

Minutes of the meeting of the
Waverley LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 10.30 am on 19 June 2020
at REMOTE.

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

Surrey County Council Members:

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

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Christine Baker
- Cllr Peter Clark
- * Cllr Carole Cockburn
- * Cllr Steve Cosser
- * Cllr John Gray
- * Cllr Jerry Hyman
- * Cllr Mark Merryweather
- * Cllr Trevor Sadler
- Cllr George Wilson

* In attendance

17/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Clarke and George Wilson.

18/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

Minutes of the Waverley Local Committee on 13th March 2020 were agreed and approved as an accurate record.

It was noted that flooding issues in Station Lane Milford as discussed at a previous meeting would be discussed at the end of the meeting in the Forward Programme item.

19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were two declarations of interest as follows:

Mr Stephen Spence – as a member of the Ramblers Association.
Dr Andrew Povey – as a Trustee of the Surrey Hills Society.

20/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 4]

The Chairman had explained that in line with Government guidance on social distancing restrictions, this meeting could not be held in public, but could be held as a remote meeting online, with members of the public able to view.

There were no other Chairman's announcements.

21/20 PETITIONS & PETITION RESPONSES [Item 5]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Frank Apicella, Area Highway Manager (South West).

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: One petition.

A petition was received from Kate Hayes which contained 48 signatures and read:

“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to make the roads in Waverley safe and keep them properly maintained. Repair properly and maintain the roads of Waverley so that potholes and uneven road surfaces do not cause safety issues and damage to property.”

The petitioner was not present at the meeting.

Member discussion – key points:

The key points of the Highways Manager's report was read out for all to note. Councillors raised that highways defects were being dealt with promptly and encouraged the public to report any potholes using the online system on Surrey County Council's website. It was also noted that some roads were in need to repair and were on a schedule list – although the budget for this was limited and these were dealt with on a priority basis.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE to:

- Note the officer response.

22/20 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were no Written Public Questions.

23/20 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 7]

There were no Written Member Questions.

24/20 RIGHT OF WAY: MAP MODIFICATION ORDER, THURSLEY (OTHER COUNTY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS) [Item 8]

Cllrs Carole Cockburn and Jerry Hyman joined the meeting.

Declarations of Interest: There were two declarations of interest made at Item 3:

Mr Stephen Spence – as a member of the Ramblers Association.
Dr Andrew Povey – as a Trustee of the Surrey Hills Society.

Officer in attendance: Daniel Williams, SCC Countryside Access Officer.

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None.

The Chairman reminded those present that there can be no public questions or petitions on the rights of way matters under discussion and that no new evidence can be presented at this stage.

No one registered to speak in advance of the meeting.

The Countryside Access Officer presented the report, outlining the legal processes and regulations involved and answered Member questions.

Member discussion – key points:

- An excellent piece of research for which the officer was thanked. There were a series of matters of probability and judgement – all thoroughly documented and local councillors supported the report.
- The applicant made the application to ensure that Highway rights laid out in the past were not lost. On the ground, this would not appear to make much difference, but would set the legal rights of this right of way.

The Chairman asked each Member to state if they were voting For or Against, or were Abstaining from the vote. All Members present (16) voted 'For'.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

(i) The width of 30' is added to the Definitive Statements for Public Bridleways 99 (part of), 99a and 101 (part of) over the extents shown A-F on drawings 3/1/14/H54 and 55 in the Parish of Thursley and that this application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Statements as outlined is approved.

(ii) A MMO should be made and advertised to implement these changes. If objections are maintained to such an order, it will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

25/20 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT TRIALS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 9]

During Item 9, Mrs Penny Rivers left the meeting at 11.29am, as agreed with the Chairman beforehand.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Cherrie Mendoza, SCC Transport Strategy Project Manager.

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None.

The officer introduced the item and outlined the purpose of the pilot to test the demand and usage of electric charging points and to test the County Council's current and future responsibilities and impacts (including air quality). The full trial across the County over two years will involve 80 charging points – 20 in Waverley, funded by the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership, with match funding from the relevant Borough Council in the four trial Boroughs. Phase One of the pilot will end in November 2021.

Member discussion – key points:

- The pilot was welcomed, although Councillors raised whether this went far enough in scope to give the public confidence to invest in electric vehicles. It was noted that delivery of the charge points would take place this calendar year with further points next year. Charging would be from home for the majority of users, with these sites to be used as a back-up.
- Councillors queried the numbers of sites in paragraph 7 of the report. There are 11 priority locations. Paragraph 7.4 incorrectly says 9 sites but this should read 11 sites (typo). Each of the 5 sites eventually selected will contain twin charging points - each charge point would service 2 (existing) parking bays.
- Concerns were raised over Brighton Road and Croft Road in Godalming being quite close to each other and the impact on loss of parking. It was clarified that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would only be between the hours of 8am to 6pm.
- Concerns were also raised on the use of the bays – times of use, length of use and enforcement of other road users in the bays – it was clarified that the pilot purpose was also to look at these issues and the impacts of the bays and resident reactions. Charging times on average were 2 to 4 hrs using the flash chargers (see Annex C).
- Councillors agreed in principal with the pilot as a move towards change, but acknowledged that this could cause some discomfort. It was noted that the TRO would go out for public consultation, so residents affected would have an opportunity to raise concerns.
- Councillors felt that sites could be more in town centres and places where people would visit, for example train stations. The Officer clarified that the pilot only encompassed areas on current Highways land and costs were also a consideration as some sites would not be within the budget.
- Councillors were keen to be involved in site selection for phase 2 and would forward comments and ideas to the Officer.
- Councillors raised whether undertaking a TRO on 11 sites (when they only plan to choose 5 for phase 1) was the best way forward.
- An amendment to the recommendations was requested, to reflect that residents will be consulted. The 5 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging point locations will be brought to the next Local Committee meeting for information.

Mr Andy MacLeod proposed an amendment to Recommendation (i), which was seconded by Cllr John Gray.

(i) was agreed by all Councillors, with one abstention.

(ii) was agreed by all Councillors.

(iii) was agreed by all Councillors, with one abstention – Cllr Jerry Hyman.

(iv) was agreed by all Councillors, with one abstention – Cllr Jerry Hyman.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE:

(i) To note the overview of the plans and **PROPOSED** locations of bays **TO BE CONSULTED ON** to undertake the Electric Vehicle Charging Point trials funded by the Enterprise M3 (EM3) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and led by Surrey County Council (SCC) in Waverley.

(ii) That the project sponsor, in consultation with the parking strategy and implementation team manager, the Chairman/Vice Chairman of this committee and the appropriate county councillor can modify the layout and location of the bays prior to a traffic regulation order (TRO) being advertised.

(iii) To authorise advertisement of all necessary TROs across the selected sites in the Borough of Waverley, as and when required, in order to allow the bays to be introduced and agree that if no objections are maintained, the orders are made.

(iv) That if there are unresolved objections, they will be dealt with in accordance with the county council's scheme of delegation by the parking strategy and implementation team manager, in consultation with the Chairman/Vice Chairman of this Committee and the appropriate county councillor, with the addition also of the project sponsor.

26/20 REPRESENTATION ON PARTNERSHIPS AND BOARDS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: None.

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

(i) One County Council Member be appointed to the Safer Waverley Partnership, as detailed in the report, section 2.2.

(ii) The County Council Member be allowed to bring update reports from the Safer Waverley Partnership, when relevant.

(iii) Members note the terms of reference in Annex A.

All Councillors agreed with one abstention - Cllr Jerry Hyman.

27/20 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 11]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer in attendance: Yvette Ortel, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None.

Member discussion – key points:

- Some of the items have been delayed due to Covid 19.
- New items were requested to be added.
- Mr David Harmer reported that the results from the speed survey on the A287 in Beacon Hill failed to meet the criteria for a speed limit reduction. Therefore, this Decision Tracker item should be 'closed'.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

- Decision Tracker items regarding improvements to Amlets Lane, roads in the vicinity of Potters Gate School and traffic calming measures in Portsmouth Road, shall remain 'open'.
- The Beacon Hill speed limit item should be 'closed'.
- The Petition brought to the Local Committee by Paul Osborne on 22 March 2019 and discussed at subsequent meetings, should be added to the Decision Tracker to monitor HGVs on rural roads between Cranleigh and the A3, including Markwick Lane.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Point locations to be added to the Decision Tracker.

28/20 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2020-21 [Item 12]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer in attendance: Yvette Ortel, Partnership Committee Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None.

Member discussion – key points:

Members requested that the following be added to the Forward Plan:

- SCC Cabinet Member for Transport Matt Furniss and SCC Deputy Leader Colin Kemp are to be invited to discuss traffic in the South East area of Waverley, in particular HGVs on rural roads.
- Highways and Transport (Active Travel) – central government funds have been allocated regarding the Covid 19 situation and social distancing (i.e. widening pavements) and a wider discussion on this is required, regarding both town centres and rural communities and to include safer routes to school, climate change strategy and promoting

active travel. Discussions to include planning officers from Waverley where possible.

- Station Lane, Milford flooding issues and the removal of silt in the bridge arches – some work has been done but it needs more, so a status update is required.

29/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 13]

To be held on Friday 13th November 2020 at 10am in the Waverley Borough Council Chamber, The Burys, Godalming GU7 1HR.

(10am – 10.30am: Open Public Questions Forum)

Meeting ended at: 12.48 pm

Chairman

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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 19 June 2020

Minutes Annex A: INFORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Webcast: https://surreycc.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/492063

Questions were received from:

Question 1 - Paul Osborne

“One year, three months ago Local Committee considered the Rural Western Corridor between Milford crossroad and Cranleigh, six miles of roads unsuitable for HGVs. One year ago Cllr Matt Furniss promised some action on this and a destination survey, in particular regarding HGVs, to determine if the route is used by local traffic or construction traffic etc. It has been a year and I have not seen anything so I wondered if the Committee could expedite this as it would appear to me that traffic is increasing (despite current lockdown). Cllr Colin Kemp, portfolio holder for Infrastructure, looked at a relief road which he dismissed as unviable. He also said, and I quote Mr Kemp: “It has become clear to me that with all the planned developments around this area we need to look at the road network and identify pinch points through the route and see if there are any local improvement schemes that would ease congestion and then see if we can identify funding for these.”

I would like to follow up on this please.”

Frank Apicella, Area Highway Manager (SW)

“The petition came to the to March 2019 and Cabinet Member addressed Committee in June 2019. By March 2019 the Committee had already allocated its limited allocation. Any funding would have had to come from 2020/21 and with the pandemic, many projects have had to be on hold. If divisional members want to allocate funds towards a survey from the 2020/21 funds, then we could look at this.”

Paul Osbourne was disappointed that the promise of a survey had not gone ahead but he has already obtained the data himself, which he has previously shared with councillors. Mr Osborne felt that a more holistic approach to looking at the area might be more helpful, including CCTV at development sites, a width-restriction scheme on Markwick Lane which he said has support from Surrey Police, or identification of number plates at entry and exit. He stated that if money was an issue, local residents may be willing to contribute.

Mr Andrew Povey noted that the Local Committee had a limited budget, but this was a bigger issue for the area and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Cllr Kemp

needed to look at the whole issue and that we should invite them to a formal committee to address this issue. The Chairman supported this approach.

Cllr Christine Baker, representing Milford where the route starts and is familiar with the route, supported the monitoring of traffic and looking at this issue.

Mr Wyatt Ramsdale felt that bringing it back to the main Committee might not be useful and was concerned that nothing had happened over the past nine months. Mr Ramsdale urged the Chairman to follow this up on a smaller basis involving local Councillors only. The Chairman agreed to look at this and work out a way forward.

Question 2 – Chris Britton (Alfold Parish Councillor):

“I live in Alford close to Cranleigh and my question is similar to Mr Osborne’s and relates to the growth in traffic volumes, particularly HGVs using unsuitable narrow rural lanes, which creates safety issues. I am also an Alford Parish Councillor. I want to express the huge and growing local concern. About 50% of housing developments in Waverley are taking place in this eastern area. My question is: How can the County plan more effectively for the huge impact of traffic (and specifically HGV) growth, particularly in the rural SE area of Waverley around Alford, Cranleigh, Dunsfold and the other villages?”

Answer from Frank Apicella, Area Highway Manager (SW)

“There is a central government push to increase housing in the area and as Highway Authority, we can only comment on these as consultees for the planning authority and our comments are not always able to reflect the impacts mentioned - it is down to the planning processes to agree developments. Once developments are permitted, then HGVs need to access them, putting pressure on inappropriate narrow lanes. This is an on-going issue and needs to be dealt with in the planning process to try to mitigate the problem.”

Mr Britton suggested a study to examine the issues could take place, which he says Alfold Parish Council would be willing to take part in.

3. Betty Ames

Betty noted that she was really pleased to be able to join the virtual meeting and supported the two questions above, particularly as the Dunsfold Park development was causing a negative impact on the whole area.