

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

30 July 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Ashurst Village Hall, Ashurst, Near Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3AP.

Present:

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

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

1. Election of Chairman

1.1 RESOLVED that Mr David Barling be elected Chairman of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

2. Welcome and Introductions

2.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked CSM Active for attending the pre event to provide information about the Velo South cycling event.

3. Declarations of Interests

3.1 None declared.

4. Minutes

4.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee meeting held on 7 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. Urgent Matters

5.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that the Committee had recently written to the Chairman of the South Downs Nation Park Authority (SDNP) with their collective views about the National Parks decision to seek judicial review on the preferred route for the A27 Arundel. The Committee fear that if the bypass is lost then traffic through the Chanctonbury area will continue to increase. The Chairman confirmed that a response had been received offering the Committee a meeting with the Chairman of the SDNP, which they were pursuing.

6. Progress Statement

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

6.2 The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and provided updates as follows:

- A Community Highways Scheme had been submitted for safer crossing in Steyning.
- The Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) previously agreed are all progressing as detailed in Appendix A. The consultation for the West Chiltington scheme had been delayed until after the August school holidays.
- With regard to the Community Highways Schemes (CHS) in the current delivery programme Members asked for more information about the Wiston Bends scheme. The Area Highways Manager undertook to provide this.
- With regard to the new TRO and CHS schemes listed in Appendix C and D, the Area Highway Manager confirmed that more requests had been submitted and they would all be assessed and a full report would come to the next CLC meeting in November.

7. Partridge Green - Bines Road - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (CBY01(18/19))

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

7.2 The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and explained that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been advertised between October and December and a summary of the responses received during that consultation were included in Appendix B. He also explained that comments had been received from Sussex Police suggestion additional measures needed to be included to help the scheme be self-enforcing. The recommendation therefore included village gates and additional road markings.

7.3 The Local Member spoke in support of the proposals as did a local resident and a representative of Partridge Green Parish Council. They agreed that the benefits outweigh the objections.

7.4 Resolved that the Chanctonbury County Local Committee, having considered the objections to the scheme, and the responses in Appendix B, agreed to implement the reduction of speed in conjunction with the extra measures recommended by Sussex Police.

8. Talk With Us

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

- The Chairman of Pulborough Parish Council asked if it was true that the A29 would become a strategic HGV route. Members made mention of a recent Cabinet Member Decision on a response to a Department of Transport consultation about Major Road Networks and that may include information about the A29. The Chairman asked the Democratic Services Officer to forward the report to Pulborough Parish Council for information.

- Representatives from Wiston Parish Council requested the Committees support to lower the speed limit on Water Lane in Wiston. The Area Highway Manager confirmed that a Community Highway Scheme had been received for this scheme and it would be assessed and included in the report to the next CLC meeting in November.

9. **Community Initiative Funding (CBY02(18/19))**

9.1 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.

9.2 The Committee debated the respective merits of the project for which funding was sought and made the following comments:

- Ashurst Village Hall had received pledges of £830 which was 45% of their target. Members were aware this was being promoted locally and could therefore get more pledges before the crowd funding campaign was due to finish in 19 days. Members therefore suggested that their pledge be added in the final few days of the campaign.
- Members expressed some concern that the Cowfold Country Mice project had only received pledges of £118 (4%) but had not received any pledges since 12 July. One of the project creators was present and explained that they had raised some funds outside of spacehive and that the local Parish Council may also be contributing some funds. The Democratic Services Officer reminded the project creator that these funds would need to be added to spacehive in the next 19 days and she should contact spacehive directly to do this.
- A representative from Auntie Vals explained that their fundraising expert was on long term sick leave and this explained why they had not received any pledges. Members did remind the applicant that they had received a significant grant from the Committee last year and although supportive of this project they had to take that into account when making their decision.

9.3 **Resolved** that the following pledges were approved:

- 228/CBY Ashurst Village Hall Stage extension, upto £999. This pledge would be made on 15 August.
- 227/CBY Cowfold Country Mice Nursery, upto £1,500 towards additional ICT resources.
- 226/CBY Auntie Val's Kitchens Community Interest Company, upto £400 towards the repair and installation of a cold room.

10. **Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies**

10.1 The Committee noted the Authority Governor vacancies in the CLC area and encouraged anyone with an interest to apply.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

11.1 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 21 November at 7pm. Although the agenda suggested the meeting would be in Steyning it was agreed that in the interest of fairness for the whole of the Chanctonbury area, the venue should be to the west of the A24.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm