

North Horsham County Local Committee

12 November 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at County Hall North (Parkside), Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1XA.

Present:

Mr Catchpole (Chairman) (Holbrook;), Mrs Jupp (Billingshurst;), Mr Baldwin (Horsham East;), Dr Dennis (Horsham Hurst;), Mr Jupp (Southwater & Nuthurst;), Mrs Kitchen (St Leonard's Forest;), Mrs Millson (Horsham Riverside;) and Mr Mitchell (Broadbridge;)

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

11. Welcome and introductions

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

11.2 The Chairman thanked the officers from the Horsham Growth Team, Your Energy Sussex, and Kinder Living who had provided information prior to the meeting.

12. Declarations of Interest

12.1 None declared.

13. Minutes

13.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the North Horsham County Local Committee meeting held on 25 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

14. Urgent Matters

14.1 None.

15. Progress Statement

15.1 Members considered the statements on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes) and made the following comments:

- Regarding parking and the entrance at Horsham hospital, it was confirmed that a trial on switching the entrance and exit had taken place and was being evaluated. It was also confirmed by Denne Neighbourhood Council that a meeting was due to take place to discuss the issues further with Ben Golds at Horsham District Council. It was agreed this would be kept on the progress statement for updates to be provided.

- Regarding the North of Horsham development, the Chairman confirmed that the developer, Liberty, had not sought consent to start works. The Chairman had received assurances from officers that the local members would be informed when the request was received.
- Mr Baldwin stated that discussions were continuing around the cycling and walking strategy and a meeting was scheduled for before Christmas. The County and District Councils were taking forward the issue of signage in West Street.
- The Area Highways Manager reported that works to improve signage were in progress following some delays. He undertook to keep members informed.
- Mr Baldwin stated that a Speed Indicator Device was being borrowed from Mid Sussex but that he was also working with Resident Associations and Neighbourhood Councils to put a Crowdfunding project together to purchase one for North Horsham.
- The Chairman reported that he attended a CLC Chairman's meeting today and Road Space Audits were discussed. As the progress statement mentions a Cabinet Member decision was expected in December and Horsham was expected to be identified as one of the key areas for progression.

16. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

16.1 The Chairman invited questions from those in attendance. The following matters were discussed:

- Mr Gooderham asked why the Community Highway Scheme for a zebra crossing in Station Road, Billingshurst had been rejected and why the estimated cost was so high. The Area Highways Manager responded firstly stating that the cost was probably over estimated but would include design costs, removal and/or relocation of existing markings, traffic management during the works and any drainage requirements. He added that with regard to this request concern was raised about forward visibility of queueing traffic when approaching from the south-east, proximity of the Carpenters junction, the impact on the school keep clear markings, the impact of the zig zag markings on the school bus layby and the impact on the bus stop on the north side of the road. He added that at present children have a modicum of safety crossing the road due to the presence of a School Crossing Patrol (SCP), but if a zebra crossing was installed then they would be doing so at their own risk on the assumption that the SCP would no longer be necessary at this location. For the County Council to make changes to the highway infrastructure they have to be certain that they are not compromising safety or generating hazards that currently do not exist. The Area Highways Manager also stated that in relation to this application there were issues identified that affected its potential deliverability, and as a result it failed to meet the minimum requirements for progression at this time. The Area Highways Manager added that this does not mean that a future application will also be rejected; however we would expect any future application to address the issues identified and the Area

Highways Manager would be happy to work with the applicant or Parish Council to see how these issues might be mitigated.

