

East Crawley County Local Committee

6 March 2014 – 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

71. There were none declared.

Minutes

72. Hazelwick Road Parking Review (Minute 61 refers) - A resident requested that it should be noted in the minutes that some residents had objected to the proposed consultation on possible changes to the CPZ due to the problems of displacement which have now occurred, this point had been made at the meeting on 5 December.

73. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of the note (Minute 72) above.

Progress Statement

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

75. Worth Park Avenue Cycle Route – Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) reported that a meeting had taken place on 7 February. Peter Smith (Crawley Cycle Forum) welcomed the proposed cycle route which would link with the Three Bridges Station Scheme. Marie Ovenden agreed to update Peter Smith after the meeting regarding the Three Bridges Station Redevelopment Scheme. She would also inform him when funding was available for the dropped kerb at the rear of K2.

76. Pallingham Drive – Marie Ovenden reported that this scheme for a pedestrian crossing had community support and there was S106 funding available. Mr Crow requested that a report on the scheme be brought to the next meeting demonstrating the case for this new crossing.

77. Pedestrian guard railings (The Oaks Primary School, Tilgate) – Mr Crow asked for an update at the next meeting as this scheme needs to be moved forward. Marie Ovenden reported that funding had been made available for the guard railings at Milton Mount Primary School.

Infrastructure Plan (IP) Update

Identification of Traffic Regulation Order Priorities

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

79. Marie Ovenden introduced the report. The Chairman welcomed the new process which would deliver packages of TROs in close proximity to each other instead of separate TROs for the East Crawley area.

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

- Mr Lanzer proposed that the scheme for Mereworth Drive, Pound Hill should also include the nearby roads of Briarswood Close, Stumblets, Dene Tye, Trevanne Plat, Pine Shaw and Oak Dell.
- The cycling issue identified for Northgate – Kilnmead should refer to the footpath between Kilnmead and the Boulevard.
- The Chairman reported that he had received numerous complaints about dangerous parking on a blind bend at the southern end of Grattons Drive. This parking issue was a consequence of the Pound Hill CPZ. A solution to the problem would be found either as a result of proposed changes following the six month review of the CPZ or by a separate TRO as part of the new TRO prioritisation process. The Chairman proposed that this scheme be identified as having very high priority on safety grounds.
- The Chairman proposed that the scheme for Peterhouse Parade, Pound Hill (Appendix C) should be included in Appendix A.
- Anti-social parking on roadside verges – the Chairman reminded residents that this was a matter for the Borough Council to enforce and that if a by-law was introduced, there would have to be a by-law notice on every verge. Mr Lamb reported that discussions were taking place to find a satisfactory solution to this problem.

81. The proposed amendment to the Mereworth Drive Scheme, high prioritisation of Grattons Drive (Southern End) Scheme and transferring the Peterhouse Parade Scheme from Appendix C to Appendix A were moved and seconded and then agreed by the Committee.

82. Resolved – That

- (1) A package of TRO priorities, which appear technically deliverable and have evidence of community support, be programmed for delivery alongside other IP priorities as set out in Appendix A and included in the IP.

- (2) The TRO package of priorities is reviewed annually recognising that additional TRO proposals can only be added if funds are identified, see paragraph 1.7 of the report.
- (3) Issues requiring further investigation (e.g. technical and/or evidence of community support) prior to considering a TRO solution and any subsequent prioritisation in the IP as set out in Appendix B are noted.
- (4)
 - (i) The Grattons Drive, Pound Hill (Southern End) scheme is given highest priority on safety grounds.
 - (ii) The Peterhouse Parade, Pound Hill scheme (Appendix C) is added to Appendix A.
 - (iii) The scheme for Mereworth Drive, Pound Hill includes the following adjacent roads:- Briarswood Close, Stumblets, Dene Tye, Trevanne Plat, Pine Shaw and Oak Dell.

Update on Turners Hill Road Scheme

83. The Chairman reported that in January 2012, East Crawley CLC had agreed to include a scheme in the Infrastructure Plan for a pedestrian crossing on Turners Hill Road to improve access between Crabbet Park and Worth. Following a well-attended meeting of local Members, residents and equestrians, a more comprehensive speed reduction scheme has been proposed. Marie Ovenden advised that the scheme was now likely to be delivered in 2015/16 rather than 2014/15, as it was important to ensure that the final scheme was satisfactory for all including pedestrians and horse riders.

84. The Committee agreed that the IP scheme agreed in January 2012 for a pedestrian crossing at Turners Hill Road would be extended to include a more comprehensive speed reduction scheme.

Community Initiative Funding

85. 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.

86. Resolved - That

- (1) the following awards are made:

180/EC - Crawley Young Persons Council, £889, to help fund the 2014 CYPC Elections.

191/EC - The Friends of Three Bridges Primary School, £199.99, for the purchase of a new freezer.

210/EC - Crawley Festival, £1182, towards funding of the summer festival.

257/EC - Crawley Youth and Community Centre, £850, towards replacement of the old Boiler System with a New Biomass Wood Pellets Burning System.

274/EC - Springboard Project, £2201, towards the costs of play equipment for the Crawley Centre outdoor play area.

280/EC - 7th Crawley Scout Group, £356, towards a replacement projector and camera.

317/EC - Central Sussex YMCA, £800, towards the cost of IT Equipment.

(2) the following award is declined as the organisation has already received funding in this financial year:

278/EC - CAMEO, £267, towards the cost of an anniversary buffet.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

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

88. Resolved – That

(1) the following appointment is made:

Miss Stacey Westbrook to Maidenbower Junior School for a four-year term;

(2) the following re-appointment is made:

Mr K Pask to Milton Mount Primary School for a four-year term.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- **Potholes** – a resident reported that debris from potholes was being left on the highway following repair work. Marie Ovenden agreed to report this to Highways Officers. Pothole problems in Hazelwick Avenue and Elmcroft Court were reported, residents were reminded to report these to the County Council via the "omc@westsussex.gov.uk" email address.
- **Unclassified roads improvement programme** – the Chairman reported that the County Council was investing £30m in this programme over two years. He stated that the exact roads to be included in the programme were still to be determined.
- **Temporary TROs for road improvements** – These are sent electronically to Councillors.

- **Flooded/muddy/uneven pavement at the side of Memorial Gardens near Debenhams** – Marie Ovenden agreed to report the problem and ask for an inspection.
- **WSCC Sign on old Library at County Buildings** – Mr Lamb confirmed that the sign would be removed.
- **Streetlighting at The Birches** – a resident stated that the newly installed streetlighting was an improvement on the old streetlights. This would be reported to the contractor SSE.
- **Pegler Way highway design** – a resident referred to the dangerous, poor design of the highway. Mr Lanzer reported that the design would have been approved by the Borough Council as part of the Planning process. It was not possible to rectify it at present but it would change as the development progressed.

Date of Next Meeting

90. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 12 June 2014 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chairman