

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Elmbridge LOCAL COMMITTEE**  
held at 4.00 pm on 6 September 2019  
at Council Chamber, Elmbridge Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its next meeting.

**Surrey County Council Members:**

- \* Dr Peter Szanto (Chairman)
- \* Mr Mike Bennison (Vice-Chairman)
- \* Mr Nick Darby
- \* Rachael I. Lake
- \* Mrs Mary Lewis
- \* Mr Tim Oliver
- \* Mr John O'Reilly
- Mr Ernest Mallett MBE
- Mr Tony Samuels

**Borough / District Members:**

- \* Cllr David J Archer
- \* Cllr Steve Bax
- \* Cllr Andrew Davis
- \* Cllr Roy Green
- \* Cllr Peter Harman
- \* Cllr Mary Marshall
- \* Cllr Christine Richardson
- \* Cllr Mrs Mary Sheldon
- \* Cllr Graham Woolgar

\* In attendance

**32/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]**

There were no apologies for absence. Tim Oliver left the meeting at 5pm and Cllr Steve Bax arrived at 4.54pm.

**33/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]**

Cllr Mary Sheldon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5 as her daughter is a resident of Dennis Road and has signed the petition.

**34/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 3]**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**35/19 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS [Item 4]**

One question had been received and the officer response was included in the supplementary agenda. The questioner asked the following as a supplementary question:

## ITEM 6

On what basis the design process for the traffic calming scheme is based, given that the output from the related feasibility study has not been made visible to the Committee or local residents?

When did the design process commence, when it will be completed and subjected to the independent road safety audit, and when local residents could expect to be consulted?

Why does the cost associated with the traffic calming scheme show as £87,900 in the report, when the amount bid for and approved was £95,000 – where has the balance of £7,100 gone?

The Area Highways Manager responded that the feasibility study is available in the public domain as part of the CIL bid. He confirmed that the design had started after final agreement of the CIL bid in March 2019. The design and road safety audit, including public consultation should be completed in this financial year with the aim of building what's agreed in 2020. The divisional member queried whether it would be possible to build the project over the summer holidays in 2020 as this would be the only suitable time. It was confirmed that the timescales are realistic provided the community are agreeable to the proposals and there are no other projects competing for road space in the area at the time of construction. It was agreed that the feasibility study would be provided to the questioner and that the Area Highways Manager could then set out the direction of travel, to ensure that the final proposals were more likely to be acceptable to the community. The difference in the published costs is not significant in the scale of the project.

### 36/19 PETITIONS [Item 5]

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mary Sheldon declared a personal interest as her daughter is a resident of Dennis Road.

**Officers attending:** Nick Healey, Area Highways Manager

**Petitions, Public Questions/Statements:** One petition was received

Julian Bye presented the petition on behalf of the petitioner. The circulated presentation with photos is attached to these minutes. He highlighted the unsightly and dangerous condition of both the road and pavement. The road is home to families and many of the surrounding roads have been treated in recent years. The poor condition of the pavement and high kerbs result in people walking in the road pushing wheelchairs and buggies. There is a School in Vine Road which means that there are many pedestrians using the road. Although the potholes have been filled, the pavement is so high in places that car doors often become stuck on the pavement when opened and are damaged. He hoped that it would be possible for resources to be made available to address the issues.

**Member discussion –key points**

The Area Highways Manager indicated that the cost estimates in the report are just to treat the road, any work on the pavement would double or triple the cost.

The Chairman agreed that surrounding roads had been addressed in previous years but this was at a time when the Committee had a significantly larger budget.

Whilst members of the Committee had sympathy for the residents, many of them could point to other roads in the Borough in a similar or worse condition and could not agree to promote this road in preference to them. The Area Highways Manager agreed to inspect the road for safety defects and to see whether it would be possible to carry out jet patching.

**Resolved:**

To add Dennis Road to the list of roads for consideration for prioritisation by the Committee for resurfacing in a future year.

Reasons: To enable prioritisation of funding when compared to other projects.

**37/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 6]**

Confirmed as a correct record.

**38/19 MEMBER QUESTION TIME [Item 7]**

No member questions were received.

**39/19 HIGHWAYS UPDATE [EXECUTIVE FUNCTION - FOR DECISION] [Item 8]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Nick Healey, Area Highways Manager

**Petitions, Public Questions/Statements:** None.

**Member discussion –key points**

The Chairman reported that he had had a constructive meeting in respect of the resources needed to complete the Esher Transport Study. Resources will be identified to look at optimising the traffic lights with a view to work starting on this before Christmas. More detailed work on the service roads will be deferred until further resources are available.

Members discussed that the bidding process to Elmbridge Borough Council for CIL funding appeared to be extending the timescales for some projects. Members were supportive of asking the Elmbridge Leader whether it would be possible to have two rounds of bidding in order to speed up the process.

A member expressed concern at the weeks growing between the pavement and road surface which she felt might encourage flooding and icy patches. The Area Highway Manager reported that funding is provided to the Borough Council to carry out two weed sprays per year. However, weather conditions and regulations around the sprays which could now be used meant that they were not always effective. Members could report any problem areas to Joint Waste Solutions who are responsible for the work on behalf of the Borough Council.

## ITEM 6

### **Resolved to:**

- (i) Approve the provisional allocation of assumed budgets for 2020-21 as shown in Table 3 of the report;
- (ii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to advertise the necessary legal notice for new road tables at the entrances to Russell Road and Sunbury Lane, Walton, and if there are no significant objections to arrange construction of these new road tables as part of the new cycle route in Terrace Road;
- (iii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to draft and advertise an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order for the short one-way section of road at the junction of Rectory Lane and Church Road, and if there are no significant objections to make the Traffic Regulation Order, and improve the signs and road markings;
- (iv) Approve the extension of the eastbound bus stop clearway at The Bear, Bridge Street, Walton-on-Thames, by 5m at each end – 10m in total;
- (v) 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:**

Recommendations are made to facilitate development of Committee's 2019-20 Highways programmes, while at the same time ensuring that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Members are fully and appropriately involved in any detailed considerations.

Specific recommendations are made to facilitate improvements in Walton and Long Ditton.

Committee is asked to provide the necessary authorisation to deliver its programmes of work in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and relevant Divisional Member without the need to revert to the Committee as a whole.

## **40/19 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY [SERVICE MONITORING AND ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN - FOR DISCUSSION] [AGENDA ITEM ONLY] [Item 9]**

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Officers attending:** Rob Moran, Chief Executive Elmbridge Borough Council

**Petitions, Public Questions/Statements:** None.

**Member discussion –key points**

The Chief Executive took members through the presentation contained in the supplementary agenda for the Committee. He explained that the strategy is

strategic, holistic and long term project to enhance joint working between agencies with a focus on residents. The aim is for communities to come together to support each other beyond an institutional response. The strategy will permeate all relevant Borough Council plans to ensure that they are delivered.

It was reported that improvements to housing is a top priority for the Borough Council. There is a particular issue with housing younger people particularly those with mental health issues and the Borough is working with a number of agencies to address this.

Members were concerned that driving at 20mph can create more pollution and that many parents wait outside schools with their engines idling to fuel heaters of air conditioning affecting air quality around schools. The Air Quality Alliance is working to improve awareness of this issue.

It was queried how the strategy is adding value when work is already happening under other work streams. It was reported that the key to success is joint working and providing greater connectivity between services. For example the Health & Welbeing Board had identified that there is a shortage of health visitors, but many businesses have apprenticeship funding which is unspent. This money could be used to attract staff to fill post which have shortages.

Members felt that improved communication could help to make residents more aware of the facilities, many of which are free, in the Borough which are available to them to improve health and fitness. It was reported that this is being addressed with a communication strategy.

The Committee noted the progress with the Strategy.

**41/19 LOCAL COMMITTEE DECISION TRACKER [FOR DECISION] [Item 10]**

The Committee noted the completed actions and agreed to remove these from the tracker.

**42/19 FORWARD PLAN [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 11]**

Noted the Committee's forward plan.

**43/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [FOR INFORMATION] [Item 12]**

Thursday 5 December 2019 at 4pm, Elmbridge Civic Centre.

Meeting ended at: 5.23 pm

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**Chairman**

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