

Agenda Item No. 3

East Crawley County Local Committee

12 September 2013 – 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), Mr Crow (Member for Tilgate and Furnace Green), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Declaration of Interests

36. There were none declared.

Minutes

37. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Appointment to an Outside Body

38. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding an appointment to the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

39. Resolved – that Mr Lanzer be appointed to the Gatwick Greenspace Partnership.

Progress Statement

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

41. The Chairman asked for an update on the road dips in Haslett Avenue and Commonwealth Drive.

42. Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) advised that the dates for road works and road closures at Manor Royal were as follows:-

Manor Royal: 16 – 18 October
Fleming Way: 21 – 23 October
Faraday Road: 24 – 25 October

East Crawley CLC Local Infrastructure Plan (IP)

43. The Committee received a report by the Director Communities Commissioning and the Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes).

44. Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) introduced the report. The Chairman reported that the County Council would aspire to complete all schemes

on the Community Issues List and that members were being asked to prioritise two schemes at the meeting. Packages of schemes were proposed by Mr Crow for Furnace Green and Mr Lamb for Northgate. Mr Crow highlighted the need for greater connectivity of cycle routes across the town.

45. The Chairman invited comments/questions from the public and members of the CLC which included:

- The Crawley Cycle Forum requested that a cycle route in front of the Town Hall to Morrison's Superstore be made a priority.
- Regarding the existing Infrastructure Plan priority for a pedestrian crossing facility at Turners Hill Road, Pound Hill, Marie Ovenden advised that a public meeting would be held with officers and all interested parties to discuss the location for the crossing. Mrs Butcher (West Sussex Local Access Forum) would be invited to attend this meeting.
- A scheme for speed restriction in Gales Drive would be added to the list.
- The problem of cycling on pavements particularly in Three Bridges. The Chairman asked for this issue to be raised more formally with the Police.
- Three Bridges Station Forecourt Project – the opportunity to encourage cycling to the station was discussed including the installation of the Brompton Cycle hire facilities. Marie Ovenden agreed to update the Committee on the Project at the next meeting.

46. Resolved – that

- (1) the following new highways and transport priorities for the Infrastructure Plan are approved:-
 - (a) Speed reduction measures in Weald Drive and Furnace Drive, Furnace Green.
 - (b) Speed reduction measures in Woodfield Road, Barnfield Road and Woolborough Road, Northgate.
- (2) the current Community Issues List is noted with the following amendments and notes:-
 - (a) Speed reduction measures in Gales Drive are added
 - (b) Cycle scheme improvements to include a scheme along the Boulevard to the Magistrates' Court as the highest priority.
 - (c) The 'Three Bridges School crossing' scheme had been completed
 - (d) permitting taxis in bus lanes' should be deleted from the list.
- (3) schemes on the Community Issues List be progressed if:
 - (a) there is local Member and community support and
 - (b) either the County Council can deliver such schemes without detriment to the agreed priorities in the Infrastructure Plan (IP) or there is an alternative means of delivering them and where S.106 or alternative funding is available.

- (4) (a) progress with the IP priorities and any scheme developed from the Community Issues List be reported to the CLC at least annually, and
- (b) that an update on the three existing priorities which have not been completed is included in the Progress Statement at the next meeting of the CLC.

Community Initiative Funding

47. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (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.

48. Resolved that - the following awards are made:

99/EC - Crawley Signal Box Preservation Society, £2251 for the replacement of signal box steps.

102/EC - The CAMEO Club Crawley, £444 towards a visit to the Old Tyme Music Hall.

124/EC - St Richards Church, Three Bridges, £1500 towards the refurbishment of the car park.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

49. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

50. Resolved – that the following re-appointment is made:

Mrs J A Dobson to Pound Hill Junior School for a 4 year term.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

51. The following answers were given in response to questions about matters affecting Crawley residents.

Anti-social parking on grass verges. Members of the Committee re-iterated their support for a solution to the problem whilst noting that by-laws could lead to an increase in unwanted street furniture and the need for provision of parking spaces for those residents who have nowhere to park. One resident emphasised the need for enforcement and asked whether the County Council had approached the Department for Communities and Local Government about the adoption of by-law regulations. Mr Lamb reported that he had written to the relevant Cabinet Member at Crawley Borough Council asking him for an update on the Borough Council's progress in lobbying the government on by-law regulations.

Pound Hill CPZ. A resident of Crawley Lane expressed concerns about the congestion which had been created by the CPZ and felt that a review in six

months before any action is taken was too long to wait. The main congestion problems were after 5 pm in the evenings and at weekends. The Chairman reported that officers were looking into creating a fast-track TRO to add extra parking bays but the legal process was at an early stage and it would take a few weeks. The Chairman also referred to parking displacement at the southern end of Grattons Drive. An update on progress with both issues would be included in the Progress Statement at the next meeting.

Extension of double yellow lines in Milton Road. The Chairman reported that he had asked Miles Davy (Parking Strategy Team) to include this as part of the review of the CPZ.

Position of white lines in road at the junction of Kilnmead and Exchange Road - this is causing problems for buses turning at this location. Marie Ovenden agreed to report the issue to West Sussex Highways.

Other items raised by residents:-

- Report of the Highways Task and Finish Group - Duncan Crow reported that the recommendations had only just been sent to the Cabinet Member.
- Publicity for the project at Crawley Library to mark the centenary of World War I.
- Streetlighting – residents highlighted the dis-connect between receiving a leaflet about the replacement street lighting and the work being carried out.

Date of Next Meeting

52. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 5 December 2013 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman