

**East Crawley County Local Committee**

5 December 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**

53. There were none declared.

**Minutes**

54. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**Progress Statement**

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

56. Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) advised that

- repairs to Haslett Avenue and Commonwealth Drive would be carried out the following week
- further updates on the Turners Hill Road pedestrian crossing and the Worth Park Avenue cycle route would be reported at the next meeting.

57. Community Issues List – speed reduction measures in Barnfield Road – this item should also include Woodfield Road. Marie Ovenden agreed to amend the list.

58. The Chairman reported that work on the traffic calming scheme in Grattons Drive which had been agreed by the Committee earlier in the year was expected to begin in early March 2014.

**Hazelwick Road Parking Review**

59. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities Commissioning and Service Manager Transport Commissioning and Countryside Management (copy appended to the signed minutes).

60. Miles Davy (Parking Strategy Team) introduced the report and advised that the Parking Team had carried out a snap shot on-street vehicle/use survey on 8 September 2012 following concerns raised by some residents about the levels of weekend parking in Hazelwick Road. Miles Davy advised that if the Committee agreed that further consultation was needed, this would require Cabinet Member approval for a change to the county-wide parking programme.

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

- The problems caused by weekend parking in Hazelwick Road had increased since the CPZ was introduced, these included the proximity of a number of retail outlets with small car parks, a busy railway station with inadequate parking, air travel passengers using Gatwick Airport and parking in Hazelwick Road and football supporters parking in Hazelwick Road and travelling to London.
- This was an opportunity for the County Council to listen to residents and provide a better solution for Zone F and improve traffic flows.
- Miles Davy advised that CPZs were self-financing, it was not in the County Council's interest to maximise profit from the parking schemes, the objective was to manage the traffic flow. Any surplus funding is used for transport-related schemes in the area agreed by the CLC.
- The Committee was in favour of further consultation but did not support the use of sub-zones as the area covered by Zone F was too small and adopting this approach could lead to problems of displacement.

62. The Committee did not support the officer recommendations that (a) no further action be taken and (b) that the parking arrangements in Zone F be kept under review with an option for further consultation. Mr Lamb proposed that a consultation be undertaken in Zone F of the Crawley CPZ as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report (Alternative Option). The proposal was seconded by Mr Crow and unanimously supported by the Committee.

63. Resolved – that a consultation be undertaken, date to be confirmed, with all residents/businesses in Zone F of the Crawley Controlled Parking Zone to ascertain if a change to days/hours of control would be supported.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

64. 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.

65. Resolved that - the following awards are made:

**161/EC** – Relate North and South West Sussex, £1655 for four new laptops and training in Skype counselling.

**164/EC** – Silver Birch Singers, £224 towards the cost of a music workshop.

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

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

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

Mr K P Hawkins to Oriel High School for a 4-year term.

### **Report of Urgent Action**

68. The Committee noted that following consultation with the Chairman of the East Crawley County Local Committee, the Director Finance and Assurance and the Chairman of the Performance and Finance Select Committee under Standing Order 61, the Head of Law and Governance had authorised a Community Initiative Funding award of £2,222 to the Crawley District Scout Council. The decision on the award had to be made by November as the application was time critical and could not wait until the December meeting.

### **'Talk with Us' – Open Forum**

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

**Recommendations of the Highways Task and Finish Group** – Mr Crow reported that the County Council is giving serious consideration to a multi-million pound investment in repair work to the County's unclassified roads (both rural and urban). The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport hoped to make an announcement at County Council on 13 December 2013.

**Streetlight replacement** – residents raised concerns about the delay and, in some cases, distress caused by the location of the new streetlights. The Chairman reported that representatives of SSE (the Contractor) will be attending the next meeting of West Crawley CLC on 14 January 2014 to answer questions on the issues raised by residents.

**Crawley Lane TRO** – Miles Davy advised that the work would be going ahead either before Christmas or in mid-January depending on the weather conditions. He added that there were a number of procedural steps even for Fast Track TROs which take time to clear.

**Anti-social parking on verges** – Members re-iterated that there was a commitment to keeping up the pressure for a change in the law on by-laws to prevent anti-social parking on verges and this was expected soon.

**Verge protection fencing** – Marie Ovenden advised that Crawley Borough Council was leading on this project. Marie Ovenden would forward information to the Three Bridges Forum.

**Danger for pedestrians crossing road at junction of Station Hill** – the Committee agreed that improvements at this junction needed to be included as a highways scheme. There were a number of different options for progressing this scheme including incorporating the works into either the Billinton Drive Scheme or the Three Bridges Station Scheme. It would be important to ensure that the most suitable scheme was developed.

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

**Pedestrian crossing, Gales Drive** – residents thanked the Committee, as the crossing was now in place.

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

70. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 6 March 2014 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman