

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

5 December 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at Storrington First School.

Present: Mr Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs Arculus, and Mr Deedman. Apologies were received from Mr Barnard

Chairman's Welcome

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

Declaration of Interests

46. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

47. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) held on 3 October 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

- A2037 Henfield – the Principal Community Officer confirmed that an estimate for the temporary sign had now been received and that it would be sent to the local member and the clerk of the Parish Council.
- Washington Temporary Speed Loops – the Principal Community Officer confirmed that these had now been reinstalled after being damaged, and that the surveys would be completed in the next week.
- B2139 Amberley Road (extension of 40mph speed limit) – the Principal Community Officer confirmed that the scheme had been drawn up and was at Gateway 1. The CLC agreed that this scheme should be progressed as soon as possible when funds were available.
- Waitrose Planning Submission, Storrington – the Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to the lead officer at the County Council who assured him that the planning application had been reviewed in fine detail and that the County Council agreed that the application submitted would have no significant increase in traffic. The application is due to be determined by Horsham District Council shortly.
- Bines Road, Partridge Green – the Principal Community Officer confirmed that so far some short term flooding had been resolved and that a meeting would be scheduled soon with the local resident to solve the issue long term.

49. Resolved – That the progress report be noted.

Greyfriars Lane and Church Street, Storrington – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

50. The Committee considered a report by Executive Director Customers and Change (copy appended to the signed minutes).

51. The report was introduced by the Principal Community Officer who outlined that due to the objections that had been received during the consultation; some restrictions had been reduced from the original proposals.

52. The Chairman added that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had originated from the request for double yellow lines from the entrance to the Tennis Club to School Lane. A development at St Josephs, which had recently been approved included in the planning terms that double yellow lines were required at the entrance to the site. He confirmed that Storrington Parish Council had been consulted and that a site visit had been carried out with the traffic engineer. He added that 5 objections had been received from the consultation.

53. A resident of Church Street raised their concern on the implementation of the TRO. They felt that the consultation had not been wide enough and that local residents of the street should have been consulted directly. The resident felt that alternatives to the proposals needed to be considered as the inclusion of the waiting restrictions would have a negative economic impact on the businesses of Storrington. The Chairman of the Committee advised that the Parish Council had been consulted and that public notices had been erected. Notices would also have been placed in the public library, at the parish hall, in the local paper and on the County Council website.

54. Members asked if alternative proposals had been considered for this TRO and whether a one way system would be an option. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that other options had been considered, including a one-way system, but that it was not practical for this scheme. Members asked if residents parking for the whole of Storrington was due to be considered. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that there was a County programme to look at residential on-street parking and that this was being done on a town-by-town basis as the schemes had to be self-financing. She added that these schemes were not always beneficial as spaces had to be marked on the road which could often lead to fewer parking spaces being available.

55. The Chairman of the Parish Council advised that she had attended the site visit and clarified that the restrictions would be either side of the entrance to the new development, and not along the whole stretch of Church Street/Greyfriars Lane. She added that the Parish Council had asked for a yellow line in the layby to be removed to give further parking spaces, and that the proposed car park on the new site be provided first to mitigate any loss of on-street parking. The Chairman of the Committee clarified that the new public car park would provide more spaces than those being removed by the TRO.

56. Members asked whether the requested changes by the Parish Council had been incorporated into the final TRO proposals. The Principal Community Officer advised that the yellow line in the layby would be taken away for 4 car spaces, rather than 5, as requested by the Parish Council, due to an objection from one resident who lived in a listed building and would have otherwise been unable to

access the drive of their property. She also confirmed that part of the planning application of was for the car park to be built in the first stages of development.

57. Members raised concern over the objections being raised by local residents and their perceived lack of direct consultation, however were also conscious that the development was unable to begin until the TRO had been approved. The Principal Community Officer agreed to meet with the Parish Council and local residents on site to set out exactly where the TRO would be implemented.

58. Resolved – That the Committee:

(i) authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order 10 metres south of Browns Lane, as set out in Paragraph 2.1 (i) of the report.

(ii) requests further consideration be made of the proposed changes north of Browns Lane (set out in paragraph 2.1 (ii) and (iii) of the report) and that a site visit be arranged between residents, the parish council and officers so that these proposed changes can be reconsidered at the next CLC meeting.

(iii) agrees that the Traffic Regulation Order is not introduced until the Public Car-Park has been built on the land to the north-east of St Joseph's Abbey.

Community Safety in Chanctonbury

59. The Committee received a verbal update from Inspector Claire McKnight, Neighbourhood Policing Team (Horsham South and North), Sussex Police on local crime statistics and initiatives. Key points included: -

- **Personnel changes** including a new Chief Inspector, Howard Hodges who would be starting in post on 10 December. A new PCSO had been appointed for Steyning and the two PCSO's in Pulborough were also changing.
- **Crime Statistics** – overall crime in the Horsham South Area had continued to reduce. There had however been an increase in burglaries of dwellings so a team had been in place to tackle this.
- **Operation "Winter"** was now up and running to tackle drink driving in rural areas. Education was also being provided to school children on the importance of bike visibility.

60. Resolved – That the report be noted.

S.106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) update

61. The Principal Community Officer introduced a report by the Director of Business Change (copy appended to the signed minutes). The report provided details of the Section 106 monies available by Parish in the Chanctonbury Area.

62. The Principal Community Officer advised that the County Council was working with Horsham District Council to put together available County Council Capital Funds and S.106 money.

63. Members thought that it was more appropriate for the County Council to liaise with the relevant Parish Councils to decide where the money was spent. The Chairman of Storrington Parish Council advised that they did not get consulted on S.106 monies and would like this process to be changed. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that she would make sure Parish Councils were consulted and that information on S.106 monies was provided to parishes on a monthly basis.

64. A member of the public highlighted a large amount of S.106 monies from Riverside Concrete Works that was still outstanding despite the construction being completed approximately 3 years ago. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that she would follow this up.

65. Members agreed the importance of receiving this information on an annual basis outlining the details of the projects the money was being allocated to and when they would be completed.

66. Resolved – That the information in the report be noted.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

67. 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.

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

(i) The following applications were approved: -

1921/C West Sussex Woodturners, £2,000, for the purchase of itemised audio-visual equipment.

1923/C Weald Community Church, £2,000, funding towards a disability access project.

Appointment of Local Authority Governors

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

70. Resolved - That the following appointment be approved: -

- Mrs V Bamford to Steyning C of E Primary School for a 4 year term.

Talk With Us Open Forum

71. A representative from Parham Parish Council highlighted the Committee's previous commitment to look at introducing low cost safety measures at the Rackham Junction on the B2319. She asked the Committee if this project was on

the Infrastructure Plan for 2016/2017. The Principle Community Officer confirmed that it was on the list and would be considered by the CLC at their next meeting when they would decide which projects to take forward in 2016/17. She added that if the project was selected by the CLC it could potentially be brought forward if money became available and the designs had been completed.

72. Mr Gooderman, elected Governor for the Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust, provided an update to the Committee. He confirmed that no cases of MRSA had been reported in any Western Sussex Hospital in the last two years. He also added that the Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratios were higher than expected and asked the CLC if they wished for him to pursue this. Members confirmed that they would be interested in issues that specifically affected their CLC area, and that this issue would be more appropriate to be taken up by the Health and Adults Services Select Committee. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to liaise with the Chairman and relevant support officers of the Select Committee.

73. The Chairman of Bramber Parish Council advised that various works were being carried out on Main Street, Bramber that was affecting the road surface and asked if there were plans for the whole road to be resurfaced in the near future. The Principal Community Officer confirmed that this could be assessed with the local member and asked the Chairman of the Parish Council to contact her to progress this further.

74. A member of the public asked if there were any plans for public toilets to be installed in Storrington. The Chairman of Storrington Parish Council advised that if the extension to the Waitrose supermarket went ahead, there were proposals to build toilets in the store which would be accessible to the public. She added that public toilets had been explored for the town, but that they were not cost effective. Storrington Parish Council agreed to relook at the need for public toilets in the town should the Waitrose application not be approved.

75. A resident advised that manhole covers on the B2139 junction with Water Lane were 2-3 inches below the road surface, which was causing a hazard for motorists. The Principal Community Officer agreed to look into this to see what could be done.

76. The cleanliness of the road signs was raised and it was asked whose responsibility it was to keep them clean. The Principal Community Officer advised that there was no longer a cleaning programme, but that they were done on an ad-hoc basis. Members asked for specific issues to be highlighted with local Parish Council's so that they can then be reported through Love West Sussex.

Date of Next Meeting

77. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 6 March 2013 at The Steyning Centre, Steyning.

The meeting ended at 9.03 p.m.

Chairman