- Mr Garley from Colgate Parish Council spoke in relation to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) request to reduce the speed limit on Forest Road. He asked if the CLC could agree to extend the TRO further along the road to Colgate. The Area Highways Manager explained that only the western end of the road met the speed limit policy for a 40mph and that the CLC did not have the power to go against policy. It was suggested that the other areas could fit policy for 50mph but Mr Garley explained that the speedwatch group could not monitor roads with speed limits over 40mph.
- Members of the Horsham Society circulated copies of their new publication 'Good by Design' to Members. They explained that the documents aim was to promote higher standards of building design. They asked if they could meet the design team for the Horsham Enterprise Park. The Chairman responded thanking them for the document and added that in the first instance he would encourage them to respond to the current consultation on the masterplan for the site. The consultation was open until 16 November. The Chairman also agreed to pass on their details to the design team.
- A local resident, Mr Lusher, handed Members a copy of a map showing the Horsham Enterprise Park site and highlighted an alternative road system and entrance to the proposed residential part of the site. He stated that many residents feel that the access from Wimblehurst Road is too close to the roundabout and it was suggested that an entrance on Parsonage Road be considered. Mr Lusher asked the CLC to support his alternative option. The Chairman responded stating that he understood that the residents groups would be feeding this suggestion in via the formal consultation and it would therefore be considered by the design team. Mr Baldwin stated that although he supported the suggestion he still felt that traffic lights were needed at the junction on to existing mini roundabout on Wimblehurst Road.
- Residents from Five Oaks raised a number of issues about pavements and road safety in Five Oaks. It was suggested they apply for a Community Highway Scheme with the Parish Council for a speed reduction scheme. Both the Area Highways Manager and Amanda Jupp, the local Member, agreed to work with the residents and Parish Council to look into options. Mrs Jupp also agreed to meet the residents and work with them and the Parish Council to look at the pavement issues and overgrown vegetation.
- A resident of Christ Hospital asked why West Sussex County Council Highways had not objected to a planning application for an extension to a sports centre that would have a significant increase in traffic. Nigel Jupp as the local Member said he had met local residents about this and understood the data was being questioned. He undertook to discuss this further with the Strategic Planning Team and go back to the residents.
- A resident asked if TROs could be privately funded. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that yes they could be but any scheme would need to meet policy.
- Ruth Fletcher from Horsham Cycling Forum questioned that the Horsham Enterprise Park proposals did not meet standards from the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. The Chairman suggested she

respond via the consultation but asked if she copies him in he would follow up any issues with the team at County Hall if needed.

17. North Horsham Community Initiative Funding (NH03(18/19))

17.1 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.

17.2 Resolved that:

The following awards be made:

- 245/NH – Happy Accidents CIC, Horsham Children’s Parade 2019, £3,500 – Towards the cost of delivering creative workshops for participating schools in celebration of Horsham District Year of Culture 2019.
- 276/NH – Ten little toes baby bank, £750.00 – Towards purchasing non-recyclable items for families in need such as cot mattresses and baby bottles.
- 265/NH – Broadbridge Heath Cricket Club, Fund outfield ride-on mower, £1,000 – Towards purchasing a second-hand ride-on mower to prepare the outfield without using an external contractor.

18. Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (NH04(18/19))

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

18.2 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved to progress the 3 highest scoring TROs from the list attached at Appendix A, those being:

- Forest Road, Horsham - Speed reduction.
- Parkfield, Horsham – Double Yellow Lines
- Riverside, Horsham – Double Yellow Lines

18.3 The Area Highways Manager also updated Members on the previously approved TROs that were detailed in Appendix B

19. Community Highway Schemes

19.1 The Area Highways Manager introduced the information report that provided updates on Community Highways Schemes. It was noted that unfortunately none of the new requests from the North Horsham area had been approved for progression. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that all schemes are scored using the same criteria and then go through a moderation panel. He also suggested that some applications did not include enough detail and he did offer to work with applicants to revise schemes.

19.2 The Committee resolved to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to express their disappointment that none of the North Horsham schemes had been approved. They would also include in that correspondence that perhaps the scoring system needed to be explained or the score shown in these updates to the CLCs.

20. **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (NH05(18/19))**

20.1 The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults, Families, Health & Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

20.2 Following consideration of the report the Committee resolved to approve the following nominations:

Reappointment:

Mr Gianni Lozzi to Horsham Nursery School for a further four year term

Appointments:

Dr Morgan Chambers to Tanbridge House School, Horsham for a four year term

Mr Paul Gresham to Millais School for a four year term

Mrs Joanne Lintern-Goodall to Colgate Primary School for a four year term

21. **Date of Next Meeting**

21.1 The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place at 7pm on Monday 25 February 2019 at County Hall North Horsham.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm