

Minutes of the meeting of the
Mole VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 2.00 pm on 9 March 2022
at Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ.

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

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Tim Hall (Chairman)
- * Stephen Cooksey (Vice-Chairman)
- Helyn Clack
- * Clare Curran
- * Chris Townsend
- * Hazel Watson

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Lynne Brooks
- Cllr Raj Haque
- * Cllr David Hawksworth CBE
- * Cllr Mary Huggins
- * Cllr Paul Kennedy
- * Cllr Caroline Salmon

* In attendance

43/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from District Councillor Raj Haque who was substituted by District Councillor Rosemary Hobbs and County Councillor Helyn Clack.

44/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

Regarding the progress of Green Lane path Cllr Hall confirmed to Cllr Townsend that he will speak to our Principal Lawyer. Cllr David Hawksworth confirmed he was pleased to see the draft that had gone to legal did not include 'stiles'.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

45/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest made.

46/21 PETITIONS [Item 4]

No petitions were received.

47/21 PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS [Item 5]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Zena Curry, Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, SCC, Duncan Knox, Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:

8 written questions were received as follows:

1. District Councillor Keira Vyvyan-Robinson re roundabout maintenance
2. Rosemary Dickson re maintenance of roundabouts in Leatherhead
3. Roger Troughton re maintenance of footways
4. Roger Troughton re matrix displays
5. Roger Troughton re 20mph limit in towns
6. Joanna Slater re Leatherhead town main road crossing
7. Julia Dickinson re LCWIP-related
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The questions asked and the answers given were published in the supplementary agenda.

1. District Councillor Keira Vyvyan-Robinson asked how to add the roundabout to the maintenance programme, and will SCC commit to doing this.

Cllr Chris Townsend asked if flooding could be addressed on the Knoll roundabout.

2. Rosemary Dickson asked about getting sponsor(s) for the three roundabouts with a plaque to say the sponsor is responsible and will look after them.

The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager thanked the volunteers for their work. The nature of vegetation is that it will grow back so we will look at the classification to see if all the roundabouts fall within the rural grass cutting programme, but it won't give the enhanced aesthetic sought.

Sponsorship is managed through Mole Valley District Council so this can be put forward. Details are available on our website. Plaques are part of the scheme.

The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed flooding on the highway is managed through the wet spots process and she will check where the Knoll roundabout is on the prioritisation.

Cllr Clare Curran observed lots of litter both sides of Young Street and down the A24. District Councillor Caroline Salmon asked if litter problems could be reported, and it will then get on the schedule and confirmed Young Street and down the A24 will be added.

3. No supplementary question.

Cllr Chris Townsend advised it is not possible to cycle on the Ashted to

Knowle footpath and asked what could be done. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager suggested volunteering and prioritisation on maintenance budgets available.

District Councillor Caroline Salmon mentioned closer liaison with SCC and Mole Valley District Council is needed regarding sweeping and cutting back. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed that she will look at what can be done in the next financial year.

District Councillor Rosemary Hobbs asked if there was a monitoring system to look at vegetation. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed an annual inspection will pick this up but not all vegetation is highways. Other landowners are involved so please report issues.

District Councillor Caroline Salmon mentioned that the National Trust along A24 have an agreement that SCC maintain footpaths. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager will respond outside of this meeting.

4. No supplementary question.

5. Roger Troughton said new cars manufactured from 6 July 2022 will have to be legally fitted with Intelligent Speed Assist (ISA) technology to help drivers obey speed limits. He asked if this could help with introducing 20mph limits and avoid so many speed surveys.

The Road Safety and Sustainable School Travel Team Manager said he was looking forward to seeing what effect the technology will have. It will take a while as some older cars will still be on the road and some already have it on Satnavs. Speed surveys will still be necessary and if existing speeds are very much higher than the desired lower limit then additional measures will be required.

District Councillor Paul Kennedy noted the changes to The Highway Code and the Road Safety and Sustainable School Travel Team Manager said it made sense to set a hierarchy of road users but supporting engineering measures are needed as well as signs.

6. No supplementary question.

7. John Arnold (Mole Valley Cycling Forum's chair) asked Julia Dickinson's supplementary question. This bid was to replace the wide grass verge with a shared cycle/footway. For the avoidance of doubt, can officers please confirm that the DfT agrees that this new facility between rural villages has been designed "to meet the needs of cycle traffic" as defined by LTN1/20, and that pedestrian numbers along this verge are indeed low enough for them to share it with cyclists?

8. John Arnold (Mole Valley Cycling Forum's chair) asked Julia Dickinson's supplementary question. Can officers please confirm that SCC will not remove off-carriageway facilities from cyclists, particularly in the immediate vicinity of schools, by downgrading shared cycle/footway schemes into footways unless and until separate and equally direct LTN1/20-compliant provision has been made for cyclists?

The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed that they will give a detailed technical response outside of this meeting to both LCWIP-related questions. The Chairman (Cllr Tim Hall) requested a list of locations from the questioner.

District Councillor Paul Kennedy asked how much it costs to use Atkins as a consultant. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed the countywide LCWIPs programme is in partnership with boroughs and districts and costs are apportioned between them. The Chairman (Cllr Tim Hall) agreed that enquiries about the figure would be made.

48/21 MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTIONS [Item 6]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Zena Curry, Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements:

1 member question was received as follows:

1. District Councillor Paul Kennedy re changes to highways functions

The question asked and the answer given were published in the supplementary agenda.

District Cllr Paul Kennedy confirmed he had no supplementary question.

The chairman (Cllr Tim Hall) mentioned the gridlock in Fetcham, Bookham and Leatherhead and the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed that unfortunately there can be emergencies on the diversions from planned works.

Cllr Chris Townsend asked why Headley Road is closed and the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager confirmed that she will respond outside of this meeting.

District Councillor Paul Kennedy asked why roadworks are set up overnight and no-one is working on them and is there an end of year effect. The chairman (Cllr Tim Hall) answered that the renewal of traffic lights in Leatherhead town centre means they are unplugged and cannot be plugged in again until finished. No end of year effect as programme of works set out across the year.

The chairman (Cllr Tim Hall) and the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager hope the emergency works will soon be fixed and the planned works are towards the end of their process. The Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager recommended looking at the <https://one.network/uk> for all road closures and planned works.

District Councillor David Hawksworth asked about temporary notices and the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager appreciated it is frustrating but the best way to find out before setting out is check on the one app <https://one.network/uk>

Cllr Clare Curran mentioned the road map on the SCC website is also helpful.

49/21 HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2022/23 [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending:Zena Curry, Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Resolved:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed that:

General

- (i) Note that, the Local Committee's devolved highways budget for capital works in 2022/23 is £537,034 as agreed by Cabinet on 22nd February 2022.
- (ii) Agree that, the devolved capital budget for highway works be used to progress both capital improvement schemes and member capital allocation as detailed in section 1.
- (iii) Authorise that the Highway Engagement & Commissioning Manager in consultation with county members be able to reallocate budget to reserve schemes should there be a need to change the programme.
- (iv) Authorise that the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager in consultation with county members, be able to allocate any additional funding for schemes, in accordance with any guidance issued surrounding that funding.

Capital Improvement Schemes

- (v) Agree that, the capital improvement schemes allocation for Mole Valley be used to progress the Major Integrated Transport Schemes programme set out in Annex 1.
- (vi) Authorise that the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager be able to vire money between the schemes agreed in Annex 1, if required.
- (vii) Agree that Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager, in line with the Scheme of Delegation, is able to progress any scheme from the Major Integrated Transport Schemes programme, including consultation and statutory advertisement that may be required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for completion of those schemes. Where it is agreed that a scheme will not be progressed, this will be reported back to the appropriate county member.

Member Capital Allocation

- (viii) Note that, £50,000 is allocated to each divisional member. Up to £15,000 of this could be allocated to minor ITS, or all £50,000 could be used on capital maintenance (recommended option). The schemes are to be proposed by county members in consultation with the Stakeholder Engagement Officer.

Revenue Maintenance

- (ix) Note that the members, will continue to receive a Member Local Highways Fund (revenue) allocation of £7,500 per county member to address highway issues in their division; and
- (x) Agree that each county member could pool £6,000 of their Member Local Highways Fund allocation to commission a revenue maintenance gang. Members to inform the Highways Engagement & Commissioning Manager if they wish to use their Member Local Highways Fund in this way.
- (xi) Agree that revenue works are to be managed by the Highway Maintenance team on behalf of and in consultation with county members.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To agree, a programme of highways works in Mole Valley for 2022/23, funded from budgets available to enable schemes and works to progress.

50/21 RURAL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officer attending: Duncan Knox, Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Key points from discussion:

- Members welcomed the report.
- Brexhall Green Road, South Holmwood is shown as 60 and it was asked if the speed limit should be lowered. The Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager confirmed it had been looked at and not included in this review. The adjacent residential housing estate would need to be included and it was not considered part of the rural speed limit review. The local divisional member agreed to look at commissioning work to look at the speed limit.
- A member asked if apart from local divisional members pursuing things were there any plans to extend the review. The Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager confirmed there were plans to extend in Waverley and Guildford and it could be easily extended to other parts of Surrey where the national speed limit is no longer appropriate. It is possible local divisional members can also promote schemes on country lanes with future funding.
- A member asked about accidents on these roads and what prevention rates would be. The Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager confirmed all the collisions have not been collated on

all the roads but there would be before and after analysis of collisions and speeds and the speed surveys will be repeated.

- A member asked if air quality will be monitored. The Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager said there were no plans to monitor but he will find out if there are any monitoring stations in that area.
- A member asked if there was going to be more signage, how much enforcement and any use of average speed and static cameras. The Road Safety and Sustainable School Transport Team Manager confirmed there would be more signage. SCC's speed limit policy has been used so additional enforcement should not be necessary. However, if there is poor compliance the police would expect SCC to put in engineering measures. Soon the location of new average speed cameras will be made public. These will be at the worst collision hot spots where speeding is an issue.

Resolved:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) agreed that:

- (i) The speed limits be reduced on the roads as shown in Appendix B that are in the Mole Valley Local Committee area. (Other roads within the Guildford and Waverley areas are also shown for information and are being presented to the Local/Joint Committees for those areas for approval separately).
- (ii) Authorise the advertisement of a notice in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit changes, revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the change, and, subject to no objections being upheld, that the order be made.
- (iii) Note that after 1 April the Highways Engagement and Commissioning Manager will be responsible for resolving any objections received in connection with the proposal in consultation with the relevant Divisional Member.
- (iv) Note that if the reductions in speed limit have not been successful, then further supporting highway measures or a higher speed limit may be necessary.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Reducing the speed limit on these roads will help to manage vehicle speeds to a level more appropriate to the use of road and will reduce the risk and severity of collisions. Lower speeds can also reduce air and noise pollution, and make it safer, easier and more pleasant to walk, cycle and ride horses.

51/21 DECISION TRACKER [Item 9]

The Local Committee noted the decision tracker and agreed items marked as closed and complete could be removed.

52/21 FORWARD PLAN [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 10]

The Local Committee noted the forward plan of items expected to be received at future meetings.

53/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 11]

Meeting ended at: 3.10 pm

Chairman