

## **Chanctonbury County Local Committee**

7 March 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at The Steyning Centre, Steyning.

Present: Mr Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs Arculus, Mr Barnard and Mr Deedman.

### **Chairman's Welcome**

93. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.

### **Declaration of Interests**

94. There were no declarations of interest.

### **Minutes**

95. A local resident raised concerns regarding the gritting arrangements for Horn Lane, Henfield (minute 75) and asked whether the situation could be reviewed and the stretch of road near the Woods Mill junction considered for the Priority One Network.

96. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) held on 30 November 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

96. The Committee considered a report which provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the CLC (copy appended to signed minutes).

97. The Community Highway Officer advised that the rumble strips on the B2139 through Amberley Village had been put in as a planning condition as part of the development and that the removal of these strips would need to be looked at thoroughly. It was agreed that the Chairman would take this issue forward outside of the meeting with the Community Highway Officer.

### **Better Connected**

98. Lionel Barnard, Deputy Leader (and portfolio for Communities, Environment and Enterprise) advised that £6.26m of Government funding was available to West Sussex County Council if it could provide match funding for a faster Broadband service across the county. It was also hoped that the new provider, once secured over the next few months, would match fund or close to. Currently the speed of Broadband was patchy across the county with three exchanges not enabled for Broadband.

99. Mr Barnard advised that the County Council needed to demonstrate to a supplier that there was a financial demand for better, fast broadband services and urged people to complete the demand registration form and return it immediately. The form can be accessed at [www.westsussex-betterconnected.org.uk](http://www.westsussex-betterconnected.org.uk) or a copy can be picked up a form at your local Help Point or Library.

## **Community Safety in Chanctonbury**

100. Sergeant Bob Trevis of the Neighbourhood Policing Team updated the Committee on work that was ongoing in the area. Updates included: -

- Chief Inspector Sharon Parker working as Temporary CI for the District replacing Mark Trimmer who recently retired. Acting Inspector Ian Cooke (Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector) at this time for the District following the transfer of Inspector Paul Williams. It was expected that a permanent replacement would be identified soon.
- Main issue was the recent arsons in Steyning. Whilst there had been concerns at times with the numbers of police stationed at Steyning a large number of police departments and other agencies.
- Neighbourhood Policing Team - Main aim to provide reassurance and confidence e.g. Hi Visibility and Plain clothes patrols, Extensive house to house enquiries, maintaining contact with community and Street Surgeries.
- IT link working at Henfield Fire Station and being used by Henfield PCSO – will be shared by PCSO for Partridge Green and Cowfold. Contact had also been made with the Fire and Rescue Service at Storrington to discuss feasibility of sharing facilities at Storrington Fire Station
- Steyning Wardens now able to use Steyning Police Station for their purposes. IT use being arranged to support them further.

101. Resolved – That the Committee notes the verbal update.

## **Monitoring of Reduced Speed Limits at Clays Hill, Bramber and B2133 Billingshurst Road, Ashington.**

102. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report advised that in February 2010 the existing 40mph speed limits at Clays Hill, Steyning and Billingshurst Road, Ashington were lowered to 30mph. The report reviewed the data from the pre and post speed monitoring surveys.

103. The Committee discussed the report. The following comments and questions were raised regarding Clays Hill, Bramber: -

- It was noted that Clays Hill was in Bramber and not Steyning as stated in the report.
- The local County Councillor commented there had been a good response to the new limit with a considerable reduction in speeds, he was, however, concerned about the removal of the temporary speed signs.
- Concerns were raised about the location of signs on the approach to the roundabout.
- Concerns were also raised that the temporary signs were not lit at night and in the day time could not be easily seen due to vegetation.
- The positions of the speed surveys were questioned and it was suggested that a more appropriate point would have been between the east of No. 8 and west of Chelsfield.

104. The Community Highway Officer advised that it was a street lit area and that with regard to the vegetation affecting the visibility of the signs the County Council would contact the landowner and request that they cut back the greenery. With

regard to the positioning of the speed loops he suggested that it would be possible to look at this again once the temporary signs were removed. He also agreed to follow up the concerns raised about the positioning of the 30mph sign on the roundabout.

105. The Chairman commented that the results of the surveys on the B2133 Billingshurst Road, Ashington were disappointing and that the problem would be addressed again through the Committee's Infrastructure Plan priorities for 2013-14.

106. Resolved – That the Committee notes the report.

### **Infrastructure Plan for Chanctonbury County Local Committee Area**

107. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report advised that Members have been considering a wide range of community issues and have been asked to highlight their local highways and transport improvement priorities in the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) Infrastructure Plan. The report highlighted those priorities (set out in Appendix A) and recommended that they be approved in order to establish the Infrastructure Plan for the CLC area.

108. The Committee discussed the report. The Chairman advised that the local Parish Councils had been invited to put forward their priorities. He referred the meeting to the list of proposed priorities. Representatives of the Save Our Storrington Action Group made a plea to the Committee for Traffic Management Studies and the Air Quality Action Plan for Storrington to be included on the Committee's priority list. The Committee agreed to include the scheme.

109. Resolved – That the Committee recommends to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, the local highways and transport improvement priorities for the Chanctonbury CLC area Infrastructure Plan as set out below:

- Steyning - improvements to improve safety at the junction of A283 Steyning Bypass with Horsham Road, going into/from Steyning and into/from Ashurst.
- Bramber - The Street (o/s St Marys House) and near car park access. Traffic Management (Alternations) - Removal of two speed bumps (out of six humps, plus a chicane with raised road surface level and a narrowed road entrance) together with a smoothing of the other bumps considered too high with traffic vibrations from buses.
- Ashington - Install a VAS at the entrance to the village on Billingshurst Rd. plus anti skid surfacing on the bend at Spears Hill.
- Amberley – Extension of 40mph speed limit eastwards on The Turnpike to approximately the far side of the football field and install 'Gateways'.
- Henfield - Installation of a speed indication device on London Road.
- Henfield - Gateway Features and road safety points on the B2116 at Backlands.
  
- Thakeham – New footpath– Storrington Road B2139, eastside between, just north of the southern junction with Crescent Rise – new section of footway by shop frontages to provide continuous north/south pedestrian link.

- Pulborough – Lower Street Regeneration Scheme – Support the delivery of highway associated works, including the potential introduction of revised waiting restrictions.
- Pulborough - New Railway line Footbridge (A29) London Road - progress any preferred option in line with feasibility study recommendations.
- Pulborough – Pedestrian crossings to give access to railway station and bus stops.
- Storrington - Traffic Management studies and Air Quality Action Plan to identify traffic issues and potential solutions, in order to develop a comprehensive scheme for Storrington.

### **Talk With Us Open Forum**

110. The Chairman invited general questions/comments from members of the public present at the meeting: -

- A request was made for the repositioning of a directional sign on Thakeham Road at the junction with Fryern Road, Storrington as drivers frequently missed the turning into Fryern Road and vehicles subsequently had to turn round in a residential road nearby. The Community Highway Officer agreed follow up the request.
- It was suggested that local residents could use the salt delivered by the County Council to salt the stretch of Horn Lane near Woods Mill. The Community Highways Officer confirmed that this was not feasible as it would be too dangerous. He advised that the delivery of salt bags was the decision of the Winter Maintenance Manager.
- A request was made for a Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign on Manleys Hill, Washington Road, Storrington, to indicate the start of the 30mph speed limit (approaching the village just after the RAFA home).
- Request for North Street, Storrington to have existing Single Yellow Lines upgraded to Double Yellow Lines from the High Street to the Baptist Chapel.
- Request for general condition of Goring Road, Steyning to be looked (joint with Bramber Road). Some repairs carried out last year but assumed only temporary. Asked whether any further works were planned. The Community Highway Officer agreed to follow this up and look into what works had already been raised with the contractor.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

111. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to signed minutes), which sought decisions on the applications received under the CIF scheme.

112. Resolved -

(i) That Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:

- **1745/C, 4SIGHT, £250, towards design and printing costs for LEARN4SIGHT packs.**
- **1771/C, Henfield Community Partnership Ltd, £1,300, for the purchase of commemorative flower-baskets.**

- **1785/C, Steyning Festival, £2,489**, towards various itemised costs for the Festival.
- **1789/C, Pulborough Cricket Club, £2,000**, for a replacement scoreboard and installation of a protective shutter.
- **1797/C, Steyning Downland Scheme, £1,038**, for a computer, tools and clothing for volunteer groups to carry out conservation activities and posters/flyers.

113. A representative of Steyning Parish Council advised the Committee that the following application from Steyning Cricket Club had been withdrawn, however the Committee agreed that to formally withdraw the application it required confirmation directly from the Cricket Club. Therefore, it was agreed that the funding would be awarded subject to confirmation in writing that Steyning Cricket Club had a properly constituted committee and was able to provide the match funding as stated in the application.

114. Resolved – That Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows: -

- **1798/C, Steyning Cricket Club, £1,200**, to purchase and install CCTV cameras in the clubhouse and outside area, including the car park, subject to confirmation in writing that Steyning Cricket Club had a properly constituted committee and was able to provide the match funding as stated in the application.

### **Appointment of Authority School Governors**

115. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to signed minutes) that set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment.

116. Resolved - That the following appointments be approved: -

- Mrs H Flanagan to Storrington First School for a 4 year term.
- Mrs M Gue to Steyning Grammar for a 4 year term.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

117. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 4 July 2012, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Henfield Leisure Centre, North Croft, The King's Field, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9QB.

The meeting ended at 8.57pm.

Chairman