



## SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 22 March 2019

### **Minutes Annex A: OPEN FORUM - PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Three questions were received from two residents:

1. *Graham Hodgson, resident of South Hill, Godalming:*

“Regarding a problem with vegetation overgrowth to part of a footway in South Hill, Godalming, I would like a fuller answer to my question at the last Local Committee (in December) please.”

The Area Highway Manager answered that funding has been given to town and parish councils and as SCC Highways has been unable to contact the land owner, it will work with the town council to get the work done. Checks will be done 6 monthly and although the part of the carriageway concerned is private, the footpath is public and will be maintained.

Mr Hodgson said that he felt re-assured. The Chairman requested that the issue be added to the Local Committee decision tracker until it was resolved.

2. *Betty Ames, Vice President of Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC):*

“Regarding the structure of the Waverley Local Committee and its future, the Committee holds a crucial position in the way forward for Waverley and I urge members of the public to attend. Please can the subject of a Joint Committee be a firm agenda item in future, as has happened with other local committees?”

The Chairman replied that while she shared Mrs Ames’ views and she is open to discussions regarding a Waverley Joint Committee, the decision is not only for this committee; it would be a joint decision to be made by SCC and Waverley Borough Council.

Members agreed and said that while fewer than half of the 11 SCC local committees had moved to a joint committee to date, they would like to receive more information on the subject in the future. The subject of partnerships was also discussed.

3. *Graham Hodgson, resident of South Hill, Godalming:*

“During the recent remedial works in Wharf Street, Godalming, why have traffic calming measures been removed, potentially making it more dangerous for pedestrians?”

The Area Highway Manager replied that items were so damaged that they had to be removed. Changes have been made, but only materials, not ramps or gradients.

Mr Hodgson said that he did not agree but he accepted the answer.

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