

South Chichester County Local Committee

20 February 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Committee Room 3, County Hall Chichester.

Present: Jamie Fitzjohn (Member for Chichester South), Louise Goldsmith (Member for Chichester West), Jeremy Hunt (Member for Chichester North), Pieter Montyn (Member for The Witterings), Simon Oakley (Member for Chichester East and Chairman) and Carol Purnell (Member for Selsey and Vice Chairman).

Apologies were received from Viral Parikh (Member for Bourne)

In attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Peter Lawrence (Principal Community Officer), Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager), Miles Davy (Lead Professional – Parking Strategy Team) and Mike O’Horan (Corporate Accommodation Lead).

Welcome and Introductions

71. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting (40 residents and 1 member of the press). Members and Officers introduced themselves.

Declaration of Interests

72. None declared.

73. Members noted the list of their relevant interests on the agenda.

Minutes

74. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

76. The Chairman introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 31 October meeting.

77. The Committee highlighted that the Westhampnett cycle scheme update contained an error, and should say that feasibility was completed in August 2017.

78. Jeremy Hunt outlined the update on the Westhampnett Gypsy and Traveller Transit site and thanked the volunteers involved in the site.

79. Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

Road Space Audit

80. The Committee considered a paper by the Lead Professional – Parking Strategy Team (copy appended to the signed minutes).

81. Mr Davy introduced the report and explained that the consultation on the Road Space Audit had run from 15 August to the 31 October. Over 200 responses had been received in multiple formats, with over 90% being from Chichester residents.

82. Key themes had been covered in the responses, such as the long, technical documents for the audit; the reliability of surveys undertaken; commuter parking in residential areas; public transport options; air and noise pollution; and the lack of electronic vehicle details.

83. Officers wanted to address the issues raised in the audit by creating a city parking management plan. It was important to ensure that the plan did not displace vehicles to other areas and so the first phase would be rolled out to all areas at once. The recommendation to the Committee was for officers to progress with a design that would come back to the Committee and to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure for comment.

84. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Proposed that the calculation used to consider new developments needed adjusting. – *Mr Davy resolved to look into this.*
- Raised concerns for the need for health and social care visitors to be able to visit their clients.
- Queried if the plan would include Stockbridge. – *Mr Davy confirmed that the plans would consider areas south of the A27 and so Stockbridge would be included.*

85. The Chairman allowed the public to ask any questions they had:

- Queried the target date for the plan. – *Mr Davy explained that there was no set target date for the plan. The design work was expected to take six months and plans generally took an average of one year to get a design in place and consulted on.*
- Commented on the new timetable for trains in May and the Chichester District Council's southern gateway proposals to look at the southern car park and residential parking. – *Mr Davy commented that it would be good to work with Chichester District Council for on and off street parking options. There could be merit in a single parking strategy.*

86. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee supports officers proceeding with design work on a city wide (including Stockbridge) on street parking management plan on a phased approach.

Florence Road car park – parking controls

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

88. Mr Dye introduced the report relating to the car park adjacent to Florence Park.

89. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee instruct the Director of Law and Assurance to give formal consent to Chichester District Council, allowing them to proceed with consultation to introduce controls on the use of the Florence Road car park.

Parking Charges for evening and weekend Public Parking at County Hall, West Street, The Record Office, Orchard Street and The Tannery, Westgate, Chichester

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

91. Mr O'Horan introduced the paper and outlined the proposals for new parking proposals for the three car parks detailed in the report. The proposals would introduce additional parking charge arrangements for the public and amend the current arrangements for staff parking from monthly payments to a daily pay and display arrangement. Priority parking would still be in place for certain members of staff.

92. The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Welcomed the principle of the new arrangements, but felt that more work was required on the proposals to align them with other car parks in Chichester and more commonality with Chichester District Council parking arrangements.
- Queried the use of the Tannery as a permanent car park.
- Noted that a balance was required between good use of assets and encouraging visitors to the city.
- Queried why a phone payment system was being considered that was different to the current Chichester car parks. – *Mr O'Horan explained that the proposed system had been chosen to ensure commonality with the arrangements for Horsham. The proposal could be amended.*
- Commented on the lateness of the paper and the lack of member consultation.

93. The Committee felt that the decision on the report should be deferred so that further consultation could take place with key stakeholders; such as Chichester District Council and Chichester Business Improvement District. The Committee also proposed an informal meeting of the Committee to consider the amended proposals before they came back to a formal Committee meeting.

94. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee agrees to defer the decision to authorise the Director of Law and Assurance to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable the parking charges to be introduced. The Committee requests that further consultation work with key stakeholders is undertaken and that an informal meeting of the Committee be arranged to consider the amended proposals before they come back to a formal Committee meeting for consideration.

Talk With Us (Open Forum)

95. The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- A resident queried the progress of the Sidlesham Ferry to Medmerry cycle way as it had been deferred in the 2017/18 Capital Programme. – *Chris Dye explained that the project was subject to land owner agreement. Chris Dye agreed to look into who the land owners were.*
- A resident had a query relating to Centurion Way and the diversion of the existing route. – *Chris Dye explained that this was a planning matter and that the County Council would be consulted. Louise Goldsmith explained there was concern on the impact of the Whitehouse Farm development impact and that officers were in current negotiations on this.*
- A resident from King George Gardens reported that he had met Chris Dye and had submitted a TRO to consider a safety audit on parking. The resident queried if the road space audit would consider this. - *Chris Dye confirmed that the TRO had been received and scored, it would be considered by the Committee in October. Miles Davy said that the audit would have scope to consider this as it was aiming to not shift parking issues to other areas. The Audit would consider the impact of TROs.*
- A resident queried the need for a public consultation to move the Hornet traffic signals back to their original position. – *Jamie Fitzjohn explained this was a legal requirement as there had been a consultation for the previous location change. The consultation would be imminent and it was hoped that the works would not join the back of the works queue.*
- A resident raised concerns on the condition of the blue 'No Access to County Hall' sign. – *Jeremy Hunt explained that the recent budget had included provision for road signage and lining works. The comments on this sign would be noted for consideration. Jeremy Hunt also commented that the greenery on this exit had been reported as it needed trimming. Simon Oakley urged attendees to report issues via Love West Sussex.*
- A resident queried if a phone payment system would be considered for the previously discussed Chichester car parks. Another resident raised concerns against a complete non cash option. – *Members commented that these points would be considered in the amended report. Miles Davy explained that phone technology across the County would be considered as part of the audit.*
- A resident queried if there were schemes to encourage walking, cycling and public transport options. – *Pieter Montyn confirmed that this was encouraged with schemes such as car sharing. Louise Goldsmith confirmed there were travel to work plans in place. The Road Space Audit would also consider this.*
- The resident also queried if parking costs could go towards reducing public transport costs. - *Miles Davy explained that elements like this would be part of the audit work. It was important to ensure that an effective parking management regime was in place before these elements were considered. Jamie Fitzjohn reported that there was a Task and Finish Group currently looking at bus strategy.*

Community Initiative Funding

96. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).
97. Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee considers the Community Initiative Funding applications as set out in Appendix A and allocates the funding as follows:
- That the following grants are awarded:
- 122/SC Festival of Chichester, £1,800.00 towards Festival of Chichester 2018 Programs
 - 135/SC Sussex Clubs for Young People, £830.00 towards setting up the Duke of Cornwall Award
 - 143/SC Chichester Forest Schools, £2,500.00 towards the Nurturing Children project
 - 144/SC Chichester Community Development Trust, £2,500.00, towards the community garden
 - 170/SC - Lavant Parish Recreational Trust, £2,100.00 towards replacement toddler area fencing
 - 180/SC - Dementia Support, £2,500.00 towards Dementia Support Hub
 - 182/SC - Boxgrove Village Hall, up to £2,454.74 towards a community defibrillator

Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies

98. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy appended to the signed minutes).
99. Resolved – that the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations:
- Nominations for reappointments:
- Mr Andrew Davey to the Bosham Primary School for a four year term
 - Ms Linda Reeves to the Southbourne Infant School for a four year term

Nominations for Appointment:

- Mr John Coutts to the West Dean C.E. Primary School for a four year term
- Mrs Katharine Watson to the Birdham C.E. Primary School for a four year term

Items for Future Meetings

100. The Chairman referred the members to the list of items that were proposed for the next meeting.

101. The Committee noted the briefing note for Local Community Networks (copy appended to the signed minutes).

Date of Next Meeting

102. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 12 June 2018 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

103. Louise Goldsmith informed the public of Your Energy Sussex being a non-profit option for gas and electricity supply.

104. The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Chairman