

## SURREY HEATH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

10 MARCH 2016

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- Q1 Tim Dodds asked about a public notice on Red Road which suggested that the road would be closed for 3 days after 1 April to replace a manhole cover.
- A1 It was explained that this was a standard Highways notice that meant that the work would be completed within a three day period (not necessarily lasting 3 days). This could involve complex structural works involving materials which might take time to cure before traffic could pass over the repair.
- Q2 Murray Rowlands asked if the Local Area Committee would support the activities planned to mark the centenary of the battle of The Somme. The first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, saw the heaviest loss of life in a single day's fighting in British military history. The entire battle lasted until 18 November 1916 and eventually resulted in over a million casualties. A variety of activities were planned for Surrey Heath.
- A2 The Local Area Committee were pleased to offer publicity for these events. Officers would contact Murray for further details.
- Q3 Lavinia Sealy asked how much it would cost to create a new road crossing in Chertsey Road, Chobham should the proposed Post Office move take place from its existing location in Windsor Road to Jonellas.
- A3 A new pedestrian crossing with associated lights would cost in the region of £100k to £120k depending on how close a suitable electricity source was. It was noted that more requests are received for highways improvements than can be funded. C Cllr Mike Goodman suggested a review of the speed limit along Chertsey Road and the involvement of the parking team regarding concerns for safety. The proposal to move the Post Office should become clearer after Friday's public meeting on the issue.
- Q4 Lavinia Sealy asked if Highways were able to offer any advice on planning issues relating to the proposed move.
- A4 Unless a change of category of use was involved Highways would not be required to comment.
- Q5 Cllr Ruth Hutchinson asked why she had not been notified of the meeting.
- A5 The existing list would be checked with parish clerks and amended where appropriate.
- Q6 A question was asked about what was being done to address the pothole problem in Bracknell Road.
- A6 Because of the extent of the highway network, officers were not always able to identify potholes as and when they appeared and relied on members of the public reporting them via the online reporting system on SCC's website. A lot of money has been spent on resurfacing Surrey roads under Operation Horizon covering about 10% of the network. All road users were encouraged

to take responsibility for reporting dangerous potholes. Once reported if they were not repaired contact should be made to the local County Councillor.