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Minutes of the meeting of the
Waverley LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 10.00 am on 22 September 2017
 at Bramley Village Hall, Hall Road, Bramley. GU5 0AX.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Victoria Young (Chairman)
- * Mr Richard Hampson (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr David Harmer
- * Mr Andy MacLeod
- Mr Peter Martin
- * Dr Andrew Povey
- * Mr Wyatt Ramsdale
- * Mrs Penny Rivers
- * Mr Stephen Spence

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Carole Cockburn
- * Cllr James Edwards
- * Cllr Pat Frost
- * Cllr Jerry Hyman
- Cllr Denise LeGal
- * Cllr Denis Leigh
- * Cllr David Round
- * Cllr Richard Seaborne
- * Cllr Liz Townsend

* In attendance

77/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Denise Le Gal and Mr Peter Martin.

78/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

Minutes of the Waverley Local Committee on 23 June 2017 were agreed and approved as an accurate record.

79/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Dr Andrew Povey declared an interest regarding Item 13 Waverley Parking Review 2017: Dr Povey declared a financial interest in a property in Cranleigh.

80/17 PETITIONS & PETITION RESPONSES [Item 4]

Two petitions were received in advance of the meeting.

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- (i) From Simon Cross which contains 35 signatures of the 24 households in the street and requests the introduction of bollards on the pavement for the length of the double yellow lines along Stream Farm Close.

Mr Simon Cross spoke to the Local Committee for the allowed three minutes.

There are already double yellow lines at the entrance to Stream Farm Close but they are mostly being ignored. Mr Colin Kemp said that parking enforcement officers who cover Waverley should be carrying out the enforcement, not the police. However, it was acknowledged that the enforcement officers are not able to be there all the time. Members agreed that Surrey Police does not have the resources to regularly monitor the area.

Members were generally supportive of the petitioner, but there was concern regarding the cost of installing bollards. There was also concern that other residents would request bollards for their roads and there is no budget to pay for these. The petitioner, Mr Cross, said that The Fox public house had agreed to pay for the bollards at the entrance to Stream Farm Close. Local Bourne members requested that they meet with officers at the site and consult with local residents.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

Following the petitioner's statement that the local public house 'The Fox' has agreed to pay for the bollards, local members and SCC officers will meet at the site to look at the technical possibilities of bollard installation and to discuss style and location.

- (ii) From Sandra Cheeseman which contains 49 signatures and reads:
"We the undersigned call for the construction of a parking lay-by in Broomfield to allow for residents to park and allow space for the safe passage of traffic along the highway."

Mrs Sandra Cheeseman was not present at the meeting.

The local member Mr David Harmer requested that the Committee still considers the petition.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

There is no funding for this at the present time. The Highways team will investigate further and provide an approximate estimate of costs to install a parking lay-by in Broomfield, should funding possibilities be identified at a later date.

81/17 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 5]

No member questions were received.

82/17 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]

Two Written Public Question were received from: Mr David Beaman and Mr Barry Cole. The questions and answers are in Annex 1 to these minutes (see attached).

Mr Beaman asked a supplementary question regarding how funding is allocated to Surrey roads. Mr Colin Kemp, SCC Cabinet Member for Highways, answered. Mr Kemp explained that the central government calculation uses the length of roads, not their location or usage. Mr Kemp said that SCC is campaigning to get the funding calculation method changed and if members of the public also wished to change the funding method, they should lobby their local member of parliament.

Mr Cole was not present at the meeting.

83/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 7]

The Decision Tracker was acknowledged.

84/17 HIGHWAYS ENGLAND: HINDHEAD TUNNEL (SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN) [Item 8]

Two managers from Highways England Routine Maintenance and Operations presented to the Committee. See Annex 2 to these minutes for the presentation.

The Chairman Mrs Victoria Young said she was disappointed that there were no Hindhead Tunnel statistics in the presentation and most of what had been presented was already known to the Committee.

