

East Crawley County Local Committee

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

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

Apologies: - Mr Burrett (Member for Pound Hill and Worth)

Appointment of Chairman

1. Resolved that Mr Burrett was elected Chairman of the East Crawley County Local Committee (CLC) for the 2016/2017 municipal year.
2. In the absence of Mr Burrett, it was resolved that Mr Crow be elected as the Chairman for this meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

3. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and each County Councillor and Officer introduced themselves.
4. The Chairman presented a leaflet to the Committee and members of the public which set out the West Sussex joint commitment to family and friends carers 2015-20. He explained that there are more than 84,000 carers in West Sussex and the leaflet provides valuable advice and contact details for family and friend carers. The Chairman encouraged anyone with an interest to take a leaflet.

Declaration of Interests

5. In accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct the following interests were declared:-
 - The Chairman, Mr Duncan Crow, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 as the nominee for reappointment to St Andrew's Primary School.

Minutes

6. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

7. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Brian Lambarth, Area Highways Manager, highlighted the new process for identifying and

prioritising Infrastructure schemes such as traffic calming and parking improvement schemes. He explained that the new process allowed anyone to request a scheme but it would require the support of the local County Councillor as well as evidence of community support.

8. With regard to the approved Infrastructure Priorities detailed on the appendix to the Progress Statement, Mr Lambarth stated that item 6 – a pedestrian crossing for Pallingham Drive was being scheduled for implementation in August 2016. Mr Lambarth also updated the Committee about a Traffic Regulation Order consultation for Tinsley Lane. It had received no objections so would be implemented soon.

Traffic Regulation Order, Turners Hill Road, Worth

9. The Committee received a report from the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Brian Lambarth, Area Highways Manager, introduced the report explaining that a scheme on Turners Hill Road, Crawley was prioritised for delivery as part of the 2016/17 Integrated Works Programme. The scheme included a controlled Puffin Crossing, Vehicle Activated Sign and Road Lining Improvements. The opportunity was also taken to include the formalising of existing School Keep Clear markings for the West Sussex Alternative Provision College.

10. Formal consultation was undertaken between 2 March 2016 and 23 March 2016. Seven objections were received raising concerns over the crossing location and the lack of equestrian facilities. Mr Lambarth explained that full details of the objections and officer responses to those objections were included in Appendix B of the circulated report.

11. Mr Lanzer spoke in support of the scheme. He said he understood the issues raised by equestrians and cyclists but hoped they understood that the road space did not make alternative options viable without compromising safety.

12. Resolved that the 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

13. 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.

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

961/EC - The Nautical Training Corps, £222.00, to provide a 'working rig' (uniform) for members.

974/EC – LPK Learning CIC, £2,150.21, towards project costs for courses and activities, venue hire and a variety of equipment.

981/EC - Reaching Families, £297.38, to provide a Lexmark printer and other office supplies.

991/EC – Ifield Barns Art Centre, £1,337.35, to replace equipment for the Ifield May Fayre, specifically a marquee.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

15. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes).

16. Mr Duncan Crow reiterated his personal interest as the nominated governor.

17. Resolved –That the Committee approved the following nomination for reappointment:

- Mr Duncan Crow to St Andrew’s Primary School for a further 4 year term.

‘Talk with Us’ – Open Forum

18. The following matters affecting Crawley residents were raised.

- Ms Janet Gilroy had submitted a written question about speeding traffic in the Worth and Pound Hill area. As Ms Gilroy was not present a written response would be provided.
- Several written questions had also been submitted by Mr Peter Smith about the chicane removal scheme in Station Hill and Billinton Drive and also about the cycle path for Worth Park Avenue. As Mr Smith was not present, a written response would be provided.
- Mrs Sylvia Handy asked about signalised junctions at Southgate Avenue. Mr Lambarth provided a response from the Traffic Signals Team at West Sussex County Council stating that although the signals are now working at the optimum settings and hence are more efficient, the junctions are still over capacity and therefore there are still traffic queues. The layout of all the junctions is now the best solution for traffic flows and any reconfiguring of the signals will have a negative impact and increase the traffic queues significantly in the morning peak. The accident data showed that incidents in the area had not been directly attributed to the junction operation. While still monitoring the junctions, there are no plans or funds to do any further works.
- Mr Frank Halliday asked about the future of Centenary House as it has been empty for some time. The Chairman confirmed that it is allocated as a key development site but that plans are at an early stage.

Date of Next Meeting

19. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the next meeting was Tuesday 13 September 2016 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman