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Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Elmbridge LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
 held at 4.00 pm on 27 February 2017  
 at Council Chamber, Elmbridge Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD.

**Surrey County Council Members:**

- \* Mrs Margaret Hicks (Chairman)
- \* Mr Mike Bennison (Vice-Chairman)
- Mr Ramon Gray
- Mr Peter Hickman
- \* Rachael I. Lake
- \* Mrs Mary Lewis
- \* Mr Ernest Mallett MBE
- \* Mr Tony Samuels
- \* Mr Stuart Selleck

**Borough / District Members:**

- \* Cllr Andrew Davis
- \* Cllr Roy Green
- \* Cllr Peter Harman
- \* Cllr Malcolm Howard
- \* Cllr Andy Muddyman
- \* Cllr T G Oliver
- \* Cllr Mrs Mary Sheldon
- \* Cllr Graham Woolgar

\* In attendance

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**1/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ramon Gray and Mr Peter Hickman.

**2/17 POLICING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD [Item 2]**

The Elmbridge Borough Inspector, Sarah Milligan, gave a presentation on Policing in the borough. The PowerPoint is attached as Annex A.

Members' comments included:

- A request for actual figures as well as percentages to be used as percentages alone do not always give a clear picture.
- With the rise in cybercrime how did the police manage to locate the perpetrators
- How did a Member manage to raise the profile of an issue with the Police?

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- How much did the Police work with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and schools?

The Borough Inspector responded, explaining that historic reports had been included in the figures which was one reason for the spike and also much promotion work had taken place to encourage the reporting of Domestic Abuse. The partnership work took place at both Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) and Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings, at which the most appropriate service was identified to deal with the issue. Each borough had a Youth Intervention Officer who worked closely with the schools.

SM agreed to send actual figures through to the clerk and also contact details for Policing in Elmbridge for circulation to the Committee Members.

### **3/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 3]**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2016 were agreed.

### **4/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 4]**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER [Item 5]**

The updated Local Committee decision tracker was noted.

### **6/17 PETITIONS [Item 6]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Adrian Harris (Parking Engineer)

Nick Healey (Area Highway Manager NE)

Three petitions were received. The details of the petitions and responses where provided are attached as Annexes B, C & D.

On behalf of Ms Joan Choules, Mr Brian Sutherland presented the petition with 16 signatures, requesting SCC to change the new parking restrictions in Goldrings Rd, Oxshott. He explained that recently some parking restrictions in Goldrings Rd had been removed so that non residents could now park all day in certain places in the road. This was only benefitting approximately 10 to 15 people who were now avoiding paying the railway station car park charges. The parked cars had also created a hazard for residents reversing out of their drives, a hazard which didn't exist previously.

The officer responded explaining that some restrictions had been removed as part of the Committee's Parking Strategy was to provide parking. He added that the team had ensured that restrictions hadn't been removed close to junctions or driveways so as not to create a hazard and in fact parked cars could have the effect of reducing the speed of traffic. The issue could be considered again at the next review due to start at the end of 2017/18.

Members' comments included:

- Support for the petitioners' request
- Support for the strategy which was trying to free up parking spaces

Margaret Hicks proposed and Mike Bennsion seconded that an addition was added to the recommendation to ensure the road was included in the next parking review in the area.

The Local Committee resolved to note the contents of the report **and include the issue in the next phase of the Elmbridge Parking Review at the end of 2017/18.**

The second petition with 430 signatures was presented by Dr Alan Wright, on behalf of Mr Nick Thripp, from the Triangle Residents' Group, requesting SCC to introduce more effective traffic management measures along Princes Road, Pine Grove and York Road (south) in Weybridge, aimed at reducing traffic volumes and speeds.

Dr Alan Wright spoke explaining that the 'Triangle' was the area formed by the B373, the A317 and the London to Portsmouth railway line. When the traffic choked at the Monument Hill junction then traffic including HGVs used Princes Road, Pine Grove and York Road with their blind bends and parked cars as a short cut. Statistics did not reveal the hazards facing the residents which included the catchment area for Manby Lodge and Heathside Schools which were also both expanding.

He continued, as a first step the petitioners were requesting a 20 mph area and associated restrictions. They were aware that 20 mph had already been implemented elsewhere in Portmore Park Rd, Weybridge and Wodeland Ave., Guildford. They were very happy to co-operate with the experts and understood the current financial pressures and were seeking a holistic approach to prevent accidents.

