

ANNEX A to the minutes

Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
25 February 2021 at 10am
Open Public Question Time

Cllr Paul Deach, SCC, chaired the meeting. There were 28 people in attendance. Cllr Bill Chapman was thanked for his 18 years of continuous service as he would be standing down for the May elections.

Question 1: Trefor Hogg, Old Dean resident

I refer to a petition of 2015 regarding Gibbet lane and the school children using this to access the school, together with a 2019 petition from a Collingwood student. Due to lack of budget, a speed limit reduction was never actioned. A new petition has now been started and will come to the June committee meeting. Can Councillors look at this again.

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

Once the new petition has received the required number of signatures, a response will be drawn up and a new speed survey may be undertaken to re assess this.

Question 2: Carlie and Lee Riddell

The northbound carriageway on the A322 and whether this could be considered for resurfacing due to noise issues. We have live adjacent to this for 5 years and the last couple of years, the road has deteriorated, with large potholes appearing. This is affecting our home and our home life as the house shakes with the vibrations. Small repairs have been undertaken which results in a slight decrease, but they do not last (one only lasted 15 days). Neighbours and Mead Court have encountered the same problems, so we all urge the Council to take action. It is believed that the road is long overdue resurfacing.

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

Thank you for raising this concern. Deterioration of a road like this can cause these issues. Our resurfacing team will reassess this and look at whether this can be added to our programme (it is currently not listed). Our roads are regularly inspected. I will link with you outside this meeting and let you know what will be done and when.

Response from Cllr Mike Goodman, SCC

Thank you for raising this, please do link with me outside the meeting as I will see if I can help to take this forward.

Question 3: Richard Wilson, Local resident

I would like to ask about PPE in schools, who go back fully on 8th March – although they have been open for vulnerable children, children of keyworkers and children with special needs. This means that the special schools in particular have been open throughout and have had to provide PPE out of their own budgets. School staff have been the unsung heroes of lockdown.

Would Councillors consider funding a one off grant to special schools in their division from their allocations?

Response from the Chair

I have certainly always been in touch with the special schools in my area but I have not been asked for funding for PPE. I am sure we would be willing to look at this if

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they request it, although we have spent up our allocations for this year but can consider for next financial year.

Response from Cllr Bill Chapman, SCC

This is an issue for all our schools who have all worked hard to provide essential services. I do hope that teachers will be given priority for vaccinations – especially those working with teenage groups, where numbers are seen to be rising.

Question 4: Mark Gordon, Local resident

Chapel Lane, Bagshot – now that work has started are there plans for a reduced speed limit in this area.

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

We do get notified of planning developments and consulted on this via our transport planning section. I would need to make contact with colleagues outside the meeting on this to find out the situation as I believe this was considered, but other measures were taken forward.

The Chair urged residents to link with their local Councillors on parking issues.

Question 5: Janet Trowse, Parking issues in Bagshot

I refer to the parking report and the proposal for double yellow lines on Church Road and Vicarage Road junctions. We have a real issue with parking in this area (access to swinley forest), so these restrictions are welcome. There has been some interesting parking, and anti-social unloading in driveways, together with abuse of residents. We need a whole solution to this issue, including enforcement of yellow lines.

Response from the Chair

Thank you for raising this issue. It is something we are aware of and it is really good that you are linking with Cllr Valerie White and Cllr Mike Goodman on this.

Question 6: Victoria Brinton, local resident

Connaught Road is also an issue to add to the above observations. My father lives there and is feeling blighted as if he goes out, he cannot park when he returns. There are a number of older residents in the road with the same issues and the introduction of lines may further push cars into this road. There are 19 properties and only 5 have off road parking.

There is a free car park in the village that walkers and cyclists could use, we need more signage to alert people to this.

Response from the Chair

Thank you very much for this. We will take this into consideration in our later discussions. You raise a good point that some residents are not connected to the internet for information, and we are keen to link with them and get their views.

Question 7: Richard Tear, local resident

Mike and Andrew went to the centre of Windlesham and looked at a potential scheme for this – is there any progress on this?

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

We have undertaken a number of workshop discussions with the local community in Windlesham and have some improvement ideas that we are looking to take forward. Yesterday, I received an email with some potential designs, which our road safety team are looking at, so this is a work in progress.

Response from Cllr Mike Goodman

Thank you to the Parish for their help and support on this. We have been a bit delayed by the pandemic, but things are moving and we will take design ideas to the Parish initially and then alert and consult the wider community. Road resurfacing is also planned, together with looking at planting of trees etc.

Question 8: Jocelyn Buxton, local resident

Will the yellow lines be enforced – particularly at weekends. I am a resident of Connaught Road and would support that residents are really suffering, especially those that need health visitor access and medical supply deliveries.

Response from the Chair

I would urge you to connect with your local councillor. We do have a parking task group and once the yellow lines are installed we can look at enforcement.

Response from Cllr Victoria Wheeler, SHBC

I have linked with the Police and asked for weekend checks on anti-social parking and behaviours.

Question 9: Stefan Nejhanski, local resident

I support all the questions and issues raised regarding parking. I have raised this with the Police, who are very reluctant to act as convictions will not stick and they only really respond when there is imminent danger or a large number of reports. We do need a realistic view of enforcement and what can be achieved with this. I am concerned that the proposal at the moment will help with sightlines at junctions, but will also push parking issues further onto other residential roads. Please do work with us on a holistic solution.

Response from the Chair

Thank you Stefan, you raise some really good points.

Question 10: Tony Boundy

I have sat through the meeting with interest – I do not have a question, but a statement to the Committee.

Response from the Chair

Please do let us have this and we can circulate it to the whole committee and possibly attach to the notes.

NB – a statement was emailed to all the Councillors on the Committee by Mr Boundy. This is being dealt with by the County Council as a complaint and will be fully investigated.

Parking issues**Further information from Cllr Graham Alleway**

I am Chair of the parking task group and we will look at the parking issues in Bagshot. The Task Group has asked all Councillors to link with us on parking issues so we can look at our enforcement resources and where they need to be directed.

The public forum ended at 10.45am.

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