

## **Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee**

25 September 2012— At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 pm at Warden Park School.

Present: Mr. B Acraman, Mr P Bradbury (Chairman), Mrs A Hall, and Mr P Griffiths.

### **Chairman's Welcome**

27. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, introduced members and officers and invited those attending to introduce themselves. Attending officers were Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer, George Chisenga, Gatwick Diamond Team Manager. The Chairman explained that this would be Monique's last meeting as the Democratic Services Officer for the committee. He thanked her for the support she had provided.

28. Apologies had been received from Mrs Christine Field and Mr Brian Hall.

### **Declarations of Interest**

29. The Chairman declared an interest in Community Initiative Funding application 1863/CMS as his wife is a governor at the school. He would take no part in the discussions or voting for that application.

### **Minutes**

30. The Chairman acknowledged that minute 12 should be for 30mph signs not 40mph.

31. Resolved that, with the above correction, the minutes of the meetings held on 22 May 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Urgent Matters**

32. The Chairman invited Jenny Meadows, a parent from Holly Trinity School, to speak. Mrs Meadows asked the Committee to consider a crossing at Ardingly Road, Cuckfield, as a matter of urgency. She explained that the road was marked in red but this was thought to be more dangerous as people assume it is safe to cross. Discussions have taken place to remove the red markings. It was explained that a child was knocked down at this point earlier in the year.

33. The Chairman acknowledged that a crossing could take some time to agree and install but he felt that the red markings could be removed as a matter of urgency and he asked George Chisenga to take this forward. George agreed to follow this up with the Safer Routes to School team. The Chairman also suggested that Mrs Meadows should write to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Mr Peter Griffiths asked Mrs Meadows to ensure that the local schools supported this scheme and had included it in their school travel plans.

### **Progress Statement**

34. The Committee had before it a progress statement on matters arising from

the previous meeting and statements of progress on other issues pertinent to Central Mid Sussex (copy appended to the signed minutes).

- Foxhill Speed signs. George Chisenga reported that repeater signs are not allowed but temporary advisory signs are allowed. It was thought that these had already been ordered by Elaine Hendron before she left. George agreed to follow this up.
- Bus Partnership Group. The Chairman reported that the real time passenger information was expected to be installed by the end of the financial year. They were also looking at ways to improve commuter services.
- Mrs Anne Hall stated that the petition for a crossing for Wivelsfield Road would be submitted to the Cabinet Member next month.

### **Education in Central Mid Sussex**

35. The Chairman introduced the information paper (copy appended to the signed minutes), that detailed progress with academies, community interest company, GSCE results and the planned expansion of primary schools in the Central Mid Sussex area.

36. As the Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, Peter Griffiths spoke about the positive impact that academies were having on standards across West Sussex. He also spoke of the pressure to find an extra 6000 primary places by September 2015 but that a lot of work was being done to address this.

37. Finally the Chairman introduced Steve Johnson, Head of Warden Park Academy. Mr Johnson referred to a paper 'the journey to academy status' that he would be happy to provide copies of if requested. He described the positive impact on pupils and staff and that with fewer regulations the school was controlled by a group of directors who consisted almost exclusively of staff and parents. He then went on to detail the partnership with the Warden Park Academy Trust and the benefits to primary schools.

38. The Chairman opened the meeting to questions from the public and the head teachers and governors in attendance. No questions were forthcoming.

### **Gander Hill and various Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)**

39. The Chairman introduced the report by the Director Communities & Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). He informed the Committee that the formal consultation period for this TRO had closed and the report detailed the responses. The Committee must make their decision based on those responses and the report attached. However due to the level of response to this consultation and the number of public in attendance for this item, the Chairman agreed to allow public questions if necessary. George Chisenga then briefly detailed the report and its recommendations.

40. Resolved that the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee (CLC) having considered the objections received, have given approval for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the TRO as per the recommendations:

- Gander Hill to be restricted of parking as advertised. Propose promoting a secondary TRO for single yellow lines; no waiting 9.00am-10.00am, 1.00pm-2.00pm Mon-Fri, in the presently unrestricted area.
- Chillis Wood Road to only receive junction protection at its junction with Lucastes Road
- Wellswood to go ahead as proposed. Colwell Gardens did not receive any objections but it is considered advantageous to leave the first section unrestricted for a distance of 35 metres.
- Colwell Road did not receive any objections and can be implemented.

