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Minutes of the meeting of the
Tandridge LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 10.15 am on 23 June 2017
 at Council Chamber, Tandridge District Council Offices, Station Road East,
 Oxted, RH8 0BT.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr David Hodge CBE
- Mr Chris Botten
- * Mr David Lee
- * Mrs Lesley Steeds
- * Mrs Rose Thorn
- * Mr Cameron McIntosh

District Members:

- * Mr Pat Cannon
- * Mr Michael Cooper
- * Mr Martin Fisher
- Cllr Nick Childs
- Cllr Simon Morrow
- Mrs Maureen Young

* In attendance

113/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mr Simon Morrow, Mrs Maureen Young, Mr Nick Childs and Mr Chris Botten.

114/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes from the previous meeting on 3 March 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

115/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None declared.

116/17 PETITIONS [Item 4]

No petitions had been received.

117/17 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

Two public questions had been received. The responses were tabled at the meeting and a copy is annexed to the minutes.

1) HGV traffic for Chalkpit Quarry, from Mr Nick Skellett.

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Mr Skellett did not attend the meeting.

Member discussion – key points:

- Members discussed the serious concerns that local residents have about the volume of HGVs travelling around these rural, narrow, residential streets if activity at the quarry is to build up again, after a hiatus of a number of years.
- Members expressed their astonishment and frustration that the Environment Agency has increased the permitted infilling tonnage to 200,000 tonnes per annum, from 100,000 tonnes, without consulting the county council.
- Where there are more than 30-40 HGV movements per day, the HGVs then cannot avoid having to pass each other as one heads to the quarry and one leaves. The road is too narrow for this, resulting in one lorry having to mount the verge. There has been an accident in the past as a result, back in 2008, when the volume of HGVs was high. Work at the quarry typically seems to be compressed into a few months, which exacerbates the HGV issues. There is no bridleway along this route, and no footpath, and yet many horseriders and school children use this route. Mr David Hodge, Leader of the County Council and member for Warlingham, reminded the Local Committee that county councillors have a duty as Corporate Parents to stand up for children's safety.
- Mr Martin Fisher, Ward Councillor for Oxted North and Tandridge, asked the Local Committee to ensure the County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee are aware of the Local Committee's concerns about the proposed increase in HGV movements as a result of the increase to the infilling tonnage approved by the Environment Agency.

Resolution:

The Local Committee agreed to note the response.

The Local Committee also agreed the following actions, as proposed by Mr Hodge and seconded by Mr McIntosh, and supported by all members present:

- 1) Write to the Environment Agency and demand that a Minister comes to see the site.
- 2) Request the emergency services to undertake a risk assessment.
- 3) Write to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to reflect the local concerns about the proposed increase in HGV volumes and ask for a cap to be implemented.

2) Cuts to Highways Localism Funding, Mr Bob Milton, Chaldon Village Council

Mr Milton attended the meeting.

Mr Milton expressed his disappointment and frustration that the Localism Funding, previously available for Parish Councils, has been cut this year. Parish Councils need to be more involved, and communication from SCC needs to be better. Parishes need more funds and decision making devolved to them, as they are well placed to deliver locally. Mr Milton asked the county council not to abandon localism.

Member discussion – key points:

- Mr Cannon, Ward Councillor for Chaldon, supported Mr Milton, and added his disappointment that the funding would be withdrawn, with the late notice leaving the Village Council in a difficult position.
- Mr David Hodge offered his apologies on behalf of the county council. Local Committees had expected that the funding for this would continue, but the reality of the council's financial challenges, meant that it had had to be looked at again, and there could be no guarantee of any funding for future years, at this stage. Mr Hodge confirmed he will be meeting Surrey's MPs in July, and will be clear that the county needs more funding.

The Area Highway Manager confirmed that a letter had gone out to parishes who usually bid for this funding, but it had not been possible to confirm budgets to parishes any earlier, as set out in the response. Some parishes may be able to look at using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for local works, and the central grass cutting contract remains in place, as well as the Lingfield Hub. There is still some revenue funding for a community gang, and each county member can prioritise these locally.

Resolution:

The Local Committee agreed to note the response, and to note Mr Cannon's disappointment with it.

118/17 MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

No members' questions had been received.

119/17 DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 7]

Members were asked to note the report.

Mr David Lee, divisional member for Caterham Valley, asked why speeding issues on Burntwood Lane were not referenced on the tracker. The Area Highway Manager agreed to look at this outside of the meeting and go back to Mr Lee.

120/17 PROPOSED BRIDLEWAY CREATION ON PUBLIC FOOTPATH 120 CATERHAM VALLEY (OTHER COUNTY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS) [Item 8]

Officers attending: Debbie Prismall, Senior Countryside Access Officer, Joanne Porter, Countryside Access Assistant.

Speaking in support:

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Mrs Avril Sleeman, Access Officer, British Horse Society, had registered to speak in support of the proposal. Mrs Sleeman spoke for 3 minutes, during which time she outlined her reasons for supporting the proposals, including:

- Have used the route for many years because there are no barriers to deter horse riders.
- Bridge was designated a bridleway in 2004 and a new bridge built in 2007.
- Horses get frightened by the cars if you take them along the A22 embankment.
- The Horse Society has offered to pay compensation to the landowner.
- The route is an important link and much needed for safety.

The Senior Countryside Access Officer stated that the current route along the A22 embankment is not safe for horses, and is a long way around.

Member discussion – key points:

- The Divisional Member for Caterham Valley stated that the decision was an obvious one that he fully supports. No signage is required, and the current signage incorrectly indicates it is a cycle route already.
- The Ward Member for Harestone asked about what would happen to the embankment if the recommendation is approved. The Senior Countryside Access Officer confirmed that this would remain as highway verge.
- In response to a question about the reasons why the landowner had objected, the Senior Countryside Access Officer confirmed that the landowner had indicated the reason for objecting to the proposals was that he did not want horseriders to have formal use of the route.
- Mr Hodge proposed an amendment to the recommendation, as detailed below, and this was seconded by Mr McIntosh, and agreed by the committee.

Vote:

The committee held a vote with a show of hands, and all 8 members present voted FOR the officer's recommendation.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) RESOLVED to agree that:

i. A creation order is made under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980, to create Public Bridleway No.120 (Caterham Valley) onto the line of Public Footpath No. 120 (Caterham Valley), shown A – B on Drg. No. 3/1/325/H5 **as dated 27/10/2016** and that if any objections are received and maintained to the Order that it is submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for determination.

Reasons:

Officers are of the view that the criteria for making a creation order have been met.

The new route will benefit the public by providing a useful, safer link in the rights of way network for horse riders and cyclists.

121/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING AND REPRESENTATION ON TASK GROUPS AND EXTERNAL BODIES (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION FOR DECISION) [Item 9]

Officer attending: Vicki Eade, Partnership Lead (East)

The Partnership Lead introduced the report. The committee was asked to agree the process for approving the expenditure of the community safety budget, and to agree the nomination of Mr Nick Childs, Ward Councillor for Godstone, to be the Local Committee representative on the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership. This was set out in the Supplementary Agenda, tabled at the meeting.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) RESOLVED to agree that:

(i) The committee's delegated community safety budget of £3000 for 2017/18 be retained by the Community Partnership Team, on behalf of the Local Committee, and that the Community Safety Partnership and/or other local organisations be invited to submit proposals for funding that meet the criteria and principles set out at paragraph 2.4 of this report.

(ii) Authority be delegated to the Community Partnership Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, to authorise the expenditure of the community safety budget in accordance with the criteria and principles stated at paragraph 2.4 of this report.

(iii) The committee receives updates on the project(s) that was funded, the outcomes and the impact it has achieved.

(iv) The committee approves the nomination to the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership, as set out in paragraphs 2.9 and 2.10.

Reasons:

The report sets out a process for allocating the committee's delegated community safety budget of £3000 to local organisations. It also proposes Local Committee representation on the East Surrey Community Safety Partnership for the forthcoming year. The appointment of councillors of the Local Committee to external bodies enables the committee's representation on and input to such bodies.

122/17 DORMANSLAND ROAD SAFETY SCHEME UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION FOR DECISION) [Item 10]

Officers attending: Zena Curry, Area Highway Manager, Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, Philippa Gates, Traffic Engineer

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The Area Highway Manager introduced the report. The reports seeks the Local Committee's approval as it involves making a material change to the highway.

Member discussion – key points:

- Members noted that the drawing in Annex 2 is marked 'draft'. The Area Highway Manager confirmed this was an error, and that the drawing in Annex 2 would be remarked 'final'.

Resolution:

The Local Committee (Tandridge) RESOLVED to:

(i) Approve the traffic calming scheme for High Street, Dormansland as shown in Annex 2 to this report, for construction.

Reasons:

To enable the revised scheme developer funded traffic calming scheme for High Street, Dormansland to be implemented.

123/17 HIGHWAYS SCHEMES UPDATE 2017/18 (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 11]

Officers attending: Zena Curry, Area Highway Manager, Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, Philippa Gates, Traffic Engineer

The Area Highway Manager introduced the report.

Members discussion – key points:

In response to a question about the 'anomaly' on Godstone Road, the Area Highway Manager confirmed that the signs on site did not match the legal traffic order, and therefore the traffic order needed to be amended. The signs will remain in place.

Resolution:

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

Reasons:

To update the Local Committee on the progress of the highway works programme in Tandridge.

124/17 HIGHWAYS FORWARD PROGRAMME 2017/18 - 2018/19 (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 12]

Officers attending: Zena Curry, Area Highway Manager, Anne-Marie Hannam, Senior Traffic Engineer, Philippa Gates, Traffic Engineer

The Area Highway Manager introduced the report. The Local Committee has a devolved budget for local highways schemes and maintenance. The report

sets out the agreed programme of works following the reduction to the Local Committee's devolved budget. Additionally, works in Tandridge are also programmed centrally, which do not come under this budget, such as pothole repair, and drainage. The Area Highway Manager acknowledged that the budget reduction is disappointing.

A verbal correction was offered for paragraph 2.5, fourth bullet point, where 'Community groups who have previously bid for funding under the Localism initiative have been advised', should be '*will be advised*'.

It will be possible for the committee to vire money during the year, and this is delegated to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Member discussion – key points:

- In response to a question about drainage works and the new contractor appointed, as detailed in the 3 March minutes, the Area Highway Manager confirmed this is centrally funded. The vast majority of ditches are privately owned. Concern was expressed about the speed and quality of ditch and drainage clearing, and issues not being resolved, i.e. A22. Members were asked to inform the Area Highway Manager of their areas of concern.
- Members expressed their disappointment with the drastically reduced budget. The Chairman proposed to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways to express the committee's dissatisfaction. Mr David Lee seconded this motion. Mr Hodge and Mr Cooper abstained from supporting this motion.
- Mr Hodge proposed that the committee writes to the East Surrey MP, to campaign that the volume of vehicles is made a major factor in determining local funding as opposed to solely road length. Mr David Lee seconded this motion.

Resolution:

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

Reasons:

To update the Local Committee on the revised Tandridge capital and revenue highways works programmes agreed under delegated authority.

125/17 PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 13]

Officers attending: David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, Jacquie Joseph, Parking Manager Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

The Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager introduced the report, and circulated a paper showing the number of Penalty Charge Notices

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(PCNs) issued per road during 2016-17. A copy of this is annexed to the minutes. This report provides an update on the trial of employing more Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) only; a full report on the service will be provided to the Local Committee with a full financial outturn for the Local Committee's September or December meeting. The financial outturn will have been audited.

600 additional PCNs have been issued as a result of the additional CEOs employed. The Parking Review is due to come to the Local Committee in September for a decision. The county council is currently investigating enforcement arrangements, and this includes talking to districts and boroughs and looking at what the private sector could offer. This is expected to be put to the county council's Cabinet over the winter.

Members discussion – key points:

- In response to a number of questions from members about the specific locations in the roads listed in the tabled paper, the Parking Manager agreed to provide greater detail for members, including clarifying the 'unnamed service road', why only 2 PCNs had been issued at Station Road Caterham, and the location of the PCNs on Croydon Road.
- Members were pleased to note that the trial was succeeding.
- Members asked the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager to send on the outstanding PCN data to Tandridge District Council, and asked that Surrey County Council officers work closely with the district as they have a number of changes happening in relation to off-street parking coming up, which will impact on on-street parking.
- Members asked for the financial outturn to include the same information for the previous year, to enable comparisons.

Resolution:

The Local Committee RESOLVED to:

(i) Note the contents of the report.

Reasons:

Waiting and parking restrictions that are suitably/adequately enforced will help to:

- Improve road safety
- Increase access for emergency vehicles
- improve access to shops, facilities and businesses
- Increase access for refuse vehicles and service vehicles
- Ease traffic congestion
- Better regulate parking

The Local Committee can contribute towards these objectives in partnership with the enforcement team.

Meeting ended at: 12.03 pm

Chairman

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