

Chanctonbury County Local Committee

30th March 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00pm at West Chiltington Community School, East Street, West Chiltington.

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

Chairman's Welcome

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

Declaration of Interests

80. In accordance with the code of conduct Mr Barnard declared a personal interest as Deputy Leader and portfolio for Highways and Transport.

Minutes

81. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2010 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

83. The Horn Lane speed assessment had been carried out and met the speed criteria at one end and virtually at the other but Highways Officers were concerned that other criteria had not been met. Mr Deedman asked that the request be added to the Traffic Regulation Order priority list. A resident of Horn Lane thanked Highways for installing the deer and side road warning signs and tidying up the unofficial laybys in the lane.

Community Safety in Chanctonbury

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

- Operation Autumn and Operation Winter had been very successful. Operations Spring and Summer were in the pipeline to tackle seasonal crime working with Horsham District Council.
- The Police Constables (PCs) and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) had carried out on-street briefings in Steyning to tackle car crime.
- There would be an increase in PCs in the Steyning area but this was only on a part time basis.
- The cycle racks supplied by Harwoods that latched onto the back of landrovers had been very successful and allowed cycles to be taken to far reaching areas.
- The security and phone line had been arranged for the Henfield Police Office but there were still issues around a secure connection into the Police databases. They were currently exploring a different option for the Police Office in Storrington and the PCSOs had been asked to approach the fire station.

- Four PCs had been trained to use the speed gun which meant this could be deployed more often. The local community could tell the police where they had problems with speeding and the resource could be targeted effectively.
- There had been 185 fewer crimes than last year but there had been a rise in the number of inquisitive crimes such as thefts from sheds, gardens and barns.

85. Chief Inspector Mark Trimmer update the Committee on the changes to the divisions in the area. The following key points were made:

- From the 1st April there would only be one policing division in West Sussex under a divisional commander Martin Walker. Six districts would remain under a district commander and there would be six response hubs in Crawley, Haywards Heath, Horsham, Worthing, Bognor Regis and Chichester for emergency response. The nearest local unit, regardless of which hub they work from, would respond to emergency calls.
- There would be three custody centres based at Chichester, Worthing and Crawley and the same locations would be supported by the response investigation teams which would reduce the amount of time the response teams spent completing paperwork.
- The front office opening hours at Steyning and Horsham Police Stations would be changing. Steyning would be open Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm and Horsham would be open Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm. When the office was closed members of the public would be able to speak to the control room via a yellow phone outside the police station.
- Sussex Police were working closely with Horsham District Council and the voluntary sector to look at youth provision.
- Horsham District will be policed by a roads policing team from Chichester from 1st April 2011.

New Place Road, Pulborough – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

86. The Committee had before it an information report by the Executive Director Customers and Communities and Director of Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to signed minutes). The report asked the Committee to authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the concerns raised. The following key points were made:

- Mrs Arculus, the local member, agreed that this was the best solution at the moment but asked that it be closely monitored.
- The parish council had been consulted on the plans for parking restrictions but not on the objectors suggestion that layby's be provided and they may have wished to contribute section 106 funding to a scheme to make the lay-by option feasible.

87. Resolved:- That the Chanctonbury County Local Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the concerns raised, authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

Chanctonbury Community Initiative Funding

88. 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.

89. Resolved – that Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:

(i) The following applications and amount is approved:

1517/C Sussex Fun Days, £1,500, towards payment of entertainers and workshops for children with special needs. £2,150 had been requested.

90. The Committee asked that the applicant report back in a year on how many children from the Chanctonbury area attended the scheme. The Committee wanted to know whether the Chanctonbury playscheme for children with special needs was still active and wanted to know the details.

Talk With Us Open Forum

91. A member of Thakeham Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council had identified a number of roads that they felt needed new speed limits. The following roads were quoted: 40mph throughout Merrywood Lane, 40mph on Storrington Road from the present limit near Greenhurst Lane to present 30mph near Abingworthh, 40mph on Coolham Road from present end of limit to end of Picketty Cottages by West Chiltington Lane turning. 20mph throughout High Bar Lane, which used to be a 20mph limit but was now derestricted. The Committee suggested that they prioritise the speed limit request that they felt was most important. The Parish Council member went on to say that High Bar Lane, Thakeham used to be subject to a 20mph speed limit but now had no speed limit. Neil Smith, Highway Manager, agreed to investigate the history of this.

92. Mr Barnard informed the meeting that all Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) were being re-scored and the system was being looked at. Speeding was a big issue for every parish and just putting up a sign does not work. If any parish/community group could pay for a TRO including advertising and hiring of consultants and could justify the TRO then he would consider it.

93. A resident questioned what was happening with the roll out of 20mph speed limits around schools, particularly what priority West Chiltington Community School had in the list. Mr Barnard informed the meeting that the School Safety Zones and 20mph limits had been affected by budget cuts and lack of officer time. The Committee agreed to investigate the position of West Chiltington Community School in the list and report back.

94. A member of Storrington Traffic Action Team had posed questions to Mr Barnard via email earlier in the day but asked for them to be minuted at the meeting. They asked what budget and staff resource was being allocated, by

Highways, to contribute to the development of the Storrington Air Quality Management Action Plan (AQMA), What plans were there to relieve pressure on the B2139 through Amberley?, and asked that the same WSTP1 (used in the Transport Plan) be used to monitor Storrington. Mr Barnard agreed to consult with officers and respond to the group accordingly.

95. The Committee thanked Rick West and Laura Johnston for their support to the Committee and wished them well for the future.

Date of Next Meeting

96. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 8th June 2011, 7pm, at Storrington First School, Spierbridge Road, Storrington.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Chairman