obligations to make the order
- That there had been a barbed wire fence across the entrance to stop people using the pathway at a point in the last 20 years
- Previous cases had evidenced that public footpaths could not end at a cul-de-sac.
- That user evidence had not been reported correctly and that as the landowners they should not have to foot the bill for repairs.

The Countryside Access Officer introduced the report stating that recent legal advice was that public footpaths could end in cul-de-sacs, that none of the users remember a barbed wire fence across the footpath especially one that infringed their ability to use the footpath, and that the legal advice on which to consider the application was attached at Annex B of the report.

Member discussion: Key points:

1. It was a difficult application as there was diverging opinion on the evidence, and members could understand the viewpoints of both the applicant and the landowners. But overall the members were in support of the officer recommendation especially as there was a 6 week consultation period where objections could be received and assessed.

The Members voted on the officer recommendation, the result of which was 12 for the recommendation, 2 against and 1 abstention.

The Local Committee (Waverley) agreed that:

- (i) Public Footpath rights be recognised over the route shown B – C – D - E on drawing no. 3/1/3/H13a and that a Map Modification Order be made under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement. The route would be known as Public Footpath No. 602, Busbridge.
- (ii) If objections are maintained to such an order, it would be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation.

- (iii) Public Footpath rights are not recognised over the route shown A – B on drawing no. 3/1/3/H13a and as such no Map Modification Order be made.

Reasons for decision:

The evidence submitted in support of the application was considered insufficient to prove that public rights are established over A – B but sufficient to establish that public footpath rights are reasonably alleged to subsist over B – C – D - E, having been acquired under both statutory presumed dedication (under s.31(6) of the Highways Act 1980) and common law. It was considered that the landowners have not taken sufficient actions to demonstrate their lack of intention to dedicate the section B – C – D – E during the relevant period. Therefore, a Map Modification Order to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by the addition of a public footpath as described above should be made under s. 53 of the WCA 1981.

10/18 CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS: UPDATE [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest: None

Cabinet Member in attendance: Surrey County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Colin Kemp

Report Author introduction:

1. This was a follow up meeting, having attended the September committee, to update the members on the overall highways programme for the Waverley area, and discuss the process for identifying the schemes for the 2018/19 and future programmes, to start discussions on individual roads. The Cabinet Member mentioned that in future reports there would have more detail on when roads were deferred, and for the future schemes annex would include the current priority rating for information.
2. It was understood that there was not enough funding to do everything that members and residents wanted to do, but that the increased local committee funding, and the additional £5million to help address the impacts of the cold weather was helpful.
3. In addition, local county councillors were being given £7,500 to spend on local highways items to empower them to support local residents. The criteria for this was currently being finalised and would be with members as soon as possible, with a menu of prices for different types of highways items.

Parish Council representatives had been invited to raise questions with the Cabinet Member on this item, the following were the key points:

1. Witley Parish Council representative asked what the timescales were for engaging on the scheme lists. The Cabinet Member stated that comments on the 2018/19 list were needed ASAP, comments on the

2019/2020 lists by June, and that the £5million to address cold weather would be an evolving list.

2. Haslemere Town Council Chairman asked who was responsible for potholes arising where utility companies had been working. The Cabinet Member responded stating that utility companies were required to repair the road, but SCC paid for any consequential damage.
3. Dunsfold Parish Council Chairman asked what the process was for engaging with the Cabinet Member on key roads in the parish and getting them onto the programme. The Cabinet Member responded stating that the link was through the county councillor for the area. Any correspondence to him needed to also be copied to the local county councillor.
4. Elstead Parish Council Chairman asked whether the £7,500 county councillor funding could be used for footpaths and bridleways improvements. The Cabinet Member responded stating that the criteria was soon to be finalised, and he would publicise this at that point.

Member discussion: Key points:

1. Members were in support of the delegated funding to local committees and the county councillors, but requested that the menu of options be properly costed, as previously the costs had not translated into practice when requested. The Cabinet Member agreed with this, but stated that members needed to be aware of their environment, the same scheme on a larger road would cost more than a smaller road as there might be additional costs involved.
2. Members commended the Cabinet Member on the communication that took place on works during the cold weather, the information was much better than previous years and showed leadership and an understanding of what residents needed. The Cabinet Member thanked members and stated that yes the work that took place happened in the same way as previous years but the communication was the big difference this year.
3. Members discussed the current Government bidding round for funding for infrastructure, and the Wrecclesham Relief Road, and who was responsible for coordinating the work. The Cabinet Member stated that the Government was asking for proposals for up to £100million to improve the economy, and that a number of schemes were being considered for submission from Surrey County Council, the Wrecclesham Relief Road being one. The decision would be made by the Leader, Deputy Leader and the Cabinet Member for Highways.
4. Members asked for clarity about the different pots of funding that was available to local committees and councillors.

The Waverley Local Committee agreed to note the report, following the comments made for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Highways.

11/18 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 11]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers in attendance: John Hilder, South West Area Highways Manager and Adrian Selby, Maintenance Engineer for South West Surrey.

Member discussion: Key points:

1. There was some confusion as to which of the funds needed to be spent within 2017/18 and which could be rolled over into 2018/19. It was agreed that there would be communication making it more transparent coming to members.
2. There was also confusion about how the s106 monies was identified within the report, the Area Highways Manager stated that he was finding out the latest figures currently.
3. There was a discussion about the highways schemes that would be required to alleviate the traffic within Farnham. It was noted that the sums needed to address this outweighed the funding for the local committee. The Area Highways Manager agreed but mentioned two schemes that Surrey County Council was considering submitting for the current round of Government funding, if selected these could fundamentally change traffic patterns in Farnham, but unlikely to be started before 2025.

The Local Committee (Waverley) agreed:

- (i) To note the capital works being progressed during 2017/18
- (ii) To note the ongoing revenue works being carried out.
- (iii) To delegate to the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, the ability to resolve any problems encountered to facilitate scheme delivery throughout the year.
- (iv) The highways budget for 2018/19 be utilised as set out in the committee report.

Reasons for decision:

This enables the area highways team to progress highways works within the 2018/19 financial year.

12/18 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 12]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers in attendance: Michelle Collins, Partnerships Lead (West Surrey)

The Waverley Local Committee agreed to remove the following items off the decision tracker, as they had been completed:

- Petition relating to the Fox Pub, following the response at the last committee
- That the report on the proposed rights of way considered earlier was brought to this committee

- That a report on the road safety outside schools has come to this committee
- That a report on the highways schemes for 2017/18 has come to this committee.

13/18 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2017-18 [Item 13]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers in attendance: Michelle Collins, Partnership Lead (West Surrey)

The Waverley Local Committee agreed the forward programme, with a report to a future meeting relating to general infrastructure across the borough being added to the forward programme.

14/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

The next meeting of the Waverley Local Committee is due to take place on 29 June 2018, at Waverley Borough Council, Godalming.

Meeting ended at: 12.10pm

Chairman

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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)
9 March 2018



OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. **Mrs McKern, The Bourne** asked a question relating to the whether Surrey County Council had a Plan B should retail outlets not be the answer to drawing residents into Farnham.

The Cabinet Member for Highways stated that this was an evolving picture, and Surrey County Council would feed into Waverley Borough Council and the developer Crest Nicholson as appropriate. That queries like this should be fed into the developer Crest Nicholson.

2. **Mr Hesse**, stated that there is was an increasing elderly population within Waverley, and there was a decreasing number of places available for residents especially with the closure of Cobgates. What is Surrey County Council doing to combat this?

The Chairman advised Mr Hesse that he would refer the question to the Cabinet Member for Adults for a response within the month. It was also mentioned that the Leader of the Council has asked that residents and members support the Council's lobbying of local MPs to improve the funding for this arena.

**** Following the meeting, the Cabinet Member for Adults provided this response:** We are undertaking in partnership with the property team of assessing the growing need for residential accommodation (particularly nursing care), extra care and respite services through-out the county. The Cobgates site is included in this assessment, but at this stage in cannot advise the future of this site. I hope that this answers your question

3. **Cllr Hyman asked** whether there had been a modelling of the proposed redesign of East Street, and if so could this modelling be made public.

The Area Highways Manager stated that this has been modelled, and was satisfied that it would work. He would try to get this information to residents by 22 March 2018.

4. **Cllr Beaman asked** when the sign outside the sweet shop on Downing Street would be fixed as it was causing a safety hazard.

The Cabinet Member for Highways advised Cllr Beaman that it was due to be fixed the following week.

5. **Cllr Steven Haines asked** why there was nothing on the proposed works to mitigate against the new Dunsfold applications, and whether parish councils could be part of this conversation.

The Cabinet Member for Highways advised that he was having conversations with Waverley Borough Council on applications to be considered by the Borough

Council, and that parish councils would be consulted as part of the planning process.

6. Cllr Murphy asked why there was nothing on Project Horizon for Elstead area.

The Cabinet Member for Highways advised that he liaise with his county councillor to feed in as part of the local conversations. **The Area Highways Manager suggested** that Elstead Parish Council consider what they could complete with some lengthsman funding, should the committee approve this later in the agenda.

7. A Farnham Town Councillor asked whether there was a proposal to resurface the Hindhead Road to Tilford as it was in an appalling state.

The Area Highways Manager advised that he was aware of this road, but the committee needed to consider roads in priority order which shifted as road conditions changed. He would look at whether it was included for future years.

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9 March 2018**



ITEM 8 - WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Mrs Milne has asked the following question:

My husband and I run a business that overlooks the one-way system. On a near daily basis, my colleagues and I witness cars, vans, and sometimes lorries coming around the one way system the wrong way, often at speed. We witness drivers making what could be a fatal error often daily, but at a minimum bi-weekly, and sometimes, twice in the same day. Could you please advise what action can be taken before there is a serious accident that could easily result in a fatality, or life changing injuries? (Please see attached letter at Annex A)

The Area Highways Manager (South West), provided the following answer:

An analysis of the collision data for this location shows that there are no recorded injury accidents on file involving vehicles travelling in the wrong direction along Dogflud Way, which does not indicate a particular safety problem currently exists in terms of a history of poor road safety. Although officers recognise the potential for such an incident.

Surrey County Council Highway Engineers and Surrey Police Road Safety Officers have visited the site to assess the situation regarding vehicles travelling the wrong direction along Dogflud Way. The existing signs have been checked and are correct as per the current guidance contained within the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The officers also visited the cycle Shop 'Hoops Velo' which is situated at the corner of Woolmead and East Street opposite Dogflud Way. Staff in the shop indicated that they had witnessed on occasion vehicles travelling towards Dogflud Way and felt that motorists may be inadvertently turning right on to East Street and travelling towards Dogflud Way when exiting St Cross Road. They could not confirm the regularity of the occurrences. Signage is present in St Cross Road and East Street to advise drivers to turn left as they approach the junction with East Street, however, the officers did identify an additional sign and road marking that may help to further highlight the one way system. Installation of these items is likely to be in the April/May.

A potential long term solution could come from the proposed junction alterations for Woolmead, East Street and Dogflud Way which form part of the planning conditions for highway mitigation measures relating to the East Street Brightwells and Woolmead developments, which will significantly change the layout of the junction and the direction of travel around the one way system. Officers can take into account the existing problems when approving the new proposed general arrangements.

2. Mrs Hacker, submitted the following question:

“Langham Close has a long history of disrepair. It was included in Project Horizon with Catteshall Lane. Given the state of the road and due to the surface it was then considered to be a stand-alone project and was due to be re-surfaced in May - November 2017. This did not happen and now it seems that our road has been removed from the list altogether, despite its continual deterioration and hazardous surface. Our question to this committee is, “why and is this acceptable?”

It was agreed that the Cabinet Member for Highways would provide a written response following the meeting.

3. Mr Fawkner-Corbett on behalf of residents of Common Road, submitted the following question:

In order to stop heavy vehicles from using Common Road, when approaching from the Guildford Road direction, we would like the entrance to the road to be physically narrowed by width restriction bollards. We are therefore requesting the support of the Local Committee to move this forward, and to ensure that it is included in the Surrey Highways programme of works. (Please see attached letter at Annex B)

The Area Highway Manager (South West), provided the following answer:

The entrance to Common Road at the junction with the B2128 Guildford Road is currently a narrow, single lane, one way system that measures approximately three meters in width. Surrey County Council would not propose to further narrow the carriageway and introduce a width restriction at this location as this may adversely affect access for emergency services potentially increasing response times and access for refuse collections and deliveries within the road.

If residents are reporting high numbers of heavy good vehicles using the road as a short cut to Amlets Lane a 7.5t weight restriction could be considered which would prevent Common Road being used except for access purposes. The Waverley Local Committee would need to consider, prioritise and fund the request as part of the proposed 2018/19 highway works programme. The estimated cost to assess and introduce a formal weight restriction on Common Road is likely to be approximately, £15,000 which is based on other similar schemes carried out in the past.

Mr Fawkner-Corbett asked the following supplementary question at the meeting:

With the proposed increasing population in the Cranleigh area, there was a need for urgent effective mitigating action on the highways network.

Local Members County Councillor Dr Povey and Borough Councillor Liz Townsend provided the following response: They supported the comments made by Mr Fawkner-Corbett, and it was noted that Cllr Townsend would be working with rangers to introduce bollards to reduce erosion of the common.

4. Cllr David Beaman, Farnham Town Councillor, has asked the following question:

To what extent is Waverley Borough Council involved in the current evaluation by Surrey County Council of identifying those roads which will be put forward for inclusion in the proposed Major Road Network and thus qualify for consideration for investment since this appears to be the best opportunity to help secure funds for construction of a Wrecclesham Bypass?

The Cabinet Member for Highways, provided the following response:

Waverley Borough Council was a consultee to the proposed Major Roads Network, the same as Surrey County Council. The Wrecclesham Bypass was one of the schemes currently under consideration for submission.

Issue Regarding Road Safety on Dogflud Way

Annex A

I would like to draw attention to an important safety issue on the one-way system around Dogflud Way in Farnham, which causes me considerable concern.

My husband and I run a business that overlooks the one-way system. On a near daily basis, my colleagues and I witness cars, vans, and sometimes lorries coming around the one way system the wrong way, often at speed. We witness drivers making what could be a fatal error often daily, but at a minimum bi-weekly, and sometimes, twice in the same day.

I have reported this issue to Surrey County Council's Highways on several occasions, and they subsequently inspected the signs. They reported that the signage is sufficient, and that the matter should rest with the Police. I have spoken to the Police, who would be happy to prosecute. Prosecution after the fact does, however, defeat the object of prevention.

I suspect the County Council's hands are tied given squeezed budgets and the fact the inspectors consider the signs to be appropriate (notwithstanding that we've seen a council van make the same error...). SCC's most recent reference is ME-157650 - DOGFLUD WAY, FARNHAM, and their most recent response is attached.

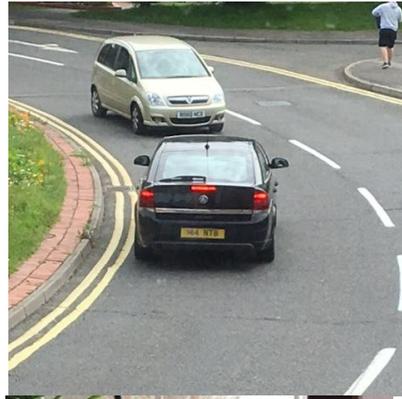
I fundamentally cannot accept that the signage is adequate, given the regularity of this occurrence. I have collected several photos, but not of every incident, as often we're only alerted by beeping, at which point the car pulls over, or turns into the sports centre car park as a refuge. We don't know if the cars come from behind Woolmead and cross the hatching, or come from the road next to the old Jaguar garage, and mistakenly turn right, or both. Sample photos are attached to this email letter.

I have pointed out to the Highways Department that there is a children's skate park and gym on this road, and children in particular don't always look both ways on a one way road, as they are not expecting cars to come in the opposite direction. Even as an adult, it's so easy to concentrate on the flow on oncoming traffic, that it's easy not to look the other way.

This is an accident waiting to happen, and a real threat to the safety of Farnham residents. It is frankly astonishing that I haven't yet witnessed an accident.

Could you please advise what action can be taken before there is a serious accident that could easily result in a fatality, or life changing injuries?

Thank you in advance for taking this issue as seriously as is required.



Width restriction bollards on Common Lane, Cranleigh

Annex B

As the representative of the residents of Common Road, Cranleigh, I would like to re-emphasise our concerns about the state of Common Road and the verges on the residents' side of the road. Over the last few years there has been increasing use of the road by heavy vehicles, some of which will be using the road to bypass Cranleigh via Amlets Lane. More recently with a new estate being developed on Amlets Lane itself, Common Road has become a useful access point for contractors' vehicles. As a narrow residential road, it is unlikely that it was ever intended to carry such heavy traffic. Compounding the significant problems created by these heavy vehicles, has been the increased use of the road for parking, frequently by the occupants of such

vehicles parking in order to shop or work in the village. In addition, with the increased use of the road by commercial vans for parking, the carriageway becomes significantly narrowed, with the result that passing heavy vehicles frequently ride up on the grass verge. Such vehicles will have often have picked up speed once they reach the straight section of the road, making the damage to the verges and the already deteriorating road surface, that much worse.

The residents have been involved with SCC for over two years in an effort to highlight the problems being created by the volume of traffic using Common Road from the Guildford Road direction, and in particular by heavy vehicles. Our suggestions for speed limitation measures (20 mph speed limit, sleeping policemen, and the creation of a chicane) have all been turned down, mainly for financial reasons. The only road improvement has been for kerbing to be put in place on the Common side of the road, but this has only made all the problems with the residents' verges that much worse. The original understanding with SCC had been for the kerbing to be inserted on both sides of the road, but unfortunately this was unable to be funded. There is an increasing need for potholes to be repaired as the heavy traffic persists and the road surface continues to deteriorate.

By preventing heavy traffic from using Common Road, the rate of deterioration of the carriageway and verges would be slowed.

We very much hope that in its parking review SCC will have taken on the residents' requests for a chicane to be created by a 2-3 vehicle length of permitted parking on the residents' side of the road, adjacent to Tilehurst, and also the obvious need for double yellow lines opposite the residents' drives.

The road is too narrow to allow parking opposite these drives. All these measures would have obvious safety benefits.

With no pavement, and especially in winter, we very much hope SCC recognise the risk to pedestrians using the road

Our resulting request to the Local Committee is as follows: In order to stop heavy vehicles from using Common Road, when approaching from the Guildford Road direction, we would like the entrance to the road to be physically narrowed by width restriction bollards. We are therefore requesting the support of the Local Committee to move this forward, and to ensure that it is included in the Surrey Highways programme of works.





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Horizon 2
Waverley
2018-2019 Provisional

Legend

- Road Schemes
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- Safety Barrier Schemes
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