Members asked for more information including traffic patterns, times of day, amount of time closed, numbers of vehicles, reasons for closure etc. Members also asked questions regarding an alternative route plan, management controls and why Farnham Town Council is not included as one of Highways England's regular consultees, especially as the A325 which runs through Wrecclesham takes all the traffic from the A3 when the tunnel is closed from the Portsmouth side. It was noted that at present the regular consultees represent communities around Thursley. Highways England has been in consultation with this group specifically about traffic being diverted off the A3 at Thursley and not following the diversion but instead going through Thursley and/or Bowlhead Green. The group is not a general consultee forum, but specifically meets about this Thursley issue.

There was also discussion concerning the original public enquiry, when it was said that tunnel closure would only be once every five to ten years. Closure is now a much more regular occurrence.

Highways England described the traffic closure procedure and said that it was seeking to fund a trial of traffic officers being based at the tunnel. Over the past 12 months, there had been 53 breakdowns, 17 road traffic accidents, 49 planned closures and 46 unplanned closures. Websites, social media and radio are used to announce issues and closures.

Highways England said more information would be sent to members following this meeting and a follow-up report would be produced to include statistics.

The Chairman thanked Highways England for attending and invited them back in about six months to provide more information to the Local Committee and to answer further questions.

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85/17 CABINET MEMBER (HIGHWAYS) UPDATE [AGENDA ITEM ONLY] [Item 9]

The Chairman welcomed Mr Colin Kemp, SCC Cabinet Member for Highways, who presented to the Local Committee. See Annex 3 to these minutes for his Highways Briefing Note, which was tabled at the meeting.

Mr Kemp provided an update on the financial situation regarding Highways in Surrey and set out his intention to improve the quality and transparency of the information that is provided to members and residents. The Cabinet Member acknowledged that although the local committee's highways budget had been drastically cut, there was still a role for local/joint committees going forward. Mr Kemp would like proposals to be presented to the Local Committee earlier so that members are able to contribute to the process. He acknowledged that it was important for them to know what was going on so that they can inform their residents. Mr Kemp intends to attend all local and joint committees in early 2018 to consult with local members.

This year £90 million will be spent across the Surrey road network. A map (attached to these minutes at Annex 4 – see explanatory note* below) was displayed that showed the location of projects in Waverley, either delivered or scheduled for delivery this financial year. The briefing note summarised the spend across the borough; the Cabinet Member recognises that this is not enough, which is why there is a need to prioritise where and how the money is spent on the network.

The Local Committee also needs to look at other sources of funding that it may have access to, for example Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), developer funding (s106) and the parking surplus. Mr Kemp said that Waverley uses its parking surplus well and some great work had been done in Farnham already.

On-street parking charges in commercial areas is one option that is being explored but the Cabinet Member stressed that residential areas were not part of the scope. The main aim is to create churn of vehicles and allow residents who wish to visit these businesses to park and this in turn will help businesses to survive.

County officers would work with colleagues at the borough council to ensure a local approach and any decisions would come back to the Local Committee for agreement.

Members asked questions regarding the briefing note, including clarification on the 'defects' figures. It was explained that the figure includes everything, for example signs and potholes. There was a request that the parking revenue be saved for what it was intended in Farnham and not be top-sliced to support other areas.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kemp and said that the Committee looked forward to his future attendance.

* The numbers on the map are the Surrey Highways asset ID number. These numbers correspond with the ID on the published Horizon 2 lists on the SCC website.

86/17 ALLEGED RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN SALT LANE AND CLOCK BARN LANE, BUSBRIDGE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

This item was DEFERRED until the next Waverley Local Committee on 8 December 2017, to allow time for further consultation.

87/17 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 11]

The Chairman welcomed the SCC Acting Area Highways Manager, who presented the item.

It was requested that in future, the Area Highways Manager adds to the table headings in Highways Update Annex 2 (Waverley LTP Schemes Ranking), to indicate parish area in addition to the town (in the 'Division' column).

Members were provided with an update to Annex 3 – Road Casualties summary, which included information specific to Waverley. See Annex 5 to these minutes.

The Chairman gave an update regarding Farnham pedestrianization. She had met with the three Farnham county councillors on Monday 18 September to discuss in more detail. The Chairman is now going to meet with the Farnham county councillors and the local member of parliament, Jeremy Hunt, to discuss how the scheme can be progressed.

Members requested clarification regarding grit bins. The SCC Cabinet Member for Highways, Mr Colin Kemp, informed them that they are unable to use their SCC member allocation on grit bins. All grit bins will remain in place for this winter and SCC officers are communicating with members regarding the future status of grit bins - and the grit re-filling - in their areas.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE:

- (i) To note the capital works being progressed during 2016/17
- (ii) To note the ongoing revenue works being carried out.
- (iii) To approve the expenditure of the parking surplus as detailed in the report. (paragraphs 2.1.2 to 2.1.11 refer).
- (iv) To delegate to the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, the ability to resolve any problems encountered to facilitate scheme delivery.

Reason: The recommendations are intended to facilitate delivery of the 2017-18 Highways programmes funded by the Local Committee, whilst at the same time ensuring that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Members are fully and appropriately involved in any detailed considerations.

88/17 HIGHWAYS: B2130 DUNSFOLD ROAD / D181 BARRIHURST LANE - SPEED LIMIT ASSESSMENT (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 12]

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE that:

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- (i) Based upon the evidence the speed limits should be changed to adhere to the current policy, 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 is made.
- (ii) Authorisation is given to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Committee and Local Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.
- (iii) The speed limit be reduced to 40mph along the following lengths of highway:
 - B2130 Dunsfold Road, westwards from the existing de-restriction to a point 430 metres east of the access to The Lodge
 - D181 Barrihurst Rd, southwards from the existing de-restriction to its junction with B2130 Dunsfold Road.

Reason: Recommendations have been made based upon existing policy, in consultation with Surrey Police Road Safety and Traffic Management Team.

89/17 WAVERLEY PARKING REVIEW 2017 (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 13]

The Chairman welcomed the SCC parking team engineer, who presented the report. He informed the Local Committee that he intends to produce several smaller parking reviews in future, rather than one large review. This Waverley Parking Review had taken two years to produce.

The officer asked members in turn regarding their local area as detailed in the report, and he answered their queries. Cllr Denis Leigh requested it be noted that he was concerned regarding costs of providing additional yellow lines given the enforcement availability to ensure yellow lines meet their desired intention.

Some members asked to speak to the officer in more detail outside of the committee.

There was discussion regarding paragraph 5.1 – financial information. Members requested further information concerning the breakdown of the parking surplus, for example, from fines, parking meters, residents permits etc. The Chairman said she would come back to members with more information.

Members asked for it to be recorded that they thank the officers in the SCC parking team and especially the officer present, for all the work on the parking review.

The Local Committee (Waverley) resolved to AGREE:

- (i) the proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Waverley as described in this report and shown in detail on drawings in Annex A are agreed, **minus the proposals for Tilford Street, Tilford (paragraph 3.7.1).**

- (ii) the local committee allocates funding as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of this report to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) the intention of the county council to make an order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Waverley as shown on the drawings in annex A is advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the orders are 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.

Reason: It is recommended that the waiting restrictions are implemented as detailed in Annex A. They will make a positive impact towards:
 Road safety, Access for emergency vehicles, Access for refuse vehicles,
 Easing traffic congestion, Better regulated parking, Better enforcement,
 Better compliance.

90/17 LOCAL COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2017-18 [Item 14]

The forward programme was agreed, with the addition of the deferred Right of Way item, which will now come to the next Local Committee meeting on 8 December 2017.

91/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 15]

To be held on Friday 8 December 2017 at 10am in The Baptist Church, Godalming.

(10am – 10.30am: Informal Public Question Time)

Meeting ended at: 12.16 pm

Chairman

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