



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 13 March 2020

Minutes Annex A: OPEN FORUM - PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Questions were received from:

1. Andrew Bolton

“Parking in the lower part of Frith Hill Road and Chalk Road – at an earlier meeting this committee agreed to introduce some parking restrictions, there seems to have been a delay. Can we have an update?”

Answer from Jack Roberts, Engineer, SCC Parking Team

“The agreed and advertised double yellow lines for Frith Hill Road and Chalk Road are still due for installation, but there has been a delay. Whilst most of the Frith Hill Road lines have been installed, the more crucial part towards the bottom of the hill is still due to be finished and Chalk Road has not yet been started. A bottleneck in ordering lines around the county, as well as the persistent wet weather since last autumn, has meant that many new parking review lines have not been completed as quickly as normal. There are several unfinished locations in Waverley but also in other boroughs as a result of this. This is in addition to the usual persistent parking issues seen where new restrictions are due.

The current situation is that many outstanding lining locations in Waverley are due to be swept by the borough council, in advance of 'out of hours' visits by our lining gang now that the evenings are getting lighter. I apologise for the long delay since these restrictions were agreed but it should hopefully not be too much longer before everything is completed, and that applies to other locations in Godalming and Waverley too.”

2. Andrew Bolton

“Charterhouse Road and Twycross Road junction – there is a roundabout, some members will be aware of this on the main road from the A3 into Godalming. The roundabout can be misused by motorists disobeying normal rules of the road. An on site meeting took place recently with local residents, officers and members. Can we have an update on improvements and their timetable?”

Answer from Adrian Selby, Senior Engineer, SCC Highways

“Following the meeting with the Frith Hill Residents Association, Surrey Highways carried out a speed survey on the Hurtmore Road on the approach to the Twycross

Road roundabout. The average speed was 32 mph. Highway Officers reported these findings to the Police, who are responsible for enforcing the local speed limits. The Police suggested that the average speed was within the permitted tolerances and that it was not deemed a cause of concern and that the Police would not prioritise this site for enforcement.

Some additional engineering measures were suggested during the site meeting, however, funding to carry out the work has not yet been identified. It would be at the discretion of Cllr Rivers whether she wished to prioritise the additional measures.”

3. Betty Ames

“Mine is a question of the principles of this Committee. When please are we going to be looking at the review long promised of the terms of reference of this Committee and in particular our interface with our neighbouring boroughs and counties and county principles interfacing the Health and Wellbeing Board, which has been promised for so long and still isn't on the agenda. This is a very valued Committee and is much respected by the public. We really need to make the most of our links with the public.”

The Chairman asked the SCC Deputy Leader, Colin Kemp, to answer

Mr Kemp said that SCC is again reviewing local committees being transferred into joint committees, which has taken place in some Surrey areas. The work is on-going to look at the committees and how they can be made more relevant locally and across the area. In Waverley there is some continuity as the local Highways Manager also looks after neighbouring Guildford. If there is to be a joint committee the Borough needs to be on board as well. SCC will keep it under review.

Mr David Harmer added that the Waverley Local Committee is a committee of the county council to which certain powers are delegated and Waverley Members are equal partners from a voting point of view, but the committee is subject to the general rules of the county council. The discussion that has taken place is regarding various possibilities. Waverley Council and SCC could take a joint committee forward if they so wished. There is a separate discussion taking place looking at wider possibilities involving other public bodies and this could be a complicated discussion that needs further thought. Issues such as how to govern such arrangements are not straightforward, so this discussion could take some time. The government may also have views regarding how local government should be modified.