**Ardingly, College Road – proposed reduction from 40 to 30mph Speed Limit.**

41. The Chairman introduced the report by the Director Communities & infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). George Chisenga then briefly detailed the report and its recommendations. George explained that a crossing had already been approved and would be installed shortly and this reduction in speed limit would support that crossing.

42. Some concern was raised that the top end of the road was already 30mph and largely ignored. It was asked if repeater signs could be installed. Mr Acraman explained that repeaters signs are not possible in a 30mph but some villages paint speed limits on the roads as a reminder. Mr Acraman suggested the parish Council follow this up. Speed Indictor Devices and Vehicle Activated signs were also briefly discussed and it was suggested that this be followed up with George Chisenga outside of the meeting.

43. Resolved that the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee (CLC) having considered the responses received, have given approval for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the TRO as advertised.

**Authorisation for an application to Stop Up part of the highway at Haywards Heath Railway Station, Commercial Square, Haywards Health**

44. The Chairman introduced the report by the Director Communities & infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes).

45. Resolved that the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee (CLC) give approval for the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make an application to the Magistrates Court to Stop Up part of the public highway at Haywards Heath Railway Station.

**Community Initiative Funding (CIF)**

46. The Committee considered the new applications for CIF outlined in the report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Committee awarded funding based on the merits of each bid.

47. Resolved that the Committee:

- Approves the following applications:

- **1863/CMS**, Friends of Newick House School, £2,000 costs towards an arts project for pupils. Members requested this amount be spent on materials only and not revenue costs.
- **1916/CMS**, Furnihelp Mid Sussex, £1,000, for the purchase of itemised testing and safety equipment.
- **1919/CMS** Albemarle Neighbourhood Committee, £737.69 requested towards various costs towards staging the one-off Open Day. Members agreed to grant £467.69 for materials but stated they do not provide funding for the project manager or sessional workers.
- **1925/CMS** Lindfield Traders Association, £2,500 requested for the purchase of re-usable jute bags, with logo. Members agreed to fund £1,500.
- **1928/CMS** Haywards Heath in Bloom, £2,500, funding towards the organisation of school competitions

(ii) Declines the following application:

- **1833/CMS** Wellbeing for Women, £3,000 requested for itemised equipment and other costs towards the project start-up. This was rejected on the basis that Members requested additional information and this was not forthcoming.

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

48. The Committee considered the report by the Director Operations Learning which explained the criteria for appointment to school governing bodies and listed proposed nominations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

49. Resolved that the Committee approved the following re-appointment:

- Dr Stuart Mitchell to Blackthorns CP School for a 4 Year Period.

### **Talk with Us Open Forum**

50. The Chairman invited comments and questions from residents. In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised, which included those set out below:

- Mrs Beverly Rosling asked about progress regarding her request for a zebra crossing in Ardingly. George Chisenga stated that this still needed to be approved as an Infrastructure Plan (IP) Priority. IP priorities are due to be approved in March 2013. If identified as a priority it would then go forward for study/investigation.
- A Lindfield resident referred to a petition for a crossing in Lindfield High Street and asked for progress. George Chisenga stated that as per the previous question, this would need to be approved as an Infrastructure Plan (IP) Priority. IP priorities are due to be approved in March 2013. If identified as a priority it would then go forward for study/investigation.

- John De Mierre thanked George and his team for the support in improving the street scene around Bentswood.
- Cuckfield Parish Council stated that Hanlye Lane, Cuckfield was in a poor state of repair and asked when patching or resurfacing would be done. George Chisenga confirmed that this was included in the schedule for patching 2012/13 and then surface dress treatment in 2013/14.
- A member of the public raised the issue of Fracking. The Chairman confirmed that this had been responded to at previous meetings and there was nothing further that this Committee could add.
- A resident asked whether traffic calming measures for Lindfield Road, Ardingly would be included in the IP priorities. George Chisenga and Bill Acraman agreed to discuss this after the meeting to check if it was on the list to come forward to the IP priorities.

51. George Chisenga informed the Committee of a new initiative called 'Love West Sussex'. He explained that this was a smartphone application for people to easily report potholes, overgrown verges etc. and also send photos of the problems.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

52. The Committee noted that its next scheduled meeting would take place on 4 December 2012 at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly.

53. The chairman also informed the Committee that the following meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013 had been rescheduled to 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman