

South Chichester County Local Committee

30 October 2018 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.

Present:

Mr S J Oakley (Chairman) (Chichester East;), Mrs Purnell (Selsey;), Mr Fitzjohn (Chichester South;), Ms Goldsmith (Chichester West;), Mr Hunt (Chichester North;), Mr Montyn (The Witterings;) and Mr Parikh (Bourne;)

Officers in attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Chris Dye (Area Highways Manager), Peter Lawrence (Partnerships Area Manager (South)), Nick Burrell (Senior Advisory (CLCs/Local Member Working)) and Mike O'Horan (Corporate Accommodation Lead)

16. Welcome and Introductions

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

17. Declarations of Interest

17.1 Mr Fitzjohn declared a personal interest as a Board Member of the Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee in relation to the 'Parking Charges for evening and weekend Public Parking at County Hall, West Street and The Record Office, Orchard Street' agenda item.

17.2 Ms Goldsmith declared a personal interest as a resident of Itchenor in relation to the 'West Wittering - Chapel Lane & Acre Street - Experimental Traffic Regulation Order' agenda item.

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

18. Minutes

18.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Urgent Matters

19.1 The committee agreed to include an additional nomination for an appointment of Local Authority Governor that had been received after the papers had been dispatched:-

- **Chichester Nursery School**
Mrs Sophie Elsdon for a four year term

20. Progress Statement

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

20.2 The Chairman introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 12 June 2018 meeting.

20.3 Mr Fitzjohn reported that conversations were still taking place regarding the Hornet pedestrian crossing and the issue was still ongoing.

20.4 Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

21. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

21.1 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.

- 2 questions had been submitted in advance on A27 progress / Build a Better A27 (BABA27) membership. - *Nick Burrell explained the current progress and how Chichester District Council's (CDC) work on local plan improvements were separate from the main BABA27 progress. CDC were a stakeholder within the BABA27 group so the works would not overlap or be a waste of resources when considered against the proposed future A27 works. Feedback from Highways England was expected late autumn which would be shared with residents and the BABA27 group. The next stage would look to see if any stakeholders had been missed for future engagement.*
- Query if the recent government budget announcement for highway strategic investment would assist with A27 improvements. - *Ms Goldsmith explained that the outcome of the budget was still being digested. Criteria for this would be looked at to understand the bid process.*
- A question on Velo South had been submitted in advance asking for post event details on costs, timetables, legal challenge, etc. - *Nick Burrell reported that the legal challenge had now been dropped. The review of the event could now be progressed. The County Council were committed to consult with residents before a decision on support was given to another Velo South, or similar event. Ms Goldsmith praised the meeting that had previously taken place by Westhampnett Parish Council, and hoped to use this model again for future engagement meetings. Mr Oakley reported that the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee would be looking at this.*
- Query from a Funtington Parish Councillor asking how groups were selected to join BABA27 and Velo discussions. - *Nick Burrell explained that Parish Councils were approached first. Ms Goldsmith proposed that a change in Funtington Parish Clerk may be linked to the missing invitation. Mr Oakley reminded Parish Councils that it was important that they passed on change of email contacts to upper tier authorities. Nick Burrell resolved to look into the processes in place for group engagement.*

- A resident reported that they had submitted a petition in support of the King George Gardens Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would be considered later on the agenda.
- Query linked to public picking up litter on bridlepaths and being informed that it was commercial waste and not eligible for CDC collection. – *Mr Parikh resolved to raise this issue with the Cabinet Member for Environment.*
- Query on the restoration of bus routes. – *Mr Parikh reported that the new Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure was looking into this. Mr Fitzjohn reported that the Task and Finish Group report was due for publication on 20 November.*
- Concerns raised over funding cuts impacting the homeless. – *Ms Goldsmith reported that everyone was concerned about homelessness. A saving of £145m over the next 3 years required difficult decisions. The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health had given contract extensions until September. No decision had currently been made. A positive of the current discussion was that the charities had got together to form a consortium to work together. The County Council would try to make the best decision which would be reviewed by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.*
- A Boxgrove Parish Councillor thanked officers Chris Dye and Mike Dare (Highways); and Mr Hunt for their support with a traffic calming group.

22. West Wittering - Chapel Lane & Acre Street - Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

22.1 The committee considered a report by the Area Highway Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes).

22.2 Chris Dye introduced the report and explained that options were being considered to improve the traffic flow to and from the West Wittering Beach car park. An experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was being proposed which would include part time closures on roads to allow resident and emergency access to be maintained.

22.3 James Crespi, West Wittering Estate (WWE), gave a presentation to the Committee to outline the actions that had already been taken by WWE to facilitate the high numbers of visitors (copy appended to the signed minutes).

22.4 Maps were shown which outlined how the proposals would facilitate traffic when in operation.

22.5 Mr Montyn, as the local member, confirmed that he had been involved in the discussion on this and gave his support to the proposals.

22.6 Chris Dye explained that the report was being presented to the Committee to seek their views. Timescales for implementation may also require a decision to be made outside of the Committee cycle.

22.7 The results of the TRO would be carefully monitored for the impact. If the results were found to be negative, the TRO would be stopped.

22.8 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- The Committee welcomed people coming to West Sussex and felt that other beaches should be promoted. – *James Crespi agreed that spreading the demand would be good for the local area and beach preservation.*
- Asked if the TRO would be put into operation during New Year's Day. – *James Crespi explained that parking had previously been a problem for New Year's Day owing to birds being in the field. This field would now be available for parking. The intention of the TRO would be for the warm weather periods.*
- Noted the gaps in the traffic on the presentation and asked if drivers were encouraged to close the gaps. – *James Crespi confirmed that this was encouraged.*
- Queried why the left turn into Piggery Hall Lane was not included in the proposals. – *Chris Dye explained that there would be cost implications to include this additional restriction. It was also felt that Piggery Hall Lane was a 2 lane road which could take the load. The expectation was that traffic would remain on the B road.*
- Asked what alternative transport methods had been considered. – *James Crespi reported that a version of 'Boris Bikes' had been considered, but it was felt that bicycles were not appropriate for people visiting the beach. WWE could not afford the costs that would allow a park and ride service. Members commented that visitors to the beach can come from a long way and so bicycles were not appropriate.*

22.9 Resolved – That the Committee supports the principle of the experimental Traffic Regulation Order and asks Officers and West Wittering Estate to continue the work.

23. **Parking Charges for evening and weekend Public Parking at County Hall, West Street and The Record Office, Orchard Street (SC05(18/19))**

23.1 The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure & Environment and Director of Highways & Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

23.2 Mike O'Horan, Corporate Accommodation Lead, introduced the report and explained the proposals to use County Hall and Orchard Street car parks for pay and display parking.

23.3 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Asked if public attendance at County Local Committees would be exempt from parking charges. – *Mike O'Horan reported that attendance at County Council events would be free.*
- Highlighted the concerns raised by Chichester Business Improvement District (BID) about the impact on the vitality of the city and cathedral worshippers on Sunday. – *Mike O'Horan explained that the next step would be for the proposal to go out for*

public consultation. Staff and parking forums had already been consulted.

23.4 A member of the public queried if non County Council groups using County Hall would be charged. – *Mike O'Horan reported that this was a small number of users that would be required to pay for parking. The users would continue to be able to use the County Hall rooms for free.*

23.5 Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee agrees to instruct the Director of Law & Assurance to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable the parking charges as detailed in the report to be introduced and, in the absence of any objection, to bring the TRO into operation.

24. **Chichester 20mph Speed Limits**

24.1 The committee considered a paper looking at the effects of the 20mph speed limit that was introduced in Chichester in 2013 (copy appended to the signed minutes).

24.2 Chris Dye introduced the report and asked the committee for their comments.

24.3 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Noted the 1.7mph reduction average and queried the cost for implementation and monitoring. – *Peter Lawrence confirmed that the scheme had been funded from Section 106. The monitoring had been requested by the Committee when the original scheme had been introduced. The Committee felt that it would not be necessary to continue monitoring the impact.*
- Commented on speeding campaigns undertaken in Westgate to reduce speeds and felt that additional community support was required to successfully reduce speeds. Speed indicator devices (SIDs) and police enforcement were also effective.
- Felt that specific areas could be considered in the future if residents make contact with the committee.
- Commented that there was not a large impact on the level of accidents reported.
- Agreed that the report should be used as evidence when similar schemes were considered.
- Queried how the data would be used. – *Peter Lawrence reported that the scheme was a case study for the impact of 20mph schemes. The data would be included in a national study. The committee proposed that the national study should be considered at the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee.*

24.4 Resolved – That the committee note the report and will bear the results in mind for future 20mph scheme requests. The committee would also await the results of the national feedback at the Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee.

25. **Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders 2018/19 SC06(18/19)**

25.1 The committee considered a report by the Director of Highways & Transport and the Head of Highway Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

25.2 Chris Dye introduced the report which showed the community requests that had been received. The Committee were asked to recommend the two highest scoring Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for design and advertisement.

25.3 The Chairman reported that a 100 signature petition had been submitted in support for the King George Gardens TRO.

25.4 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Requested clarity over the costs of implementation. – *Chris Dye explained that implementation costs added £7,500 so each scheme cost approximately £10,000. A separate £7,000 was charged to developers for administration costs.*
- The Committee noted the support for the King George Gardens TRO.
- Commented on the Clay Lane application rejection and the varied speeds for this road. – *Chris Dye explained that the TRO did not meet policy but resolved to investigate and provide feedback.*
- Discussed the Whitehouse Farm development and the impact that this would have on traffic. – *Chris Dye explained that works could be picked up as part of the development and resolved to investigate.*
- Discussed the Cawley Road application and noted that whilst the issue was of high importance to the resident involved, the score was low as there was no wider community benefit. – *Chris Dye resolved to look into the issue and see if there was alternative ways to assist the resident.*
- Queried how the scoring system worked. – *Chris Dye explained that the scoring looked at elements such safety, stakeholder support, etc.*

25.5 The Chairman asked if the local members gave support to the TROs in their area. – *Mr Montyn gave support to the B2179 TRO and Mr Hunt gave support to the King George Gardens TRO. A King George Gardens resident confirmed that the TRO was also supported by the City Council.*

25.6 Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee agrees to progress the two highest TROs from the list attached at Appendix A

- B2179 Chichester Road – Speed Limit
- King George Gardens – Parking Issue

26. **Community Highway Schemes**

26.1 The committee considered an information report by the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

26.2 Chris Dye introduced the report and explained that the Boxgrove scheme had been successful. The application for Fishbourne had been unsuccessful and Chris Dye would be working with the parish council to consider an amended application next year.

26.3 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Sought an update on the Westhampnett Cycleway scheme. - *Chris Dye explained this scheme was being delivered at the developers expense.*
- Thanked Chris Dye for his work on the Fishbourne scheme. – *Chris Dye reported that the moderation panel had not supported the application and that he would look into this.*
- Thanked Chris Dye for this work on the Boxgrive scheme. – *Chris Dye reported that there had been good community effort for the scheme.*

26.4 Resolved – That the Committee notes the update.

27. **Community Initiative Funding (SC07(18/19))**

27.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

27.2 Resolved - That the following awards be made:

- **253/SC** – Chichester Forest Schools CIC, Space to Breathe, up to £1,500 towards equipment for the program.
- **274/SC** – The Life Adventure, Selsey Sea Bathing Society, up to £600 towards cost of website development and hosting, paid social media advertising and producing flyers.

28. **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (SC08(18/19))**

28.1 The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Children, Adults, Health & Education and the Head of School Effectiveness (copy appended to the signed minutes).

28.2 Resolved – That the following nominations for appointments under the 2012 Regulations be approved:

- **The March C. E. Primary School**
Mr Rod Hague for a four year term
- **Chichester Nursery School**
Mrs Sophie Elsdon for a four year term

29. **Items for Future Meetings**

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

30. Date of Next Meeting

30.1 The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 5 February 2019 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm