

Minutes of the meeting of the
Spelthorne JOINT COMMITTEE
held at 6.30 pm on 30 September 2019
at Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames. TW18 1XB.

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

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Richard Walsh (Chairman)
- * Mr Robert Evans
- * Mr Tim Evans
- * Mr Naz Islam
- Miss Alison Griffiths
- Mrs Sinead Mooney
- * Ms Denise Turner-Stewart

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Ian Harvey (Vice-Chairman)
- * Cllr Maureen Attewell
- * Cllr Chris Bateson
- * Cllr Sue Doran
- * Cllr Tom Fidler
- * Cllr Joanne Sexton
- * Cllr Richard Smith-Ainsley

* In attendance

OPEN FORUM

Members of the public were invited to put informal questions to the Committee ahead of the formal meeting starting.

17/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Mrs Sinead Mooney had sent apologies.

18/19 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the previous meeting had been agreed.

19/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

No declarations of interests had been received.

20/19 MEMBERS' COMMUNITY ALLOCATIONS UPDATE [Item 4]

Committee members were provided with an update of Members' Community Allocations that had been awarded so far. The Chairman reminded county

councillors that all proposals should be submitted before the end of January 2020 and asked that they consider a funding request from the Corporate Parenting Board.

21/19 DECISION TRACKER (FOR INFORMATION) [Item 5]

It was requested that the item for DEFRA remained on the tracker and that the Committee could write to the MP for an update. It was also requested that committee members are advised when the letter concerning the Esso pipeline is issued.

Members also showed an interest in the establishment of litter task groups by the Borough Council and it was noted that this was on the Forward Plan for a future update.

22/19 PETITIONS & PETITION RESPONSES [Item 6]

No petitions had been submitted to Committee

23/19 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 7]

No member questions had been submitted.

24/19 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 8]

Mrs Caroline Nichols asked a question about the problem of Ash Tree Dieback for which she was provided a written response which was published as part of the supplementary agenda.

As a follow up question, Mrs Nichols asked what the timescales were for addressing the problem as described in her response and whether this was a standalone, focussed project.

The Area Highways Manager offered to respond to her directly in order to be sure to provide the details that she has requested.

25/19 ARMED FORCES COVENANT UPDATE [Item 12]

At the request of the Officers in attendance for item 12, this item was brought forward in the agenda.

Spelthorne Borough Council's Armed Forces Champion attended along with Surrey CC's Civilian-Military Liaison Adviser and Community Project Officer to give an overview of the work of the Military Covenant in Spelthorne. The work supports active military personnel and their families as well as veterans and ex service personnel.

The report was very well received by the Committee and it was suggested by the speakers that Spelthorne might want to consider forming a hub as part of the county wide support that the covenant offers.

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) noted:

- (i) And commented on the contents of this report

Reasons:

1. The Joint Committee recognises the valuable work that is achieved by this initiative.

26/19 PARKING REVIEW: STANWELL MOOR. HORTON ROAD AND SPOUT LANE [Item 9]

The Parking Engineer for Spelthorne outlined the processes that brought about his recommendation for the proposed parking measures along this road.

An alternative view was put by a local councillor for the area who had documented the problems and who had provided photos that illustrated the dangers that parking on the road could result in. His opinion was that the measures proposed in the report do not go far enough and that there should be yellow lines along both sides of the road.

Members were sympathetic to the local councillor's view and agreed with his proposal that additional lines should be added. However they were conscious that were they to reject the proposal as it stood, this would delay any measures from being put in place until the next parking review in which time, the area would remain at risk from the dangers resulting from the obstructive parking.

Therefore, it was decided that the proposed parking restriction measures should go ahead but with the caveat that additional lines should be added as soon as possible and that the Committee should explore if there is a way to expedite this.

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) agreed:

- (i) **to proceed with the advertised parking restrictions for Horton Road and to proceed further with the request to double yellow line Horton Road on both sides between Hithermoor Road and the Garden Centre, excluding its laybys, and to proceed with the advertised parking restrictions for Spout Lane and for a more extensive double yellow line proposal, for both sides of Spout Lane, especially where it is narrowest, to be considered as soon as possible.**

Reasons:

1. The Joint Committee recognised the concerns raised and wished to implement measures to address the issue as soon as possible.
- 2.

27/19 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION) [Item 10]

The Area Highways Manager presented his report which provided an update on the schedule of improvements for the 19/20 year. A series of recommendations were presented as part of the report to be considered by the Committee which gave the Area Highways Manager the authority to proceed with a number of key road safety improvements.

Committee members welcomed the improvements and posed questions to the officer to clarify timescales and any operational challenges before agreeing the recommendations.

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to:

- (i) Approve the provisional allocation of assumed budgets for 2020-21.
- (ii) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Divisional Member, to advertise the necessary legal notices for the new traffic calming and 20mph Zone extension in French Street.
- (iii) Approve two new bus stop clearways in Clare Road, Stanwell, to be installed as part of the Wider Staines Sustainable Transport Package.
- (iv) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and affected Divisional Members, to implement the new cycle off-carriageway routes in Town Lane, Park Road, and London Road.
- (v) Authorise the Area Highway Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and affected Divisional Members, to undertake the necessary statutory processes for the raised entry treatments (road tables) on side roads connecting to Park Road and London Road, and the parking changes in London Road.
- (vi) Authorise 34 further bus stop clearways at bus stops in Stanwell, Stanwell Moor and Staines, to be installed as part of the Wider Staines Sustainable Transport Package.
- (vii) To 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:

1. The Joint Committee authorises Highways personnel to proceed in order that they can carry out their agreed programme for 2019/20 in a timely fashion.

28/19 FIRE SERVICE UPDATE [Item 11]

Representatives from Surrey Fire and Rescue presented the report which was to highlight their performance over the last financial year.

They began by explaining how targets are set: using historical data as a benchmark for what incidents might occur in the year ahead and the challenges that can result in targets not being met. An example of this was that 20 small incidents resulted from a single power surge but were recorded as individual events which had a negative impact on the statistics.

The officers also explained how Surrey Fire and Rescue organises its coverage across the county using a specialised software to allocate units to incidents based on location and availability. Fire engines are not specifically assigned to any particular borough but fire fighters will have a base location to report to.

The Committee were supportive of the Fire Service's work and thanked them for sharing their report.

The Joint Committee (Spelthorne) agreed to

- (i) Recognise the achievements of the borough teams within Spelthorne Borough and support their commitment to further improve initiatives to reduce risk and Make Spelthorne Borough safer.
- (ii) Support future initiatives and campaigns aimed at promoting collaborative working with partner blue light agencies and volunteer organisations

Reasons:

1. The Joint Committee recognises the valuable work that has been achieved.

29/19 FORWARD PROGRAMME 2019/20 [Item 13]

The Committee perused the forward plan and agreed on the items for the next meeting as presented.

30/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 14]

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 16 December in the Council Chamber at Spelthorne Borough Council. Open Forum to start at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at: 20:55

Chairman