

Unconfirmed minutes

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

Wednesday 21 June 2017– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. at The Steyning Centre, Steyning.

Present: Mr David Barling (Member for Bramber Castle), Mr Lionel Barnard (Member for Henfield) and Mr Paul Marshall (Member for Storrington)

Apologies: Mrs Pat Arculus (Member for Pulborough)

Election of Chairman

1. Mr David Barling was elected Chairman for the municipal year 2017/18.

Welcome and Introductions

2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Terms of Reference

3. The Terms of Reference for the Committee were noted.

Declarations of Interest

4. No interests were declared at this point.

Minutes

5. Resolved – that the minutes of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee meeting held on 1 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

6. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had agreed for an additional CIF application, which had been received after the original agenda had been published, to be considered this evening. A revised report and the new application was circulated to all Members and updated to the website. This along with all the original applications would be discussed at agenda item 11.

Progress Statement

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

- The Area Highways Manager referred to the updates on Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). He also confirmed that a number of Community Highways Schemes had been submitted and they were currently being scored and accessed.

- The Chairman welcomed Anna Czerska from Horsham District Council who provided an update on Air Quality. Anna confirmed that generally the District has very good air quality but both Storrington and Cowfold are both above the recommended levels. It was explained this was mainly due to static vehicles. A Steering Group has been established to monitor this and suggest action. The Area Highways Manager confirmed he too was on this Steering group as were Planning Officers from the County Council. Mr Marshall stated that he believed a bypass for the A27 at Arundel would help as less HGVs would then use Storrington as a cut through. Mr Barnard mentioned that Cowfold Parish Council had arranged a public meeting to take place to discuss this issue.

Talk With Us

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

- A resident of Fern Road, Storrington reported an increase in speeding traffic using the road as a cut through from the High Street. He was compiling a petition for traffic calming measures or speed limits and requested support from the CLC is progressing this. Another local resident stated that it had been discussed with the previous County Councillor who had not supported a scheme. A local Parish Councillor also spoke on the subject and stated that the Parish Council was looking at options. The Area Highways Manager explained the process for requesting a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Mr Marshall explained that he had met the resident and agreed it was an issue that he would support progressing as a TRO. Mr Marshall would arrange a further meeting with resident, the Area Highways Manager and the Parish Council to progress.
- A resident ask how the safe walkable route for Thakeham School was being progressed. The Area Highways Manager confirmed that the safer routes to school team at the County Council have been engaged with the Parish Council and the school about this.
- A resident asked if there would be a review of the planning application for drilling at Broadford Bridge in the light of changes and if further public consultation would take place. The Chairman confirmed that the change of ownership had no impact on the planning application. If a further application was submitted then it would be subject to the usual planning consultation. It was suggested that the resident make contact with their local County Councillor Mrs Pat Arculus.
- Poor School Funding was raised as an issue of concern. A resident asked the Committee to ensure that the County Council was supporting the campaign for fair funding. The Chairman confirmed that the County Council was supporting this campaign and lobbying central government. It was suggested by one resident that the County Council consider increasing the precept for this purpose and suggested this question should be put to residents via the Connections newsletter. The Chairman would pass on this suggestion.
- Concern was raised about capacity of Steyning Grammar School as the number of local children increase as development increases. Mr Marshall

stated he had recently met the head teacher and admissions officer and was trying to understand the issue. The Chairman also stated he was due to meet the head teacher next week and would discuss this with him.

Upper Beeding – 20mph speed limit order

9. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Economy Infrastructure & Environment and Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the Committee on a scheme to introduce 20mph speed limits in Upper Beeding.

10. The Area Highways Manager introduced the report and explained that the proposals for 20mph limits throughout Upper Beeding would link with the existing western section of Bramber. He explained that following public consultation 83 letters of support had been received as opposed to 15 objections. Summaries of those responses and the engineer responses to them were included in the attached report. He explained that the officer recommendation was to implement the scheme as advertised.

11. The local Parish Council spoke in support of the scheme. The Chairman, speaking as the local Member for the area, spoke in support of the scheme and urged his fellow County Councillors to support it.

12. Resolved that: The Committee, having considered the resulting benefits to the community and accepting that these outweigh the objections raised, authorised the Director of Law and Assurance to make the Order as advertised.

13. The Chairman raised a separate but related issue about a previously prioritised speed limit for the A2037 Henfield Road and Shoreham Road. The Chairman had been informed by a previous Traffic Engineer that the scheme did not meet policy but having checked this the Chairman had asked for it to be looked at again as he felt it did meet policy. The Area Highways Manager confirmed he had asked for a peer review of the assessment and once this had been completed he would report back to the Chairman.

Road Space Audits

14. The Area Highways Manager introduced the previously circulated information report about Road Space Audits. He explained that the new approach was not just about on street parking but looking at a bigger picture including off street parking and future planning.

15. Members welcomed the report but expressed disappointment that there were no timescales in relation to when this would be introduced in the Horsham District and asked the Area Highways Manager to feed this back.

Community Initiative Fund

16. 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.

17. Resolved – that the following awards are made:

16/CBY - Ashington Rangers, £737.00, to set up and equip a village maintenance group with safety gear.

32/CBY - Partridge Green Village Hall, £2,000.00, towards the creation of a secure area in the hall.

36/CBY - Age UK Horsham, £500.00, towards promotion, signage and catering for Full of Life Steyning.

38/CBY - The Wiston Meeting Place, £635.68 towards signage, outdoor furniture and cutlery.

47/CBY – Ashington Festival, £579.62, towards printing of the festival programme.

Nominations for Authority School Governors

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

Date of Next Meeting

19. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee will take place at 7pm on 15 November. Wiston Meeting Place offered to host a future meeting.

20. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm