

MINUTES: of the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee held at 14.00 on Wednesday 12th September 2012 in the Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Dorking

Members Present - Surrey County Council

- * Mrs Clare Curran – Chairman
- * Mr Stephen Cooksey
- * Mr Tim Hall
- * Mrs Helyn Clack – Vice Chairman
- * Mr Christopher Townsend
- * Mrs Hazel Watson

Members Present - Mole Valley District Council

- * Councillor Valerie Homewood
- * Councillor Raj Haque
- * Councillor Phil Harris
- * Councillor Chris Hunt
- * Councillor John Northcott (sub)
- * Councillor Charles Yarwood

INFORMAL QUESTIONS

During the Open Forum preceding the meeting, questions were received on the Hookwood on street parking proposals; the Dorking Deepedene roundabout's safety; signage to promote the Olympic legacy in Mole Valley; cyclist safety on the Lower Road, Bookham; and safety barriers on the A24.

PART ONE - IN PUBLIC

29/12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS** [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Ling and Councillor John Northcott attended as a substitute.

Apologies were also received from Councillor Valerie Homewood and Councillor David Preedy attended as a substitute.

30/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** [Item 2]

Item 4a – Clare Curran declared an interest as a resident of The Park.

Item 12 - Tim Hall declared an interest as a Trustee of Leatherhead Youth Project.

Item 10 - Chris Hunt declared an interest as parent with children at the Greville.

Item 10 – Hazel Watson declared an interest as a governor of the Aschombe School and Surrey Hills School.

Item 10 – Chris Townsend declared an interest as a governor of the City of London Freeman's School.

Item 10 – Tim Hall declared an interest as governor of Fetcham Infants

school.

Item 16 David Preedy declared an interest as Chair of Headley Parish Council.

31/12 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 7th June 2012** [Item 3]

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

32/12 **PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4a]

Mrs Lawrence received her written response and had no supplementary question.

Mr Seward received a written response to his question and raised further concern as to the length of time the Dorking Road had been on the wet spots list and questioned whether this could be prioritised. The Area Highways Manager responded that the area is with the design team, but in the mean time arrangements are being made for an additional gully cleaner to help alleviate the issue.

Mr Ward received a written response to his question and questioned if the area was included in the forward programme would a speed limit reduction be included as a possible option to redress the issue. The divisional member, Helyn Clack, raised that the main issue at the site is vehicle manoeuvres rather than the speed and an engineering solution is being looked into. The police concurred with this.

Mr Thompson received a written response and had no supplementary question.

Mr Billard thanked officers for the invite to meet with them to look at issues on the A24.

Mr Gibb received a written response and raised that residents of the area felt that double yellow lines would be the best solution. Clare Curran invited the parking officers to come to Bookham to look at the junction along with the Police Road Safety Officer.

33/12 **MEMBERS WRITTEN QUESTIONS** [Item 4b]

Cllr Dickson received a response and felt signage is the way forward on this. Currently there is a sign but it is not lit. The Area Highways Manager advised that there are requirements that must be followed when producing road signs and they will need to look at national advice. Chris Hunt felt that an alternative should electricity supply be a problem would be cat eyes.

34/12 **PETITIONS** [Item 5]

No petitions were received.

35/12 **HIGHWAYS SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT** [Item 6]

The Area Highways Manager presented the report. Tim Hall raised queries regarding the Cobham Road, Fetcham signage which has been damaged.

Stephen Cooksey raised queries regarding the D301 Blackbrook Road as the safety measures have not been introduced and a review is now due to be undertaken on the site and the A24 Deepdene Avenue. The Area Highways Manager understands the frustration on the D301 that the measures hadn't been implemented sooner and officers are addressing this and will report back in December to the committee. Work is ongoing on the A24 Deepdene Avenue and the scheme should be completed within the financial year.

Councillors raised questions as to what 'programmed' meant on the schemes list. The Area Highways Manager responded that these schemes were on the major maintenance programme which is county wide and not the responsibility of the local team.

Councillors asked whether schemes that will be funded by developer contributions will be taken into account and if these would come to the committee for approval? The Area Highways Manager confirmed that if a Traffic Regulation Order was required then the scheme would come to committee, otherwise it would be progressed through officers under delegated authority. John Northcott requested that Woodfields Lane, Ashted be bought back to committee due to residents' concerns with the area.

Helyn Clack thanked the highways officer for the progress with works in Beare Green. However there are concerns over some of the surface dressing in Charlwood due to the recent rain, can it be checked the work is still in order?

The committee AGREED to NOTE the report.

Reason for Decision

The committee was happy with the progress to date on Highways schemes.

36/12 **MICKLEHAM ZIG ZAG SPEED LIMIT** [Item 7]

HW felt that the speed limit on the road should be reduced to 30mph due to the poor sight lines and also the increase in cyclists following the Olympics. It was noted that the police also support this reduction in the speed limit.

The Committee AGREED to

- (i) To note the results of the speed limit assessments undertaken.
- (ii) That based upon the evidence the speed limit should be changed to 30 mph, and gives authority to advertise a notice in accordance with the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to implement the proposed speed limit changes and

revoke any existing traffic orders necessary to implement the changes subject to no objections being maintained the Order be made

- (iii) To allow the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee were happy that the divisional member had been consulted and felt that the change in speed limit would improve safety.

37/12 **A245 WOODLANDS LANE SPEED LIMIT** [Item 8]

The Area Highways Manager highlighted the fact that the Elmbridge committee decided to write to the portfolio holder to request the speed limit be reduced to 40 mph.

Tim Hall thanked officers for the report and raised queries with regards to the Randalls Road boundary and where the 30 mph limit commences. Highways officers will confirm where the boundaries lie. Tim Hall supported the notion of going to 40 mph instead of 50 mph.

The police have been consulted on this issue and would support a 40 mph speed limit and highlighted the need for consistency with Elmbridge.

The Chairman undertook to write to the portfolio holder requesting he consider lowering the speed limit to 40mph.

The Committee AGREED to:

- (i) To approve, subject to statutory procedure, and in conjunction with Elmbridge's Local Committee, that the speed limit on the A245 Woodlands Lane / A245 Woodlands Road / A245 Randalls Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 50 mph, from the junction with Cobham Road / Stoke Road to the existing 30mph termination point approximately 50 metres north of the Springfield Drive roundabout.
- (ii) To approve, subject to statutory procedure, that the speed limit on C131 Oaklawn Road be reduced from the national speed limit (60mph) to 50 mph, over its entire length.
- (iii) To delegate consideration and resolution of any objections received be delegated to the South East Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, together with Divisional Member.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee wanted to ensure continuity with the decision made by the Elmbridge Local Committee in reducing the speed to 40mph as it was felt that 50mph would still present too greater risk to safety.

38/12 SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT - HOLMBURY LANE AND RANMORE COMMON ROAD [Item 9]

Hazel Watson welcome the proposals to alter the speed limits on the two roads and requested that the Guildford Local Committee be contacted for permission where Holmbury Lane crosses the boundary.

Chris Townsend requested that the speed on the A24 Leatherhead Road be decreased from 40mph to 30mph. Chris Hunt supported this recommendation. John Northcott felt that this may not be the most effective method to address the issues on the A24 Leatherhead Road.

The Committee voted on altering the recommendation on the A24 Leatherhead Road to write to the portfolio holder requesting the speed limit be decreased from 40mph to 30mph. The new recommendation was carried by **9** votes to **1**

The Area Highways Manager was happy for this new recommendation.

The Committee AGREED:

Agreed changes on Holmbury lane and ranmore common road

Reason for Decision

The local committee agreed that the reduction in speed limit would address safety concerns; of the B2126 Holmbury Lane and the C44 Ranmore Common Road.

Following the guidance of the divisional member that the A24 was unsafe at the present 40mph limit and that this needs to be reduced to 30mph. The Chairman of the Committee undertook to write to the Cabinet Member to propose this.

39/12 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT OUTSIDE SCHOOLS [Item 10]

The Chairman proposed that due to the diverse nature of Mole Valley two pilots be undertaken, one in a rural setting and one in an urban setting. Councillors agreed this was the appropriate way forward.

Councillors raised which schools they felt would be appropriate for a pilot, these consisted of Fetcham Infants School, Newdigate Infants School, Park Lane (between St Giles and City of London Freemans School), St Josephs School, Surrey Hills (Abinger Common site) and St Martins School.

Officers raised that his will be to initiate consultation and if the committee wished 20mph speed limit outside schools could be picked as a theme for 2013/14 Highways Spend.

Chris Townsend raised that St Giles and City of London Freemans School could be supported through S106 and members allocations.

The Local Committee AGREED:

That they will move forward with the scheme and the schools will be identified at a later date in consultation with chair, vice chair, area highways manager and members of committee.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee were keen to support the proposals for the 20mph speed limit outside schools. Due to the diverse nature of Mole Valley it was felt that one rural school and one urban school would give a greater idea of how the scheme could function if rolled out across the district.

40/12 **LOWER ROAD. BOOKHAM** [Item 11]

Phil Harris supported option 3 the zebra crossing and not undertaking further consultation.

Clare Curran as divisional member, had consulted with local residents and the preference has been for option 3, a zebra crossing.

The Police would support the option of a formal crossing, either zebra or puffin, as the site is heavily used by children.

Phil Harris requested a timetable for construction. The Area Highways Manager confirmed the scheme will be implemented this financial year and the developer contributions will be put towards the scheme.

The Committee AGREED

No further work on option 1

Option 2 – go out to statutory notice

Agree option 3 subject to statutory notice and consultation.

Reason for Decision

The local committee were guided by the divisional and ward members and consultation they had undertaken in deciding to progress with Option 3

41/12 **LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK COMMISSIONING OPTIONS** [Item 12]

Due to a pecuniary conflict of interest Tim Hall left the chamber for this item.

Officers introduced the report and the aim of the Local Prevention Framework. The objective in extending the contract is to allow time for more thorough evaluation on the performance of providers and to bring the contract into line with the school year.

Officers confirmed that in Mole Valley the Local Prevention Framework contract is split between the Leatherhead Youth Project and the Surrey Youth Consortium.

Chris Townsend confirmed his support for the proposal as chair for the Youth Task Group has no problems with this proposal.

The Local Committee AGREED to:

- i. Extend Local Prevention contracts for five months to 31 August 2013
- ii. Extend the remit of the Youth Task Group to constitute up until the first Local Committee of the municipal year
- iii. Delegate the ability to appoint Members to the Task Group to the Assistant Director for Young People in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Local Committee to replace any members who are no longer Councillors as a result of the elections.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee agreed that bringing the contract into line with the school year was a beneficial alteration and agreed the options.

42/12 **DRIVE SMART** [Item 13]

The report contains the DRIVE Smart road safety strategy which aims to tackle the safety issues on Surrey's roads. As part of the DRIVE Smart partnership they have developed speed management plans in partnership with the police.

Officers are happy to provide reassurance to local residents in cases where the speed at a site is not as bad as perceived.

David Preedy felt that the conflicts between road users needs to be looked into and better information provided to cyclists coming to the area, especially in areas made popular by the Olympic Road Race. The Road Safety Manager confirmed maps had been produced of the road race route highlighting hazards but is happy to take on board recommendations for other hazards to be included.

Hazel Watson welcomed the report but felt that horse riders need to be considered in the report as other road users and requested that additional roads be added to the speed management list, including Holmbury Lane, Ranmore Common Road, Church Road, Headley and Pixham Lane. The Road Safety Manager informed the committee that a pilot was underway to look at improving the visibility of horse riders through tabards and give

guidance to the other road users on safely passing the horse and rider.

Phil Harris highlighted the need to educate all road users in using the road together and concurred with the need for a greater emphasis on cyclists.

The Road Safety Manager confirmed that officers are looking to tackle the issue of cycling safety and are aiming to do work with school and adults in using the roads responsibly. The Police are also working closely with the Surrey Cycle Club to address issues of cycling safety.

Helyn Clack requested that the parish councils be notified when the police become aware of cycling events occurring in the local area and emphasised the need for all road users to observe protocols and politeness when using the road. The Police confirmed that at present the police are notified centrally when cycle events are taking place though this is now being taken on at the local level. Groups are required to notify the District Council if a road event will attract over 200 people.

The Local Committee CONSIDERED:

- i. the draft Drive SMART Road Safety and Anti-social Driving Strategy and are invited to provide comments ahead of the strategy being presented to county council cabinet for approval and would provide comments
- ii. the latest version of the local speed management plan for Mole Valley and would take this information into account when prioritising future expenditure.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee welcome the information in the report and the speed management plan and will liaise with officers to provide future sites

43/12 **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** [Item 14]

Consultation will run until the 30th November. Useful to get some thoughts on the additional ambitions. CEX champion in Woking, Thames water and some d&b. The environment select committee maintain oversight of this.

Leatherhead and Dorking – amongst the highest for surface water flooding. The council is now responsible for this.

Flood incidents can be reported through a number of hotlines and there is further information on the surrey cc website.

Chris Townsend raised concerns over getting water companies to tackle flooding issues.

Stephen Cooksey asked Mole Valley District Council if they would want to participate on the forum?

The officer advised this was based on the expertise in the local area as well as the issues presented. If information isn't being passed on from the board this needs to be addressed.

John Northcott asked if this include all types of flooding including sewer and river flooding.

The officer responded that Surrey County Council as the lead authority only has to do surface flooding but the board has decided to look into river and sewer, however at the end of the day they don't take on complete responsibility for these areas.

Councillors asked if the strategy be clear on who is responsible for water coming off fields because of blocked ditches. Is it the landowner or council.

The officer informed the committee that there are several ways to respond to the consultation, either through the leaflet or online. The leaflet will go out to parish councils and residents associations.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) :

- i. Commented on the partnership approach and ambitions for strategic flood risk management in Surrey.
- ii. Noted the impending publication of a draft Surrey Flood Risk Management Strategy, with a view to giving comment during the consultation period (September to November 2012).

Reason for Decision

The local committee were happy to support the new role of the Local Authority and to note the report.

44/12 **HOOKWOOD ON STREET PARKING PROPOSALS** [Item 15]

The Parking Team Manager introduced the item highlighting the issues of commuter parking in Hookwood. Consultation has been undertaken with residents. The report proposes additional consultation.

Charles Yarwood welcomed the report but feels that more consultation really would be needed. The design of the consultation will be essential.

Helyn Clack confirmed this has been a long standing issue since yellow lines were introduced in Horley. There are many different attitudes to how this should be solved. Want to thank the work of the local police team for addressing this issue. Need to make sure any proposals accommodate new developments in the area.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) **AGREED** to further consultation on:

- i. Changes to the parking restrictions in Povey Cross Road possibly

including parking charges and residents parking provision.

- ii. The introduction of residents parking schemes or curfew parking in Forge Place, Malcolm Gardens and Withey Meadows

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED:

- iii. That the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Local Member agree the detailed proposals for statutory consultation.
- iv. That the County Council's intention to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) under the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984 is advertised and, if no objections are maintained, the order is made;
- v. That a further report outlining the response to the statutory consultation is brought to the Local Committee to for approval to implement any proposals.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee agreed to the proposals in the report with the support of the divisional member and district member

45/12 **LOCAL ALLOCATIONS** [Item 16]

The Committee AGREED the item.

46/12 **RECOMMENDATION TRACKER** [Item 17]

The Committee NOTED the item

47/12 **HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SCHEMES PROGRESSION** [Item 18]

The Area Highways Manager proposed that to increase the efficiency of proceedings that delegated authority been increased where appropriate, though it was noted that items can come back to committee if the chair, vice chair or divisional member wishes it to come back to local committee.

The Committee members felt this was a positive step forward.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED that:

- i. Authority be given to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Area Team Manager together with the relevant Local Divisional Member to progress any scheme from the Local Committee agreed Integrated Transport Schemes programme for 2012/2013 including consultation and any statutory advertisement that may be required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for completion of those schemes;
- ii. Any scheme that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, relevant Local Divisional Member and Area Team Manager agree should not

progress due to any given issues be the subject of a report to the next formal meeting of the Local Committee for resolution; and

- iii. Any capital underspends from the 2012/2013 Integrated Transport Schemes budget may be spent on Local Structural Repair schemes as agreed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Area Team Manager.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee felt that this would make the process of approvals more efficient while still ensuring the members of the Committee could maintain involvement if required. It will also aid the spending of the highways budget in this financial year.

[Meeting closed: 16.50 pm]

Chairman

