

North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

21 October 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Mansion Main Hall, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT.

Present:

Mrs Brunsdon (Chairman) (Imberdown;), Mr Acraman (Worth Forest;) and Mrs Russell (East Grinstead South & Ashurst Wood;)

Apologies were received from Mr Lea (Lindfield & High Weald;) and Mrs Bennett (East Grinstead Meridian;)

Officers in attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Richard Speller (Area Highways Manager), Jeanette Napper (Senior Project Officer Parking Strategy Team) and Dean Wadey (Northern Area Communities Manager (Horsham, Crawley and Mid Sussex))

14. Welcome and introductions

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

15. Declarations of Interest

15.1 None declared.

16. Minutes

16.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. Progress Statement

17.1 The Committee considered the progress statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

17.2 The Chairman introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at previous meetings.

17.3 Mr Speller talked through the highways elements of the Progress Statement and confirmed that the Road Space Audit was progressing and that Stakeholder events were planned in early 2020. Mr Speller resolved to include in future Progress Statements how the Speed Indicator Device, purchased by the committee, had been used in the area. Members queried how the data from the device would be used. – Mr Speller confirmed that the data was submitted to the Police Liaison Officer for use with Operation Crackdown.

17.4 Mr Speller noted the action regarding traffic volumes in the Central and South Mid Sussex County Local Committee area and agreed to speak directly with the Parish Councillor who raised the query.

17.5 Mr Speller apologised that the recent linage that had been painted in Calluna Drive did not match the decision made by Committee at their last meeting. The lineage matched an alternative version that had previously gone out for consultation. The Committee were asked if the current lineage had matched the decision's intention, and therefore a new decision should be made to confirm this; or the previous decision was correct and the lineage should be changed to match the plans. The Committee unanimously agreed that the previous decision was correct and that the lineage should be changed. Mr Speller resolved to amend the lineage as soon as possible.

17.6 Members queried progress on De La Warr Road. – *Mr Speller confirmed that this was being delivered via Long Term Improvement Scheme (LTIPS) rather than the Community Highways Route and informed the Committee that Mid Sussex District Council had moved disabled parking bays to assist with the scheme.*

17.7 Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement and requests that the lineage in Calluna Drive be corrected to match the decision taken at the last meeting (NMS01(19/20)).

18. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

18.1 The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised over areas which the County Council has a reasonable interest. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- Three questions had been submitted in advance.
 - One regarding overgrown vegetation on Ship Street. – *Mrs Russell reported that the vegetation around the lights had been previously trimmed back. Mr Speller explained that some of the vegetation was on private land and the contractor, SSE, was only able to trim the lights. The resident reported that 3 lights were still obscured. Mr Speller and Mrs Russell resolved to look into the issue.*
 - One regarding the infrastructure investment required for the proposed extra homes in the East Grinstead area. – *The Chairman resolved to raise this with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure.*
 - One querying the delay to the Imberhorne Lane traffic calming scheme. – *The Chairman noted the delay, but confirmed that works were now scheduled from 20 January to 14 February. The road would not be closed during the works, but temporary traffic lights would be in place.*
- A resident noted the parking scheme agenda item and explained that they had submitted a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Blackwell Road, but this had not been progressed due to the Road Space Audit. – *Mr Speller explained that he was working with Mrs Bennett on the plans for Queen Victoria Hospital. Blackwell Road*

would be picked up in this work as the hospital looked to manage their parking.

