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Minutes of the meeting of the
Mole VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 2.00 pm on 4 December 2013
at Council Chamber, Pippbrook, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SJ.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Clare Curran (Chairman)
- * Mr Tim Hall (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mrs Helyn Clack
- * Mr Stephen Cooksey
- * Mr Chris Townsend
- * Mrs Hazel Watson

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Rosemary Dickson
- * Cllr Valerie Homewood
- * Cllr Raj Haque
- * Cllr Simon Ling
- * Cllr Charles Yarwood

* In attendance

Open Forum

There were no questions asked in the open forum.

30/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were given by Cllr Valerie Homewood, Cllr David Preedy substituted.

Apologies were given by Cllr Simon Ling, Cllr Kathryn Westwood substituted.

31/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes for the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

32/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

(a) PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4a]

Mr Billard received a written response prior to the committee. He confirmed he was happy with the response from officers and asked if they could confirm that the clearing of the cycle paths was now in the contract.

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Officers confirmed that cycle paths are now included in the regular sweeping of the A24 and it will be co-ordinated with the grass cuttings. This only includes paths which can physically be swept by the sweepers.

Mr Troughton was not in attendance, he had received a written response prior to the committee. Mr Billard as Chair of the Mole Valley Cycle Forum asked if there was any way access to the store could be improved as at present it is hazardous for both pedestrians and cyclists

Officers agreed to be speak with colleagues in transport development planning to see what pressure could be brought to bear. As the development was within the permitted scope the county council was not asked for their views.

The divisional member for Dorking South and the Holmwoods confirmed he would ensure that the safety and access to the site was improved.

Mr Adriano received a written response prior to the committee and has no supplementary.

Mr Ward received a written response prior to the committee and has no supplementary.

Councillor Potter received a written response prior to the committee. He asked for clarification as to why only the top part of Nutwood Avenue was having works undertaken on it and not the whole road? He also requested that now the work had been completed on Pebble Hill that the speed monitoring could be conducted again and in a different location along the road.

The divisional member for Dorking Rural commented that a lot of work had been undertaken to develop a scheme that residents were happy with in Pebble Hill. The Road Safety Officer for the police confirmed monitoring could be undertaken again, though it would now be in the next quarter and residents are welcome to suggest the location for the monitoring to take place. Highways officers confirmed that signing would be done before the end of financial year in conjunction with the resurfacing work for project horizon.

Mr Seward received a written response before the committee, he emphasised the need for action as this area has now been on the wet spot programme for 6 years.

The Chairman made the committee aware that the gully clearance programme was now available on the county website.

Annex A

(b) MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 4b]

Cllr Haque received a written response prior to the committee. He request figures for the percentage of vehicles driving over 30mph in the lower part of Kennel Lane.

The Road Safety Officer for the police confirmed there were figures which could be provided and these will be sent to the councillor.

Mrs Waston received written response prior to the committee and had no supplementary questions.

Mr Cooksey received a written response prior to the committee and requested a more definitive timescale for the first 3 questions. Cllr Cooksey also raised concern that the lighting posts had been installed in early July and still not connected.

Officers confirmed they would liaise with Skanska and colleagues in the design team. Part of the delay was due to the UK Power Network, though the lights are now part of the central management system. An abnormal load is due to go along the A24 after the 7th December, after this all work will resume.

Cllr Cooksey raised a query regarding the inconsistency of street lighting on private roads as this has been done on some roads but not on others.

Annex B

33/13 PETITIONS [Item 5]

Mr Moss presented his petition to the committee and highlighted the objections raised with regards to the obstruction of the sightline by the post when emerging from Milton Street onto the A25. The Resident's Association feels it is inappropriate for a private organisation to be given permission to erect a sign on the road opposite the turning and feel there would be a more appropriate location for the sign which would not obstruct sight lines.

The Chairman confirmed that sign had been put up by Surrey Highways and complied with all necessary guidelines. Officers informed the committee that in this particular instance it was felt necessary as the location was popular but hard to find. Officers felt the post did not obstruct sightlines.

The divisional member for Dorking Hills was pleased that the residents had the opportunity to put forward their case. The divisional member for Dorking Rural requested that County Councillors be informed if signs for private organisations were going to be put in place.

Annex C

34/13 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER [Item 6]

The committee noted that the 20mph outside schools was now in place in Newdigate and Fetcham though not yet complete in Ashted and requested the tracker be updated to reflect this.

Councillors requested an update on the Leatherhead to Ashted cycle route; officers confirmed a meeting would be held on Friday 13th December to discuss consultation results with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional members.

35/13 SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN MOLE VALLEY [Item 7]

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to:

- i. Note the report

A presentation was given by officers. The two family support workers covering Mole Valley are Helen Curthers and Thomas Taylor.

Councillors raised questions regarding whether educational attendance was wider than one person, officers confirmed that the issue was around one person but that was not the sole reason for a family being referred and there were other criteria for families as well

Officers confirmed that to date 4 families in Mole Valley are being worked with, though this is very early days and so far indications for the programme as a whole are successful. Work will only be undertaken with a family if their consent is given. It was noted that partnership buy in was strong in the south east.

Officers will be undertaking further work in the New Year to raise the profile of the programme, with a particular focus around schools.

Councillors commented on the difference in referral rates between primary and secondary schools. The divisional member for Bookham and Fetcham West commented that the trend for absences is generally much higher at the secondary level.

The Chairman acknowledged that the Surrey Programme is seen as successful to date and a strong model for implementing the programme in a two tier system. She requested that officers update the committee on the progress of the programme in 9 months to a year's time.

Annex D

36/13 MOLE VALLEY FORWARD PROGRAMME 2014 - 2016 [Item 8]

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED:

General

- (i) To note that it has been assumed that the Local Committee's devolved highways budget for capital, revenue and Community Enhancement works for 2014/15 remains the same as for 2013/14, at £650,776;
- (ii) To authorise that the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman be able to amend the programme should the devolved budget vary from this amount;

Capital Improvement Schemes (ITS)

- (iii) That the capital improvement schemes allocation for Mole Valley be used to progress the Integrated Transport Schemes programme set out in Annex 1;
- (iv) To authorise the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Area Team Manager, together with the relevant local divisional Member to progress any scheme from the Integrated Transport Schemes programme for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17, including consultation and statutory advertisement that may be required under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for completion of those schemes;
- (v) That where the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman, relevant local divisional Member and Area Team Manager agree that an Integrated Transport Scheme should not progress for any reason, a report be submitted to the next formal meeting of the Local Committee for resolution;

Capital Maintenance Schemes (LSR)

- (vi) That the capital maintenance schemes allocation for Mole Valley be divided equitably between County Councillors to carry out Local Structural Repair, and that the schemes to be progressed be agreed by the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local divisional Members;
- (vii) To authorise that the Area Team Manager, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire money between the capital improvement schemes (ITS) and capital maintenance (LSR) budgets for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17, if required;

Revenue Maintenance

- (viii) To authorise the Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant local divisional Member, to use £100,000 of the revenue maintenance budget for 2014/15 as detailed in Table 2 of this report;
- (ix) That if the £5,000 per County Councillor allocated for Highways Localism Initiative works is not distributed by the end of November 2014, the monies revert to the relevant Members Community Enhancement allocation;
- (x) That the remaining £152,110 of the revenue maintenance budget be used to fund a revenue maintenance gang in Mole Valley and to carry out other minor works identified by the Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and relevant local divisional Member;
- (xi) To authorise that the Area Maintenance Engineer, in consultation with the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be able to vire the revenue maintenance budget between the identified work

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headings in Table 2, with the exception of the Localism Initiative funding, for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17;

Community Enhancement Fund

- (xii) That the Community Enhancement Funding is devolved to each County Councillor based on an equitable allocation of £5,000 per division; and
- (xiii) That Members should contact the Area Maintenance Engineer to discuss their specific requirements with regard to their Community Enhancement allocation and arrange for the work activities to be managed by the Area Maintenance Engineer on their behalf.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee have had detailed discussions with officers to inform the recommendations and were happy that the proposals reflected these.

37/13 HIGH STREET/EAST STREET BOOKHAM [Item 9]

Officers made the committee aware that some alterations to the maps were required following consultation.

The Chairman of the Bookham Resident's Association thanked officers for their work and acknowledged this was a contentious issue locally but felt the proposals would improve the two roads.

Public debate was closed.

The divisional member for Bookham and Fetcham West supported the proposals.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED:

- (xiii) To note the outcome of the assessments undertaken;
- (xiv) That the detailed design of traffic improvement measures be progressed and a temporary trial implemented (High Street Option 2 of this report), to include consultation with local residents and businesses; and
- (xv) That a report be presented to a future meeting of the local committee to include results of the trial and consultation and to seek a decision on how to proceed.

Reason for Decision

The Committee acknowledged the importance of this scheme as a local issue. The divisional member expressed her support for the proposed scheme and that a trial would allow for alterations to the scheme to be made if required.

38/13 OTTOWAYS LANE, ASHTEAD [Item 10]

The divisional member for Ashted confirmed his support of the scheme and welcomed some of the innovative designs officers had developed to address the issues of speeding in Ottoways Lane.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED:

- (xvi) To note the outcome of the assessments undertaken; and
- (xvii) That the detailed design and implementation of traffic calming measures are progressed (Option 3 of this report, consisting of kerb build-outs), to include consultation with those residents directly affected.

Reason for Decision

The Committee felt it was important to address the issue of speeding along this road. The divisional member felt that officers had developed an innovative solution and was happy to support the proposals.

39/13 FORTYFOOT ROAD GYRATORY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER [Item 11]

The Committee noted the decision of the cabinet member to adopt the length of Fortyfoot Road from Poplar Road to the gyratory and bring it up to standard.

The divisional member for Leatherhead and Fetcham East noted that this would normalise something residents were already following and improve safety for those using Woodlands School.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to:

- (xviii) Approve the introduction of one-way working in the gyratory section of Forty Foot Road, Leatherhead, as shown in Annex 1;
- (xix) Authorise the making of a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to make the gyratory section of Forty Foot Road a one-way street; and
- (xx) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals.

Reason for Decision

The Committee was pleased to note that the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment had agreed to bring the road up to standard and adopt the road from Poplar Road to the Gyratory. This Traffic Regulation Order would normalise an existing practice so were happy for it to be agreed.

40/13 A24 HORSHAM ROAD, BEARE GREEN VEHICLE OVERHANG [Item 12]

Councillors felt this proposed a solution to a long standing problem.

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The divisional member for Dorking Rural was happy to support the proposed scheme.

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to:

- (xxi) Approve the reduction of the A24 Horsham Road northbound carriageway width to one lane in advance of the opening in the central reservation at the southern arm of Old Horsham Road (Option 1), as shown in Annex 2;
- (xxii) Approve the closure of the gap in the central reservation of the A24 Horsham Road opposite Henfold Drive (Option 4), as shown in Annex 4;
- (xxiii) Authorise the making of a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to close the gap in the central reservation of the A24 Horsham Road opposite Henfold Drive; and
- (xxiv) Authorise delegation of authority to the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee and the local Divisional Member to resolve any objections received in connection with the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.

Reason for Decision

The Local Committee were aware that this has been an outstanding issue for a long time and were happy that a resolution was being proposed.

41/13 MEMBERS ALLOCATIONS [Item 13]

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) AGREED to note the item.

Meeting ended at: 3.25 pm

Chairman