Ramon Gray, the Weybridge Divisional Member, who was unable to attend the meeting, had submitted some comments prior to the meeting which the Chairman read out. His comments are attached in Annexe 3.

Councillor Peter Harman spoke in support of the petition explaining the area was used by a lot of child cyclists and asked that the Local Committee supported it too.

A response to the petition would be provided at the next meeting.

The third petition with 79 signatures was presented by Mrs Iwona Januszajtis requesting SCC to resurface Queens Rd., Hersham from Westcar Lane roundabout to the roundabout opposite the Watermans Arms. She explained that there had been a rapid deterioration in the road surface which was very dangerous to both cyclists and pedestrians. It was also a bus route and yet there had been no commitment from SCC to resurface the road. Other roads such as Primrose Road had been resurfaced instead, why was this? She added that she felt SCC was failing in its duty of care.

The Highways officer explained that at the previous two Committee cycles we had also received petitions requesting roads to be resurfaced so we were in a difficult position. SCC had a statutory duty to maintain the highway so it was safe for public use. The thresholds for classification as a safety defect were pot holes 40mm+ deep on the road and 20mm+ deep for a cycle lane, which was in line with the National Code of Practice. The team followed regular

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inspection schedules and also followed up on notifications from residents and councillors. He added many other roads in Hersham were also in a bad condition, but the team must prioritise.

The roads on the previous Operation Horizon programme were prioritised based on part technical and part on consultation whereas the upcoming Horizon programme would be prioritised solely on a technical basis and Queens Rd was not on the programme for the next 5 years. The officer added that the Local Committee could fund the resurfacing of Queens Rd., but that would take the majority of the budget, which would not be finalised until the end of March. Queens Road was on a running list and would be considered by the Committee each year.

Members' key comments included:

- That they regularly inspected roads and constantly reported defects
- It was up to the Committee how they split the budget
- The road was heavily used by cyclists and it was not safe
- Could the 1m at the edge of the road to help cyclists be resurfaced

The officer responded by confirming he would request his team to make an adhoc inspection of the road. He would not recommend only resurfacing the 1m at the side as that would encourage cyclists to cycle in the gutter which was not recommended as the safest place.

### **7/17 PETITION RESPONSE: SILVERDALE AVENUE, OXSHOTT [Item 6a]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Adrian Harris (Parking Engineer)

The officer introduced the report explaining how officers and Members had met at Danes Hill School and discussed the feasibility study which had taken place in 2016 to look at improving access to the school and how the Bursar had been very supportive of the idea that improving the access could help resolve the parking issue.

The work was going to be carried out in two phases. Firstly, additional signage and amended road markings would be introduced to improve awareness and safety. Then the physical layout would be looked at and a new layout widening the access to provide a two lane exit would be developed to provide details of the cost and the work required.

The officer added that Silverdale Ave could be looked at again in the future.

The petitioner, Debbie Chitty, commented that she appreciated the impossible situation of the Council with the varying demands from residents and budget pressures, but that the all day parking was a problem.

Margaret Hicks proposed an amendment to the recommendation, which Mike Bennison seconded.

The Local Committee resolved to note the contents of the report **and to include the issue in the next phase of the Elmbridge parking review at the end of 2017/18.**

**8/17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME [Item 7]**

The public question was linked to Item 12 so was deferred until that item.

**9/17 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 8]**

No Member questions had been received.

**10/17 ELMBRIDGE LOCAL COMMITTEE REVIEW 2013-17 [Item 9]**

Cheryl Poole, Community Partnership and Partnership Officer, Jeremy Crouch, Youth Practice Lead, Nick Healey, Area Highway Manager (NE) and Adrian Harris, Parking Engineer, gave the presentation attached as Annex E.

**11/17 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [Item 10]**

**Declarations of interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Nick Healey (Area Highway Manager (NE))

The officer introduced the report explaining it was the regular update with decisions requested on some bus stop clearway markings to prevent other vehicles parking at the bus stops and making it difficult for passengers to board and alight. The budgets had not yet been confirmed so the officer hoped to meet with the Committee Members informally before the next formal meeting.

The Local Committee resolved to:

- (i) Authorise the Area Highway Manager to make appropriate changes to budget allocations and programmes of work for next Financial Year 2017-18 when Committee's Highways budgets for next Financial Year have been confirmed, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and affected Members of the Local Committee (paragraphs 2.20 to 2.24 refer);
- (ii) Agree to introduce four new bus stop clearways in Eppingham Road, Long Ditton, at four existing bus stops detailed in Annex A (paragraph 2.25 refers);
- (iii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and relevant Divisional Member(s) to undertake all necessary procedures to deliver the agreed programmes

Reasons for decision: It may be necessary to review the Local Committee's highway budget allocations and programmes of works 2017-18 when the Local Committee's budgets are confirmed. To prevent cars parking near to bus stops hindering the public from boarding and alighting buses.

**12/17 LONG DITTON SCHOOLS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION [Item 11]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Peter Shimadry (Senior Engineer)

The officer introduced the report explaining that the officers had worked closely with County and Borough Members to develop the schemes. Residents and businesses in the immediate area of the proposals, which included two zebra crossings, had been consulted with. 35% of those consulted responded and 86% of those were in favour of the proposals. The many helpful comments received in the feedback to the consultation would also be taken forward.

The Local Committee resolved to

- (i) note the results of the public consultation as set out in this report, particularly that there is overwhelming level of support for the proposals presented for public consultation;
- (ii) note that the results and feedback will be used to inform the detailed design
- (iii) delegate authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

Reason for decision: to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver the programme of works in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

### **13/17 PARKING REVIEW - ESHER, CLAYGATE & HINCHLEY WOOD [Item 12]**

**Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Tim Oliver declared a personal interest as he was a patron of the Wheatsheaf public house.

**Officers attending:** Adrian Harris (Parking Engineer)

Peter Shimadry (Senior Engineer (Highways))

A public question received from Mr John Cruddas, a resident of Esher, was taken at this point on the agenda. The question and response is attached as Annex F.

Before putting his supplementary question, Mr Cruddas explained that the Wheatsheaf was no longer a 'local' pub, residents were already having difficulty finding parking spaces in the relatively less popular month of February and that the pub did not appear to be attempting to encourage patrons to use public car parks. He asked given that the officer had referred to the necessity for balance and compromise, did he not feel that the situation favoured the pub to the detriment of residents and the potential value of their properties and whether the issues should be referred back to councillors and residents for further consultation.

The Parking Engineer said his recommendation was in line with the Committee's Parking Strategy. The Senior Engineer explained that the Local Committee was funding a study to look at the Lammas Lane junction and parking would form part of that discussion.

Members' comments included:

- The officer had been asked to look at the parking outside the pub as part of the review

- They had sympathy with the residents
- The issue would be considered as part of the wider work of the Esher Transport Study

The Parking Engineer introduced the report explaining that 190 responses to the consultation had been received and meetings had taken place with ward Councillors and Claygate Parish Councillors. In addition as detailed in the report a further consultation was going to take place in Hillbrow Road, Esher on the idea of parking permits in the road. Depending on the outcome of the consultation Carrick Gate might then be looked at again.

Members' comments included:

- Most issues had been covered, but there was concern about the bend in West End Lane
- Concern that not many extra parking places had been found in this review
- Concern that people did need to park and whether the increase in double yellow lines in Lammas Lane and West End Lane really necessary

The Parking Engineer agreed to provide details of the number of extra spaces created as part of this review.

Councillor Tim Oliver proposed and the Chairman seconded an addition to recommendation (i), to introduce double yellow lines on the bend in West End Lane.

The Local Committee resolved to:

- (i) The county council's intention to introduce the proposals in Annex 1 **and to introduce double yellow lines on West End Lane, Esher, around the inside of the bend approximately opposite the western access to the Prince of Wales public house, to improve visibility and safety around the bend**, is formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation.
- (ii) To authorise the Parking team manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Elmbridge Local Committee and the divisional Member for Esher, to decide whether or not to proceed with a parking permit scheme in Hillbrow Road, Esher and a parking restriction in Carrick Gate, Esher, based on the feedback received in the consultation, as detailed in 2.4-2.5.
- (iii) If objections are received the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager is authorised to try and resolve them;
- (iv) If any objections cannot be resolved, the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, in consultation with the Chairman/Vice Chairman of this committee and the county councillor for the division, decides whether or not they should be acceded to and therefore whether the order should be made, with or without modifications.

Reasons for decision: the waiting restrictions in this report will help improve road safety, improve access for emergency vehicles, refuse vehicles, buses and service vehicles, access for shops, facilities and businesses, reduce traffic congestion and better regulate parking.

**14/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 13]**

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The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 26 June 2017.

Meeting ended at: 6.30 pm

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**Chairman**