

## **North Horsham County Local Committee**

Monday 19 February 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. at County Hall North, Horsham.

Present: Mr Peter Catchpole (Chairman) (Holbrook), Mr Andrew Baldwin (Horsham East), Mr Nigel Dennis (Horsham Hurst); Mrs Amanda Jupp (Billingshurst), Mr Nigel Jupp (Southwater & Nuthurst); Mrs Liz Kitchen, (St Leonards Forest); Mrs Morven Millson (Horsham Riverside); and Mr Christian Mitchell (Broadbridge).

Apologies: None

### **Welcome and Introductions**

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

### **Declarations of Interest**

56. Mr Catchpole and Mrs Millson declared personal interests in Item 8 CIF application 106/NH. Mrs Kitchen declared a pecuniary interest in Item 8 CIF application 159/NH as a Trustee of the Phoenix Stroke Club. Mr Baldwin declared a personal interest in Item 9 Authority School Governor as he was one of the nominees.

### **Minutes**

57. Resolved – that the minutes of the North Horsham County Local Committee meeting held on 6 November 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

58. None

### **Progress Statement**

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

- It was noted that the RNIB were concerned about the number of A boards outside businesses in Horsham. Both West Sussex and Horsham District Councils had approached businesses about the issue. Most were supportive of the initiative, but the situation would continue to be monitored.
- That the North of Horsham Development application had been approved, subject to the signing of the S106 agreement.

- A Member reported that there were issues as a result of the building in North Horsham, and as a result Liberty had not put in a planning application for the development yet.
- Regarding the request for a new bus stop in Park Street the Area Highways Manager confirmed that the safety audit had been undertaken and had concluded that the provision of a bus stop in this area was not feasible. The technical appraisal had indicated that this was not a good location, and a point north of Wellington Road had been suggested as an alternative.
- Regarding the request for a new bus stop in Albion Way (outside John Lewis), this was also considered unsuitable following a safety audit citing that it would cause congestion issues and safety concerns with users crossing the road. Consideration could be given to a bus stop between the Worthing Road roundabout and the roundabout at the entrance to John Lewis, but that depended on whether the bus companies would be prepared to undertake longer journeys.
- The Area Highways Manager said that there were three TRO's underway for the CLC. There was one for Christ's Hospital, another for Bluebell Close in Horsham and a third in Little Haven Lane. Objections to the last of these would be dealt with at the earliest opportunity.
- The Area Highways Manager also reported that there were three new TROs that were being progressed which included the 20mph zone for St Marks Lane, 30mph speed limit in Lynwick Street, Rudgwick and waiting restrictions in The Street, Slinfold which would be designed in the next financial year.

## **Talk With Us**

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

- Sabrina Gant submitted a series of questions about Woodlands Mead. The Chairman provided her with the Briefing Note prepared by the Director of Education and Skills which would be tabled at the Central and South Mid Sussex CLC to be held on the 20th February in Haywards Heath Library.
- Kate Rowbottam asked the Committee what the Council's plans were for Windsor House, Hobbsfield. The building had been standing empty for nearly ten years and was rapidly deteriorating. The Chairman replied by saying that the position of Windsor House on the Hobbs Field site remained unchanged, as all of the Provider Services properties were subject to a wider 'in house' appraisal project which was considering how all of the Council's in house services could be delivered in the future. The project was at the final stage and a business case for how 'in house' would deliver services, including the Hobbs Field site, would be put forward at Adult Social Care Improvement Board (ASCIB) at the end of March 2018.

- In reply to a question, the Area Highways Manager said that the signs for the Household Waste Site were not under the purview of Highways, and any change to the signage should be paid for by the recycling centre.
- Richard Warwick raised the issue of speeding in Warninglid Lane. He said that the road fell under two Parish Councils and two District Councils but the volume and speed affected the whole road, the majority of which was signed as de-restricted. There had been six recorded accidents in the last two years. A site meeting had been held with the Area Highways Managers for Horsham and Mid Sussex, to discuss the matter. A Speed Indicator Device and a reduction in the speed limit would help the situation immeasurably.

### **Introduction of Parking Charges at County Hall North**

61. The Committee noted the report. Mike O’Horan, Corporate Accommodation Lead, reported that the Council was working with Horsham District Council to alleviate the closure of parking spaces in the town centre during the forthcoming period of redevelopment. The following issues were addressed:

- A season ticket for weekend parking could be provided if this was one of the issues that arose from the consultation.
- Public parking would only be available after 6pm, so parking spaces would be prioritised for staff during the day.

62. **Resolved** that the Committee instruct the Director of Law & Assurance to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable daytime parking controls and evening and weekend pay and display charges as detailed in this Report to be introduced and, in the absence of any objection, to bring the TRO into operation.

### **Community Initiative Fund**

63. 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 projects for which funding was sought.

64. Mrs Liz Kitchen declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 84/NH Pheonix Stroke Club as a trustee of the group. Mrs Kitchen left the room when this application was discussed and decision was made.

65. **Resolved** that the following applications were approved:-

106/NH Springboard, Horsham, £2,735.00 Towards IT and Media equipment.

115/NH Horsham Town Community Partnership, £2,485.00 towards enhancement of Riverside Path.

130/NH Sussex Clubs for Young People, £830.00 towards setting up the Duke of Cornwall Award.

148/NH - Southwater Responders, £1,000.00 towards new defibrillators.

159/NH - The Phoenix Stroke Club, £1,980.00 towards the Outings Fund.

179/NH - 5 and 10 Horsham Scouts, £500.00 towards a defibrillator.

185/NH - Sussex Green Living, £2,000.00 towards environmental school assemblies.

188/NH - 1st Shipley Scouts, £2,156.00 towards disabled access toilet and shower block for camping field.

### **Nominations for Authority School Governors**

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

67. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations for appointment:-

- a) Rev Natalie Loveless for a four year term to Heron Way Primary School
- Mr Russell Harvey for a four year term to The Weald School

68. Mr Baldwin declared a personal interest as he was one of the nominees for reappointment. He left the room when his nomination was discussed and agreed.

69. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nominations for re-appointment:-

- b) Cllr Andrew Baldwin to Holbrook Primary School for a further four year term

Mr John Bentley to Leechpool Primary School for a further four year term

### **Date of Next Meeting**

70. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee will take place at 7pm on Monday 25 June at 7pm in County Hall North, Chart Way, Horsham RH12 1XH

71. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

### **Chairman**