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Minutes of the meeting of the
Tandridge LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 10.15 am on 24 June 2016
 at South Godstone Sports and Community Association, Lagham Road, South
 Godstone, RH9 8HE.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Nick Skellett CBE (Chairman)
- * Mr Michael Sydney (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr David Hodge
- * Mrs Sally Ann B Marks
- * Mr John Orrick
- * Mrs Helena Windsor

* In attendance

57/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Due to county business, Mr David Hodge arrived during Item 4.

58/16 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the previous meeting on 23 March 2016 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

59/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None received.

60/16 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Three petitions were received.

The petitions and their response are attached to the minutes.

1 - Dormansland

Mrs Sarah Jane Lloyd presented a petition containing 229 online signatures and a further 124 signatures on paper, asking for a zebra crossing, more road school signage and a lower speed limit in Dormansland High Street.

Mrs Lloyd highlighted the dangers when crossing the road, particularly with young children, given the speed of traffic and the number of parked cars affecting visibility. There is no safe place to cross. She requested a Traffic Engineer attends the site to look at the potential improvements that could be made. Mrs Lloyd said that the petition has local support, including school, preschool, and Parish Council.

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Mrs Lloyd read a statement of support from the Headteacher of Dormansland Primary School, Mrs Stokes, who stated that the school site is difficult to access and there is no school crossing patrol. The school has successfully worked with the county council to start a 'stop and drop' scheme, but this does not help the families who would like to walk to school.

Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, advised that a scheme to put in a crossing had been looked at in both 2002 and 2008/09, but had not progressed due to objections received from the Parish Council and residents. The Local Delivery Manager confirmed there had been a number of issues, including finding a safe location for the crossing. He advised that Highways were looking to adapt some funding with the Parish Council to put towards a crossing.

Mr Michael Sydney said that the objections received in the past were because the scheme proposed was not felt to be the right scheme, and therefore it was crucial to have the support of the shop, Parish Council, school and residents before proceeding.

Mr Nick Skellett confirmed the committee supports this petition, but needs to ensure the scheme is the right one, and to look at funding and timescales.

Highways agreed to report back to the next committee meeting on 23 September about funding and timescales.

2 – Pendell Road, Bletchingley

Mr Adrian Floyd, Headmaster at the Hawthorns School, accompanied by pupils Connor Rook, Sabina Simpson and Chris Vassou, presented a petition containing 447 online signatures, and 2 offline signatures, submitted by Mrs Diane Brown. The petition called for the speed limit on Pendell Road to be reduced to 40mph with a 20mph limit outside the Hawthorns School.

The pupils said that the road is dangerous because visibility is poor and it is difficult to see oncoming cars because the road is uphill and narrow. They stated that the footpath is narrow. They quoted statistics that 348 children were killed or seriously injured on Surrey roads during 2014. The children also stated they would like to feel able to walk to school, and that the risk of flooding on this road also meant it was important to slow the cars down.

Mr Floyd stated that there should be a 40mph lead-in before the desired 20mph limit outside the school. The school wants to work in partnership with the county council to make this road safer. The school cuts back hedges and verges where it can, and will install a 'stop' sign at the exit, and repaint the lines at the exit. Mr Floyd said that parents have offered to join a community speedwatch scheme if the speed limit is approved.

The Senior Traffic Engineer referred the petitioners to the tabled response, and confirmed that speed surveys would be undertaken, during term time, and the existing signage will be reviewed.

Mrs Windsor thanked the pupils and Mr Floyd for bringing this petition with nearly 450 signatures. She appreciates there is lots of concern about this stretch of road, often used as a cut through, and gave the petition her total

support. Mrs Windsor requested that the speed surveys be conducted as soon as possible.

Mrs Marks queried the pupils' statistics about the number of children killed or seriously injured, and believed the number given was incorrect, and the real numbers much lower.

Mr Hopley, a local resident, spoke to confirm that for a family with young children, crossing the road on a daily basis feels extremely dangerous.

Mr Skellett confirmed that the committee has a genuine wish to make improvements. The committee agreed to progress the speed survey, and when the results are in place, to look at reducing the speed limit. Mrs Brown stated that they had spoken with Chris Cannon from Surrey Police and that he supported the proposed speed limit reduction.

Mr Michael Sydney encouraged the public to report accidents, as otherwise they do not appear on the council's accident statistics.

3 – Hurst Green Road

Mrs Cidalia Santos and Mr Michael Walsh presented a petition containing 44 signatures, asking for improvements to road safety on Hurst Green road. Mrs Santos stated that the road is not designed for the heavy goods vehicles that use it, and which make Mrs Santos' house shake at unsociable hours. Mrs Santos said this affects all neighbours. Mrs Santos said the current situation is causing a lot of stress, and she feels that residents' concerns have been ignored. She invited Traffic Engineers to come to the site to experience it for themselves.

Mr Walsh stated that since submitting the petition, discussions with residents have shown concerns to be broader than speeding. Mr Walsh referred the committee to a document that residents had prepared, which he had sent to the council in advance of this meeting, outlining potential solutions that residents have suggested, and which they wish to work through with Traffic Engineers.

Mr Walsh stated that the road is now the main route out of Hurst Green, which now has a higher population than Oxted, and that there is not enough signage indicating the speed limit. Mr Walsh was clear that they wish to retain resident parking.

The Chairman thanked Mr Walsh and Mrs Santos for their petition and for the excellent additional paper provided. He has met with residents on the road, and has also met with David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager on site. He acknowledged the concerns of residents and the speed of the traffic and lack of passing places. He said that the condition of the road is an issue, and the road had been part of the Horizon programme, but been deferred due to funding cuts. Mr Skellett confirmed he had requested a technical appraisal.

The Local Delivery Manager confirmed that round speed limit signs are not permitted where there is street lighting, as drivers should be aware from the Highway Code that there is a 30mph speed limit in this instance. Painting '30mph' on the road is only permitted where the speed limit changes. He

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stated it should be possible to obtain a 'slow' sign and a Vehicle-Activated Sign (VAS).

Mr Hodge confirmed he had raised the issue of people from out of the area speeding along local roads and abusing Highways Officers and workmen, in a meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey. He is advocating a countywide campaign against unnecessary speeding.

The Chairman gave his commitment to try and bring this road back onto the Horizon programme. Highways agreed to provide an update at the next committee meeting in September. The Chairman will seek some patching work in the meantime, if it does not affect the road being considered a priority for Horizon. It was agreed to pursue a VAS for the road, and Highways were asked to liaise with residents and Mr Skellett on the positioning of this.

61/16 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

6 public questions had been received.

1) Mr Lemanski – funding for roads maintenance

The Chairman referred members to the response provided in the supplementary papers and confirmed the response had been sent to Mr Lemanski, who was unable to attend.

2) Mr Mousley – parking restrictions on Whyteleafe Road

The Chairman referred Mr Mousley to the response provided. Mr Mousley asked a supplementary question concerning the specific detail of the restriction requested on Whyteleafe Road. The Chairman confirmed that the specific details of the scheme will be worked through by David Curl, Parking Implementation and Strategy Manager in consultation with the divisional member Mr John Orrick and Mr Mousley. The Chairman confirmed the final locations will be approved by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Divisional Member.

3) District Councillor for Lingfield and Crowhurst Liz Lockwood – road safety in Lingfield

The Chairman referred Mrs Lockwood to the response provided in the supplementary papers.

Mrs Lockwood spoke from a script and provided a copy of this, along with photos of the problems and proposals to the clerk. Mrs Lockwood stated that a key objective for the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan was to encourage the village's prosperity and promote safer pedestrian access to the local shops. Mrs Lockwood feels that reducing the speed limit through a major portion of the village will improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mrs Lockwood asked whether the committee would consider the request for a pedestrian refuge where the Godstone Road meets the roundabout, rather than immediately opposite the Post Office itself. Mrs Lockwood provided a photograph showing the desired location.

Mrs Lockwood also asked Highways to consider the position of the give-way markings for the traffic approaching the first pinch point when leaving the village and stated that the current positioning causes serious difficulties for cars exiting the driveway of the Thatched Cottage.

The Local Delivery Manager agreed to consider the options detailed by Mrs Lockwood and to come back to the committee with a response.

4) Mrs Dianne Vassalo – speed limit on Rockshaw Road

Mrs Vassalo did not attend the meeting. The Chairman confirmed that Mrs Vassalo had received the response to this question. Mrs Windsor asked a supplementary question on Mrs Vassalo's behalf. She stated that while the Tandridge end of the road is considered rural, there are a number of private dwellings, and as such the only part which is rural is the bridge over the motorway. The response suggests a speed limit reduction could be considered if speed survey results are in line with the speed limit policy, however given that the issue residents face is cars being driven well in excess of the 50mph limit, how could this be achieved within the policy.

Mrs Windsor stated she was concerned that going over the motorway bridge it would be unlikely that cars would stick to the speed limit; she asked what else can be done to protect residents in this area.

The Senior Traffic Engineer agreed to arrange a site visit with Mrs Windsor to look at the issues.

5) Mr Salter – speed limit on A25, Kent boundary to Limpsfield

The Chairman confirmed that Mr Salter had been sent the response as tabled in the supplementary papers.

Mr Salter submitted a supplementary question, which has been circulated to Highways and a response will be provided to Mr Salter after the meeting

6) District Councillor Nick Childs – speed limits in South Godstone and Blindley Heath

The Chairman referred Mr Childs to the response provided in the supplementary papers.

Mr Childs asked how soon the proposed speed surveys could be conducted and when the results would be available. He expressed concerns about the personal injury data in the response, and asked for clarification of the speed limit policy.

The Senior Traffic Engineer advised the speed survey would likely be undertaken in September.

Mr Hodge said that he could not support reducing the speed limit to 20mph on a major trunk road through the district. Mrs Windsor, the divisional member, concurred, stating that she supported a reduction to 30mph through Blindley Heath but not a reduction to 20mph through South Godstone.

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The committee agreed to request that a speed camera van is located along the A22 at South Godstone on a regular basis over the next 3-4 months to act as a deterrent, with District Councillor Nick Childs and Divisional Member Mrs Helena Windsor asked to help identify the best location.

62/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

1) Titsey Road - Councillor Nick Skellett

The Chairman noted the response. Mr David Hodge thanked the Chairman for his work pursuing improvements to this road, as it partly falls into his division. Mr Hodge asked to be kept informed of progress.

2) A25 Westerham Road – Councillor Nick Skellett

The Chairman noted the response.

3) M25 Junction 6 traffic lights – Councillor Nick Skellett

The Chairman noted the response but said there still seems to be an issue with the sequencing.

4) Traffic lights on Woodhurst Lane by Morrisons – Councillor Nick Skellett

The Chairman noted the response.

5) Recent flooding in Caterham, Whyteleafe and Chaldon – Councillor John Orrick

Mr Orrick thanked officers for the response to the question. He stated that the impact of the flash flooding in his division has mainly fallen on residential properties– with over 50 properties suffering, largely from foul water inundations. Mr Orrick spoke about the distress this has caused for residents, including residents of a Sheltered Accommodation unit where the whole downstairs had been flooded. He said that residents are feeling angry and abandoned.

Mr Orrick thanked the County Council, District Council, Police and Fire and Rescue services for their immediate actions. He expressed his gratitude towards Ian Good, Head of Emergency Management, for arranging the recent surgeries with the National Flood Forum, and to the Leader of Surrey County Council, Councillor David Hodge, for confirming there will be a review of this incident.

Mr Orrick asked how the impact of flooding can be lessened, or prevented, in future.

Mrs Marks confirmed that there are still residents in her division living in hotel accommodation, who are unlikely to be able to return to their homes for some time. She expressed her concern that flooding had not been prevented in the 'hotspots' already known to the county council. Businesses around Caterham roundabout and Church Walk have been badly affected. Both Mrs Marks and

Mrs Windsor expressed their thanks to Steve Cunnah, Highway Maintenance Engineer, for his work.

Mrs Windsor and Mrs Marks said gully clearance had been inadequate. Mrs Marks asked why gullies on the A22 at Whyteleafe had not been emptied for 18 months, despite being raised on a number of occasions, and felt that contractors had not done their jobs properly.

Mrs Windsor was concerned that new housing developments had been put in without adequate drainage, and that this was exacerbating the problems.

Doug Hill, Strategic Network Resilience Manager, stated that a significant amount of rain had fallen in a short time. This event was therefore very different to the flooding of winter 2013. He said there are over 1000 known wetspots across the county, and these have to be prioritised in terms of risk to safety. A 'Section 19' investigation will be undertaken. This will identify which authorities had a function, and whether or not they carried out this function. He confirmed that the investigation will also look more widely at the issues. The Officer agreed to bring this report back to the committee to see what lessons can be learned.

The Officer confirmed that the National Flood Forum will continue to run drop-in sessions with advice and guidance over the coming weeks and the county council will help to publicise these.

John Lawlor, Local Delivery Manager confirmed that gully clearing had been completed in over 30 local roads, with repairs identified and scheduled. He asked members to tell them about any broken pipes in their divisions that they are aware of, so that they can be added to the list of repairs. He confirmed that the contract for gully maintenance had been reviewed, and dedicated officer resource put in to manage this contract going forwards.

Mr Orrick asked whether relief of council tax could be granted to those unable to return to their homes. Mr Hodge confirmed the county council's finance team were working with the district council on this, and that he will be raising the matter with the Secretary of State. He stated that as Leader of the county council, he sees flooding as a key risk for the county. He said the risks increase as more people tarmac over driveways and gardens, resulting in the water having nowhere to drain away naturally. He stated that the district council has a really important role in planning and needs to ensure soakaways are built into planning applications, and enforced. The Chairman referred the committee to the responses received to letters written by the committee to the Head of Planning at Tandridge District Council, and to Doug Hill, Strategic Network Resilience Manager.

District Councillor for Westway, Eithne Webster, thanked Mr Orrick for facilitating this item. She explained that residents had suffered terribly as a result of this flash flooding. She requested that the county council's contact centre are asked to ensure residents phoning up with flooding problems are invited to contact their county councillor. She said that some residents had their council tax already covered through their insurance company. She asked if a schedule for gully clearing could be published, and shared locally, so that residents could move parked cars. She confirmed that Tandridge District Council do enforce the provision of soakaways.

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The Chairman stated that flooding incidents like this which affect people's homes need to be a priority. He requested that Mr Orrick and Mrs Marks identify those areas where gullies have not been cleared so that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman can seek to prioritise funds appropriately during Finance meetings with Highways.

63/16 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 7]

The Chairman noted the report.

64/16 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS SUMMARY (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 8]

Members discussion – Key points:

The Chairman confirmed they were looking at a September start date for the Singing for the Brain sessions.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to let the committee know the dates and venues once confirmed.

It was noted that the case study within the report should read 'Chaldon Parish Council', not 'Crowhurst Parish Council'.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed to note:

(i) The Members' Allocation applications received and amounts spent, where indicated, as set out in Annex 1 of this report.

65/16 REPRESENTATION ON LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUPS FOR 2016-17 (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION FOR DECISION) [Item 9]

Members' discussion – key points:

Members agreed to continue with the same representatives. This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Hodge.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed:

- i. The terms of reference of the Youth Task Group, as set out in Annex 1.
- ii. The appointment of membership of the Youth task group and a representative on the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership for 2016/17 **as below:**
Youth Task Group: Mr Nick Skellett, Mrs Sally Marks, Mr John Orrick
East Surrey Community Safety Partnership: Mr Michael Sydney

66/16 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 10]

The Chairman welcomed Paula Desai, Team Manager for Services for Young People, to the meeting. He stated that the work by the team is very good, and being undertaken on a reduced budget.

The Officer introduced the report and explained how the new staffing structure was arranged. The team is working hard to divert young people from entering the criminal justice system.

Members Discussion – key points:

Mrs Marks asked how homelessness was measured. The Officer explained that while there are no young people in the district identified as homeless, they were aware of young people ‘sofa surfing’, and 4/5 young people living in hostels. The team uses the family mediation service to try and keep young people at home where possible. Most young people do not want to be in hostel accommodation – there are none in Tandridge and therefore it means moving away from their friends, to Epsom or Ash Vale.

Councillor John Orrick left the meeting at this point.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed:

- i. The terms of reference of the Youth Task Group, as set out in Annex 1.
- ii. The appointment of membership of the Youth task group and a representative on the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership for 2016/17 **as below:**

**Youth Task Group: Mr Nick Skellett, Mrs Sally Marks, Mr John Orrick
East Surrey Community Safety Partnership: Mr Michael Sydney**

67/16 PRESENTATION FROM GOVIA THAMESLINK RAILWAY (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 11]

The Chairman stated this item had been deferred until September as nobody from GoVia Thameslink had been able to attend.

68/16 PARKING REVIEW (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION FOR DECISION) [Item 12]

David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Manager introduced the report. He explained that the county council receives hundreds of requests for parking restrictions, and therefore for efficiency they are grouped together and looked at as part of the scheduled parking review. All proposals in the report have been discussed and agreed with the divisional member. The next stage is to start statutory consultation. The report allows for adjustments to be made to the proposals after the meeting.

The Officer explained that the changes to the regulations concerning School Keep Clear markings means that any proposals can be agreed with the divisional member straightaway, rather than waiting for the next parking review.

The Officer confirmed that implementation from last year’s parking review was due to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

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The Officer confirmed that recommendation vi had been amended to reflect that the monies had already been allocated.

Members' discussion- key points:

Councillor John Orrick confirmed his support for the restrictions on both sides of Whyteleafe Road and that this should be added to the proposals.

The Chairman requested that Brassey Road and Detillens Lane are included in the review.

The amends to the recommendations were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Sydney.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed:

- i. The proposed changes to parking and waiting restrictions as shown in Annexes 1 and 2, **as amended in Annex 3 and to further include the additions of Whyteleafe Road, Detillens Lane and Brassey Road.**
- ii. If necessary, adjustments can be made to the proposals agreed at the meeting by the Parking Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local Member prior to statutory consultation.
- iii. The intention of the County Council to make Traffic Regulation Orders under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Tandridge as shown in the Annexes (and as subsequently modified by ii) is advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the Order is made.
- iv. 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.
- v. If necessary the Parking Team Manager will report the objections back to the local committee for resolution.
- vi. Note the allocation £10,000 in the Revenue Maintenance Allocation 2016/17 as agreed at the 23 March 2016 Tandridge Local Committee meeting to implement the parking amendments.
- vii. Approve the new process for implementation of new school keep clear markings (SKCs), and to agree to revoke the traffic regulation orders for existing SKCs across Tandridge, in light of changes in government legislation.

69/16 PAVEMENT HORIZON 5 YEAR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 13]

Matthew Gallop, Asset Programme Manager introduced the report, which provides details of the needs-based schemes identified for years 2-5 of the Pavement Horizon programme. There are other preventative schemes not included within this report.

Members Discussion – key points:

Members were unhappy with the report and how this funding had been handled and requested a further meeting with a full list of schemes for members to be able to comment.

Resolution:

The committee acknowledged that they had received the report but declined to note the recommendations.

70/16 HIGHWAYS UPDATE 2016-17 (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 14]

Members Discussion – key points:

Mr Hodge asked when the Limpsfield Road to Warlingham Green scheme would be done. John Lawlor, Local Delivery Manager, agreed to find out and respond to Mr Hodge.

The Chairman asked for clarification about whether the Comforts Farm Road scheme was still going ahead. The Local Delivery Manager agreed to find out and respond to the Chairman.

The Chairman said Brassey Road still has a sign up saying it is going to be repaired even though it is no longer on the list of planned schemes. The Local Delivery Manager agreed to investigate and respond to the Chairman.

Mr Sydney asked when Officers had met with Burstow Parish Council regarding Redehall Road. The Local Delivery Manager responded this was at the end of the financial year.

Mr Hodge was disappointed the report did not contain an update on Project Horizon. The Local Delivery Manager agreed that this was a surprise and he would feed back to the committee about this.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) agreed to note the contents of the report.

Meeting ended at: 12:46pm

Chairman

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