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Chanctonbury County Local Committee

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30 November 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at Pulborough Village Hall, Pulborough.

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

Chairman's Welcome

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

Declaration of Interests

68. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

69. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Chanctonbury County Local Committee (CLC) held on 28 September 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

70. The Chairman advised that the Committee's consideration of its Infrastructure Plan priorities had been deferred to the next scheduled meeting on 7 March 2012 as Committee members felt they had not had sufficient time to consider the priorities in advance of this meeting.

71. The Chairman also advised members of the public that they could take part in Bus passenger survey which would run from 23 November 2011 to 17 January 2012. He advised that the survey could be accessed via the County Council's website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses. A local resident advised that he had attempted to complete the survey but had not been able to make general comments about the effect on his village as the survey was set up only to accept comments on specific bus routes. The Chairman suggested that he write to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Pieter Montyn.

Progress Statement

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

73. The Community Highway Officer, provided an update on Amberley Parish Council's request for an extension to the 40mph speed limit through Amberley village. She advised that she had agreed to look at the existing speeds of the traffic and a speed indicator device which informed drivers of their speed and recorded speeds would be located within the existing 40mph speed limit. She advised that she had also agreed to look at the existing road markings particularly the rumble strips. The red painted strip would be taken out and the road resurfaced, however this work would not be carried out until the New Year as the winter weather could affect the quality of the work. The Community Highway

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Officer confirmed that the speed limit request had been added to the Committee's Traffic Regulation Order list and would be assessed.

74. Mr Deedman commented that the note regarding Canons Way, Steyning was inaccurate and should read 'particularly the right turn out of Canons Way' and 'reduction from 60mph'. It was agreed that the minutes would be amended to reflect this. The Community Highway Officer advised that the Council were investigating the possibility of improving signing and looking at anti-skid surfacing, however this was not yet at the stage where plans could be sent out. The Chairman of Steyning Parish Council thanked the Community Highway Officer for the time she had spent with representatives of the Parish Council.

75. The Community Highway Officer advised that the gritting in Horn Lane had been added to the Priority Two Network, but would be reviewed. She asked residents to let her know in the coming weeks if they had any concerns regarding ice on this stretch of road.

Community Safety in Chanctonbury

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

- Personnel changes – Chief Inspector (CI) Mark Trimmer would be retiring in January. It was too early to confirm who his replacement would be. Inspector Paul Williams had been transferred to Police Headquarters and had been temporarily replaced by Acting Inspector Ian Cook. A new Neighbourhood Inspector would be in post in the New Year. Sergeant Trevis added that he was very pleased with the progress made by PC John Burt who had recently taken over from PC Paul Rolland working in the Storrington area.
- Henfield Fire Station now had a computer and was operational as a base for the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- There had been a general increase in crime in the Chanctonbury area, including a significant increase in the number of burglaries and fraud and forgery. There was a need to start focussing on metal theft.
- The Neighbourhood Policing Team had been working in conjunction with Horsham District to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour, particularly in Storrington and Upper Beeding.
- There was now a new permanent member of staff at Steyning Police Station.

77. Members asked whether the level of detections of crime being maintained. Sergeant Trevis said he was confident that the Police were keeping pace but would provide an official response to the Chairman following the meeting.

78. The Community Highway Officer advised that the County Council was losing a large number of road signs and grills with approximately 80 stolen in the Chichester area in the last few months. She urged local residents to inform the Police if they witnessed any of these crimes or missing signs.

79. The Committee wished CI Mark Trimmer all the best for his retirement.

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

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Talk With Us Open Forum

81. A member of the Save Our Storrington Action Group addressed the meeting. He advised that the Action Group had submitted a petition to the County Council regarding concerns over traffic and air quality in Storrington and currently had over 670 signatures. He asked what action the County Council was taking to address the issues in Storrington.

82. The Chairman responded that the County Council was working closely with Horsham District Council, including with Air Quality Control officers, and that a study of heavy good vehicles passing through Storrington had been agreed by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. He said the study would promote other actions in the village. He agreed to facilitate a meeting of the relevant Cabinet Members, County Council officers and representatives of the Save Our Storrington Action Group in the New Year.

83. Residents expressed concerns regarding the proposed expansion of the Waitrose development in Storrington, including the volumes of traffic that it would create and the increased numbers of HGVs, leading to increased pollution levels and the environmental impact of this. Residents urged the County Council to look at the traffic modelling undertaken in Storrington as the results suggested there would not be an impact on traffic. It was also questioned whether the County Council or Waitrose commissioned the survey.

84. The Chairman advised that he would feed back residents' concerns to the County Council and would raise the question of the traffic modelling undertaken. He advised that the Waitrose planning application had been submitted to Horsham District Council and that the public consultation would enable residents to submit their comments via the District Council's website. (N.B. the public consultation ends on 15 December 2011). The Chairman confirmed that the County Council would be consulted on the Highways impact of the proposals, but that this was unlikely to be before the New Year.

85. The Community Highway Officer advised that she was meeting with Horsham District Council Air Quality Officers in the next couple of weeks. She added that signing along the A27 could be improved (with the introduction of black directional HGV signs) and would have an effect on some HGV traffic.

86. A resident from Upper Beeding made a request that the existing 40mph speed limit on the A2037 Upper Beeding road be reduced to 30mph. The Community Highway Officer suggested that it might be possible to install a speed indicator device to monitor existing speeds. She advised, however, that a 30mph would be difficult for the police to enforce and if not adhered to it could mislead local residents as to the safety of the road.

87. It was agreed that written information, including a copy of a map provided to Committee members, be sent to the Community Highway Officer who would undertake further investigation.

Chanctonbury Community Initiative Funding

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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 application was approved: -

1715/C Storrington & Sullington Community Partnership, £750, towards the purchase of hi-vis jackets and other equipment. The grant excludes the purchase of a laser speed gun

(ii) The following application was declined as the Committee considered that the Parish Council should use its precept and the application was therefore outside of the funding criteria: -

1644/C Steyning Parish Council, £850, towards the purchase and installation of CCTV cameras in the Memorial Playing Field.

(iii) The following applications were withdrawn: -

1644/C Steyning Parish Council, £250, towards publicity and printing costs for the 2012 Showcase Event.

1699/C Sandpiper Place Residents' Association, £691.20, for the purchase of four lockable grit bins.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

90. 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.

91. Resolved - That the following appointments and reappointments be approved: -

Appointments:

- Mrs Catherine Hodgson to Thakeham First for a 4 year Term

Re - Appointments:

- Mrs VJ Russell to St Mary's Primary Pulborough for a 4 year term

Date of Next Meeting

92. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday 7 March 2012, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at a venue to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

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