

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

13 March 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at The Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning, BN44 3XZ.

Present:

Mr Barling (Chairman) (Bramber Castle;), Mr Barnard (Henfield;), Mrs Arculus (Pulborough;) and Mr Marshall (Storrington;)

Also in attendance:

Officers in attendance: Dean Wadey (Principal Community Officer), Chris Stark (Area Highways Manager) and Monique Smart (Democratic Services Officer)

24. Welcome and Introductions

24.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

25. Declarations of Interests

25.1 None declared.

26. Minutes

26.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee meeting held on 21 November 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

27. Urgent Matters

27.1 None

28. Progress Statement

28.1 Members considered the statements on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes) and noted the updates.

29. Talk With Us

29.1 The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance and the following matters were raised and discussed:

- A resident who was also a Member of the local Neighbourhood Steering Group highlighted the need for a controlled crossing on the A283 to improve links between Bramber and Steyning. *The Area Highways Manager explained this would need to be an application for a new Community Highway Scheme (CHS). He explained that*

the application form is on the County Council website along with details of how it would be accessed.

- A few residents from Wiston and Ashurst asked for Members views on proposals for a Soft Sand review and potential sites in the Chanctonbury area. *David Barling stated that he had written in opposition to the proposed sites and was happy to share this with others. He encouraged Members and residents to respond formally to the consultation.*
- A resident asked about the West Sussex Crowd and the Community Initiative Fund (CIF). Firstly he asked for confirmation about what support was available for smaller groups when applying via the West Sussex Crowd. He also asked if the Committee would consider proportioning their grant fund evenly over the 3 meetings per year and lastly he asked if a small grants process would be considered. *The Chairman acknowledged that there had been some problems with the Crowdfunding approach and for smaller applications he was hopeful for the return of a small grants fund whereby applicants will only have to submit a simple application form. The Committee did not agree to split their funding allocation evenly between the meetings as they wanted to be able to look at each application on its own merit. The Chairman also explained that as a small committee they have limited funds so it would remain the case that they would not likely award over £2500 per application. The Chairman also confirmed that there would be a reduction in the amount of CIF next year and any surplus this year will go towards funding FireBreak.*
- A resident asked for more permanent speed data capture points in and around Storrington. *The Area Highways Manager detailed the locations of the current ones but confirmed that no further permanent ones could be added. He explained that if there was a highways improvement proposal in the area then possibly some temporary ones could be requested.*
- A local Parish Councillor asked what hard infrastructure measures would Highways suggest to reduce vehicle speeds on Clays Hill, Bramber. *The Area Highways Manager explained options and he and David Barling offered to liaise further with the Parish Council before they submitted an application for a Community Highways Scheme.*

30. Chanctonbury Community Initiative Funding (CBY06(18/19))

30.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the project for which funding was sought.

30.2 Resolved - That the following award(s) be made:

319/CBY – Watersfield Cricket Club, up to £1000 –Towards resurfacing and repairing the net.

320/CBY – Sandgate Conservation Society, Sandgate Park bridge, £2500 – Towards a new footbridge over a steep bank.

324/CBY – 1st Cowfold Scout Group, up to £1000 towards Tables and benches for camping.

330/CBY – Steyning Parish Council, Stunning Town Entrance, up to £2500 –To purchase the main signpost, planters and installation costs for Steyning-in-Bloom project.

31. North Street, Storrington - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (CBY07(18/19))

31.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

31.2 The Area Highways Manager introduced the report that included proposals for the installation of No Waiting, No Loading and Unloading restrictions on North Street, and the installation of a single disabled bay. It also proposed the installation of double yellow lines on West Street, in place of an existing Limited Waiting bay approximately 30m in length. Further to this, it was proposed to install double yellow lines along Monastery Lane, from its junction with West Street, to a point just south of the entrance to the allotments.

31.3 The Area Highways Manager highlighted the responses received to the public consultation of the proposed scheme detailed in Appendix B. He confirmed that the officer recommendation was to approve the scheme as advertised.

31.3 The local Member Paul Marshall spoke in support of the proposals stating they were linked to the air quality improvements for the area. He also confirmed he had visited one of the shops that has objected to having a parking space removed and although they did not withdraw their objection he thought they understood the reasons why it was being proposed.

31.3 The Parish Council representative present also spoke in support of the proposals.

31.4 Resolved that the Chanctonbury County Local Committee considered the objections to the scheme, and the responses in Appendix B, and authorised the Director of Law and Assurance to implement all measures proposed.

32. Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies (CBY08(18/19))

32.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy attached to the signed minutes).

32.2 Resolved – that the Committee approved the following nomination:

- Mrs Cecile Bagnall to St Marys Primary, Pulborough, for a four year term

33. **Date of Next Meeting**

33.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on 3 July at 7pm at Storrington Parish Hall.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm