

East Crawley County Local Committee

23 November 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: - Mr Burrett (Member for Pound Hill and Worth) (Chairman), Mr Crow (Member for Tilgate and Furnace Green), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Welcome and Introductions

35. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and each County Councillor and Officer introduced themselves.

Declaration of Interests

36. No interests were declared.

Minutes

37. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

38. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes).

39. Mr Brian Lambarth, Highways Manager, confirmed that one new request for a Community Highways Scheme had been received for the removal of chicanes in Maidenbower Drive. This would be assessed and scored in the New Year.

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing in Pallingham Drive, Maidenbower, Crawley

40. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Residents' Services and Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the Committee.

41. Mr Brian Lambarth, Highways Manager, introduced the report explaining that the proposed scheme had been advertised and received 13 objections and 29 letters of support.

42. The local Member, Mr Bob Lanzer, spoke in support of the scheme stating that it had initialised from a local residents' petition to have a safe crossing point for school children. He stated that traffic can reach considerable speeds on this road so a signalised crossing would be much safer than the current crossing point. Mr Duncan Crow spoke against the need for a crossing stating that the

road was not that busy and the current crossing point was sufficient. Mr Peter Lamb suggested there was more need in other areas but this was the proposal for consideration and he would not want to stop a scheme that was this far progressed and had community support.

43. The Chairman opened the meeting to comments from the public and a local resident who had responded to the consultation stated that the crossing was not required and that he was concerned it would not be used.

44. The Chairman stated he understood arguments for and against the proposed scheme but was minded to support the local Member's view on the matter and he therefore supported the scheme.

45. Resolved: that the East Crawley County Local Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the objections raised, authorised the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to make the Order as advertised and install the pedestrian crossing.

Community Initiative Funding

46. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (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.

47. Resolved - that the Committee allocated funding as follows:

1076/EC – West Green WI, £358.04, towards the purchase of a gazebo, equipment and publicity. The grant cannot be used for room hire but the applicant would be encouraged to apply to the small grants fund for that purpose.

1081/EC – The Phoenix Choir of Crawley, £667.00, for the purchase of 100 music folders.

1085/EC - The Springboard Project, £400.00, towards the installation of shade sails.

48. Terina Bryant, Principal Community Officer, informed the Committee of a Grants Learning Lunch being held on 18 January 2017. Details of this event would be circulated and added to the Crawley CLC Facebook page soon.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

49. The Committee noted the Authority School Governor vacancies and the Chairman encouraged anyone with an interest in becoming a school governor to contact the County Council or their local County Councillor.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

50. The following matters affecting Crawley residents were raised.

- A local resident reported an unpleasant fungus growing on grass verges in Grattons Drive, Pound Hill, and spreading into gardens. Mr Brian Lambarth agreed to discuss the matter with Crawley Borough Council Amenity Services to see if anything could be done.
- Following the recent rainfall it was reported that Northgate Parade car park was flooded for several days. Mr Geraint Thomas stated he had reported it via Love West Sussex but had received no response. Mr Brian Lambarth would look into this and report back to Mr Thomas.
- Members of the Phoenix Choir thanked the Committee for the CIF grant and stated their first concert was coming up and Members would be welcome to attend.

Date of Next Meeting

51. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the next meeting was Wednesday 1 March 2017 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm.

Chairman