

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Woking JOINT COMMITTEE**  
held at 6.00 pm on 23 June 2021  
at The Chamber, Woking Borough Council.

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

**Surrey County Council Members:**

- \* Ayesha Azad (Chairman)
- \* Liz Bowes
- \* Amanda Boote
- \* Saj Hussain
- \* Will Forster
- \* Riasat Khan
- \* Lance Spencer
- \* Matt Furniss

**Borough / District Members:**

- \* Borough Councillor Simon Ashall (Vice-Chairman)
- \* Borough Councillor Tahir Aziz
- \* Borough Councillor Ann-Marie Barker
- \* Borough Councillor Colin Kemp
- \* Borough Councillor Josh Brown
- \* Borough Councillor Deborah Hughes
- \* Borough Councillor Ellen Nicholson

\* In attendance

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**1/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR [Item 1]**

Cllrs Ayesha Azad and Simon Ashall were thanked for being Chair and Vice chair for the past two years.

**Election of Chair**

The Chairmanship for the next two years fell to Woking Borough Council and needed to be an Executive member. Cllr Colin Kemp was nominated by Cllr Ayesha Azad, seconded by Cllr Simon Ashall. The nomination was agreed by all Councillors and Colin Kemp was duly elected as Chairman.

**Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr Liz Bowes was the Surrey County Council nomination for Vice Chair and this was agreed by all present.

The new Chair welcomed new members to the meeting and introduced Cllr Matt Furniss, SCC cabinet member.

Public Health guidance for SCC meetings was that masks should be worn at all times, however, Woking Borough Council had mitigation measures in place, including screens and an air extraction system, meaning masks could be removed whilst seated.

**2/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 2]**

There were no apologies received.

**3/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 3]**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**4/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**5/21 PETITIONS [Item 5]**

There were no petitions received.

**6/21 ANY PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]**

One question was raised by Mrs Yvonne Lowe and Old Woking residents. The question and the answer given by Surrey Highways was circulated in a supplementary agenda.

**7/21 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 7]**

Cllr Lance Spencer referred to the Local Youth Arts charity (Peer Productions) who had made a Surrey "Your Fund" application. He asked whether members were aware that the Bracknell based charity wished to be based in Woking and asked whether the Borough Council were supportive of this. Members expressed their support and this would be followed up with Officers.

Cllr Ellen Nicholson referred to the accident on Pembroke Road and whether a 20mph zone would be appropriate in this location. Surrey County Council had a policy on speed limit reductions and this would be circulated to all members. Each location needed to be considered on its own merit.

Cllr Tahir Aziz referred to the "20 is plenty" campaign for Surrey and also raised the issue of parking in the Town as Uber drivers and Just Eat delivery vehicles were getting tickets. He requested that pick-ups or delivery spaces could be made available. This would be an issue for the parking task group to discuss as there was endless demand at the moment and a suitable compromise was needed.

**8/21 RIGHTS OF WAY ITEM - DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 005 (AT DEEP POOL FARM) [Item 8]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Daniel Williams, Countryside Officer

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

The Countryside Officer ran through a short presentation on Rights of Way and the legislation the governed any potential changes.

The Countryside Officer presented a report on the application by the landowner for a footpath diversion at Deep Pool Farm and an amended plan for this had been circulated. The request that was made due to redevelopment of stables that would be accessed by horses and vehicles, so the diversion was of general benefit to the public and the landowner. Two objections had been received.

Members queried whether the new path would be subject to flooding and whether fencing would be provided. It was noted that the existing styles would be removed and a kissing gate would be provided (which was more accessible).

The Woking Joint Committee agree that:

- (i) A diversion order be made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 to divert Public Footpath No. 5 (Woking) as shown on **amended** Drawing No. 3/1/79/H68A.
- (ii) If any objections are received and maintained to the Order it should be submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

Reasons for Decision

Members agreed with the officers view that the criteria for making a diversion order have been met. At present the path crosses an area being developed for stabling. The new route, 3m in width, would improve security for the property and provide a path that would no longer be shared with vehicles accessing the property.

## **9/21 TASK GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP [Item 9]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** None

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

The Clerk drew attention to the task groups and membership report.

Members were asked to confirm task group membership and filled the vacancies as follows:-

Health and Wellbeing Task Group – Riasat Khan  
Community Safety Task Group – Will Forster  
CIL Task Group – Colin Kemp, Josh Brown and Ayesha Azad

Parking Task Group – Amanda Boote and Saj Hussain  
Infrastructure Working Group – to remain as Leader and Deputy Leader  
(although the Joint Committee questioned whether this was still required as the group had not met the past 2 years)

**The Woking Joint Committee agreed:**

- (i) The terms of reference for the following:
  - a. Health and Wellbeing Task Group
  - b. Community Safety Task Group
  - c. Parking Task Group
  - d. Infrastructure Working Group
- (ii) The County Councillor and Borough Councillor appointments to the following (see above additions):
  - a. Health and Wellbeing Task Group (up to 2 County and 2 Borough)
  - b. Community Safety Task Group (up to 2 County and 2 Borough)
  - c. Parking Task Group (up to 2 County and 2 Borough plus Chairman and Vice Chairman)
  - d. Infrastructure Working Group (1 County, 1 Borough)

**10/21 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY - BRIEF UPDATE [Item 10]**

A brief update paper was circulated on a supplementary agenda to remind members and brief new members on the process for expenditure of the neighbourhood part of CIL.

**11/21 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY [Item 11]**

Members welcomed the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and commended the task group for their work. The strategy was a flagship policy of the Borough Council and recognised that Boroughs and Districts had a part to play in the Health agenda and Woking was leading the way in implementing this alliance agreement.

The strategy promoted Healthy policies and members felt it would be good to add Health and Wellbeing impacts when considering any policies. It was also noted that the impact of Covid on young peoples mental health was also a priority and that the potential for a centre for youth in the Town Centre needed to be supported. Obesity in the Town was also raised, together with access to services (especially at St Peters) and dementia support.

The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy was noted.

**12/21 ACTION TRACKER [Item 12]**

The action tracker was noted with the following points raised:-

The 20mph proposal for White Rose Lane would come to the next meeting

The suggested crossing for Sopwith Drive needed an update  
The issue of taxi bays would be looked at outside the meeting

**13/21 FORWARD PLAN [Item 13]**

The forward plan was noted with the following update items suggested:

Parking and charging for electric vehicles

Highways Budget and Integrated Transport Programme

School Travel Plans

Meeting ended at: 7.07 pm

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**Chairman**