- A parish councillor noted the reference in the Progress Statement on the discrepancy for the Calluna Drive TRO and reported that the option to change the current lineage to match the CLC decision would be their preferred option.
- A resident sought assurance that the subway at Sackville School would not be closed, and highlighted that it needed tidying. – *Mrs Russell gave assurance that the subway would not close, and reported that the new toucan crossing had high usage. A meeting was planned with Mrs Russell, Mr Speller and residents to discuss licenses for subway maintenance. Mr Speller confirmed that the County Council's Structures Team were only responsible for the structural elements of the subway.*
- A resident queried the recent works on Maypole road and highlighted that it had not been resurfaced, but surface dressed instead. – *Mr Speller explained that resurfacing cost £60 per sqm; micro asphalt cost £10 per sqm; and surface dressing cost £3-5 per sqm. The type of surface works would have been chosen due to budget reasons. The resident reported that the lineage needed replacing and that several areas had been missed. Mr Speller resolved to audit the site with the resident when the works were completed.*
- A resident queried if the highways department would be involved in heavy vehicle routes if a new landfill site was introduced. – *The Chairman asked the resident to contact her directly with the details and resolved to investigate.*
- A resident raised concerns with pedestrians crossing Turners Hill Road and Sandy Lane. The area was dangerous and required a light controlled crossing. – *Mr Speller resolved to pick up the concerns with the resident directly.*
- A resident queried a developer commitment to install pedestrian crossings on Turners Hill Road and at Hartlands, and that the County Council had agreed not to progress the Hartlands crossing. There were many children in the area and the resident felt this should be reconsidered. – *The Chairman requested that Mr Speller investigate this and include her in the response.*
- A resident drew the Committee's attention to the Three Bridges consultation on plans to remove a right hand turn and the impact this would have on alternative routes. – *The Chairman agreed to raise the concerns with the Crawley County Local Committee.*
- A resident requested that the Crawley County Local Committee should be made aware of the impact of taxi fare increases due to the alternative route.
- A resident raised concerns on the recent decision to restrict non-resident access to amenity sites and the concern on displaced waste.
- A resident queried how the changes for amenity site access were being publicised, and how those who are refused entry would be able to leave the site. – *The Chairman agreed to investigate how the changes were being promoted, and would also query how individual sites would managed those who were refused entry. A resident proposed that Parish Councils could be utilised to help publicise the changes.*

- A resident explained the voluntary one way system used at St Peters School and asked if this could be enforced as not all road users were aware of the preferred system. – *The Chairman raised concerns about proposing a TRO to formalise the route as this could be met with objections which may ultimately remove the informal arrangement. The Chairman recommended asking the school to promote the system to parents. Mr Speller added that some schools added their own signage for similar arrangements, but nothing formal could be installed by the County Council.*
- A resident sought clarity on the rationale for the parking scheme proposals for Brooklands Way; and queried if all consultation responses were considered by the Committee. – *Mrs Napper explained that the proposals looked to ensure that on street bays were utilised and that a proactive approach would use available spaces to avoid any displacement with the controlled parking zone. The Chairman confirmed that the report appendix included a summary of all responses, but did not include verbatim responses.*

19. East Grinstead Residents' Parking Scheme Review (NMS05(19/20))

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

19.2 Mrs Napper introduced the report which would look to ensure all parking restrictions in the area were enforceable and best use was being made of the highway via small scale proposals. A sign that referred to voucher permits would also be updated to reflect that vouchers were no longer available.

19.3 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Raised concerns on the Dallaway Gardens proposals, but noted that they needed to be included to progress the whole scheme. – *Mrs Napper confirmed the need for the road to be included so that the mention of vouchers could be removed as these were no longer available and the sign could mislead motorists.*
- Queried if a review process that would follow implementation. – *Mrs Napper gave confirmation that a review would be performed following the implementation to ensure the scheme was appropriate.*
- *Mrs Russell, as the local member, gave support to the proposals following confirmation that a review would follow implementation.*

19.4 Resolved – That the Committee, having considered the objections raised, agree to authorise the Director of Law and Assurance to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised.

20. Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (NMS06(19/20))

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

20.2 Resolved – that the following nominations for reappointment and appointment under the 2012 Regulations be approved:

Nominations for reappointment:

- Mr Nicholas (Nick) Hodges to St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, East Grinstead for a further four year term
- Mr Robert Darvill (Bob) to Imberhorne School for a further four year term

Nomination for appointment:

- Mr Kim Beasley to Handcross Primary School for a four year term

21. **Date of Next Meeting**

21.1 The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 26 February 2019 at a venue to be confirmed.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm