

Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 10.00 am on 25 February 2021
 at VIRTUAL.

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

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mr Edward Hawkins
- * Dr Bill Chapman
- * Ms Charlotte Morley
- * Mr Paul Deach (Chairman)
- * Mr Mike Goodman
- Mr David Mansfield

Borough / District Members:

- * Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman
- Borough Councillor Josephine Hawkins
- Borough Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- * Borough Councillor Valerie White
- * Borough Councillor Graham Alleway
- * Borough Councillor Victoria Wheeler

* In attendance

1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rebecca Jennings-Evans and David Mansfield.

2/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the last formal meeting held in Feb 2020 were agreed.

3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no initial declarations of interest made, although Cllr Wheeler later declared an interest under the Chobham items on the agenda as she lives in that area.

4/20 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 4]

A 45 minute public forum was held prior to the meeting and the notes are attached to these minutes as Annex A. There were 28 people in attendance for this item.

There were 19 attendees for the formal meeting.

Declarations of Interest: None

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Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: One public written question

There was one written question received and the question and response was included in the agenda papers.

Zoe Baddredine attended the meeting and talked about the noise impact from the A322. Improvements in this area were currently 24th in the list of Surrey Heath priorities and Zoe asked how this scheme could be raised up that list. The AHM confirmed that the scheme list rightly put accidents and health and safety above noise and environmental impacts and that the installation of a noise reducing road surface or barriers would always be expensive and were unlikely to be installed. It was noted that air quality was monitored by the Borough Council, but air pollution would not necessarily impact the priority list.

Members were very sympathetic about the issues raised and also discussed the speed limit in this area and anti social driving, but it was noted that the highways authority had to balance the needs of community with the needs of the traffic network.

It was agreed that the AHM would link with the questioner regarding the last speed monitoring held on the A322 and the data collected.

5/20 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 5]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: One written member question

A written member question was submitted by Cllr Mike Goodman. The question and the response given were included in the papers for the meeting.

No additional question was asked on this, although it was noted that there was a current petition for a speed reduction on the A30 which would come to the June meeting of this committee. It was noted that some other authorities had introduced 30mph limits on A roads, but Officers had to follow the SCC speed limit policy, which set parameters for limits and how many changes could be introduced in one stretch. The AHM also noted that congestion on the A30 was an issue, which slowed traffic. The introduction of a 30mph limit would require the removal of 40mph repeater signs, which would impact on driver behaviour.

6/20 PETITION RESPONSES - CHOBHAM AREA [Item 6]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: Two petitions received

PETITION 1 - The first petition was in regard to pedestrian crossings in Chobham, particularly giving access to St Lawrence Primary School and the Recreation Ground. A very comprehensive petitioner pack, including detail and photographs was circulated to Members ahead of the meeting.

The Chair invited the petitioner to speak and also noted that several members of the public had asked to join the meeting to support. Due to not wanting to overwhelm the virtual meeting, they would be participating by watching the live webcast. The Chair listed the supporters (first names only) as Abigail, Gleb, Nicola, James, Christella, Alison, Anna, Claire, and Kate (the Head of the local primary school). The supporters were thanked for their interest and support.

Naomi Gurdol outlined the need for the current (very small) pedestrian refuge to be replaced with a more visible crossing and additional signage to alert drivers to school children.

The AHM thanked the petitioners and were engaging with them on this issue. The Highways team very impressed with the thorough and excellent work that had been undertaken. Work was now being undertaken with the Road Safety outside school team (Date to be confirmed, due to Covid backlog) to look at what could be achieved and also with petitioners to look at the priority of immediate signage works that could be undertaken within budget. This would be followed up outside the meeting. Members were keen this be looked at asap and the workload of officers would be looked at outside the meeting.

Members raised that road safety outside school was paramount and Cllr Alleway mentioned the Beldon Bridge petition in West End which raised similar issues (this would come to the next meeting).

It was agreed that this would be an item on the next agenda to review the progress with the school, the road safety team and signage.

PETITION 2 – A second petition had also been received from Mr Fisher, looking at various Highways issues in and around Chobham. Although the petition had only received 13 signatures, the Highways team had prepared a petition response and this was included in the agenda papers. Mr Fisher was not present at the meeting, so the petition and response were noted.

7/20 RAVENSCOTE CROSSING - INFORMATION ITEM [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: A petition for a crossing at Upper Chobham Road to serve Ravenscote school came to the Committee in October 2018.

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The AHM outlined the action to date and the further monitoring planned.

Members were keen to explore Community Infrastructure Levy funding and the AHM confirmed the approximate costs as follows:-

Zebra crossing - £50,000

Pelican crossing - £120,000

This would depend on location and power supply. However the issue was whether this was appropriate for the location (as explained previously). There were clear processes to follow in assessing what was required and Officers would always give their professional advice to the Committee for them to decide. It was noted that the Committee had already decided on this and had put in measures, so it was Officers intention to re-assess this and make further recommendations.

Members discussed the amount of Highways works outstanding, the cost of works and the current contracts. A recommendation was put forward to write to SCC and to "Ask for funding for highways works" put forward by Cllr Wheeler and seconded by Cllr Alleway with 5 members supporting this.

The AHM noted that this was an issue that had been recognised and that additional funds had been allocated to each area as highlighted in the Highways Report on the agenda. This meeting alone had discussed works in the region of £2.5million and Members had to prioritise. It was therefore agreed that this had already been covered.

The information report was noted. This would be included on the action / decision tracker of the Committee for review after the re-assessment of traffic and speeds.

8/20 HIGHWAYS BUDGET UPDATE 2021/2022 [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: none

The AHM outlined the report and the funding available. The funding had been increased so Members would be meeting on 2 March 2021 to look at the priority list and the works that could be completed. The recommendation was amended to show that the expenditure and priorities would be looked at in full consultation with all members.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed to:

- i) **Note** the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2020/21 financial year.

- ii) **Note** the budgetary position.
- iii) **Note** that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.
- iv) **Agree** that authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to agree the ITS capital works programme for 2021/22, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman **and the full Committee.**
- v) **Agree** that authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to agree the capital maintenance programme for 2021/22, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- vi) **Authorise** the Area Highways Manager to undertake all necessary actions to deliver the capital works programme, consulting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Divisional Members where necessary.

Reason for decision

The above decisions are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.

9/20 **SURREY HEATH PARKING REVIEW 2020/21 [Item 9]**

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Jack Roberts, Parking Officer, SCC

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: none

The PO outlined the parking report and the work that had been undertaken to formulate the proposed amendments that would be put out for consultation. This would be advertised in local press and via street notices, online and letter drops.

The PO was thanked for his work and for the inclusion of areas of Bagshot as (per the public forum) parking issues had increased over the lockdown period with people accessing Swinley Forest. It was noted that this was a national problem with of policies on planning application residential parking and with unprecedented visitor numbers wanting access to green spaces. It was agreed that a wider letter drop would be included for the vicarage lane area of Bagshot and the PO would liaise with Cllr Valerie White on this.

One addition was noted and would be included for Benner Lane.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed:

- (i) The proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Surrey Heath as described in this report and shown in detail on drawings in annex A. **This would also include additional double yellow lines in the vicinity of Maulhouse Farm, Benner Lane, West End - the restrictions to be drawn up in**

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consultation with the divisional member and Cllr Alleway, prior to advertisement.

- (ii) That the local committee allocate the funding as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of this report to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) That the county council make an order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Surrey Heath as shown on the drawings in annex A to be advertised and that if no objections are maintained, the orders are made.
- (iv) That if there are unresolved objections, they will be dealt with in accordance with the county council's scheme of delegation by the parking strategy and implementation team manager, in consultation with the chairman/vice chairman of this committee and the appropriate county councillor. An additional member may be invited for comment.

Reasons for decisions

The waiting restrictions detailed in Annex A would make a positive impact towards:-

- Road safety
- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for refuse vehicles
- Easing traffic congestion
- Better regulated parking
- Better enforcement
- Better compliance

10/20 ACTION TRACKER [Item 10]

The action tracker was discussed.

The two items listed were now closed and would be removed (although cycling and walking would potentially need to come to future committees).

11/20 FORWARD PLAN [Item 11]

The forward plan was noted.

Cllrs Mike Goodman and Bill Chapman (who will not be standing at the next election) were thanked for all their hard work over the years on the Committee.

Meeting ended at: Time Not Specified

Chairman