

East Crawley County Local Committee

8 November 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Burgess, Mr Burrett (Chairman), Mr Crow and Mr Lanzer.

Declarations of Interest

65. Mr Burgess declared a personal interest in Item 8, Community Initiative Fund, as a member of the Ifield Barn Theatre Society.

66. Mr Lanzer declared a personal interest in Item 5, 20mph speed limit zone and road humps at Church Road/Street Hill, Worth, as a member of the Worth Conservation Area Advisory Committee, and Mr Burrett declared a personal interest in the same item as a regular attendee at meetings of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, although he had not been formally appointed to that body.

Minutes

67. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Highways

Church Road/Street Hill, Worth – 20mph speed limit zone and road humps

68. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Customers and Change and the Service Manager, Engineering Solutions Team, on a proposal for a 20 mph speed limit zone and road humps in Church Road/Street Hill, Worth (copy appended to the signed minutes).

69. The Chairman reported that this proposal had been discussed for a number of years, an initial consultation had indicated that there was considerable support for the scheme and that the decision taken by the Committee would be to allow a formal consultation to take place on the proposal. George Chisenga (Gatwick Diamond Team Manager) introduced the report.

70. The following issues were raised in the discussion that followed: -

- The Committee agreed that a 20 mph speed limit was appropriate and that the restriction would encourage drivers to drive more slowly.
- Peter Smith of the Crawley Cycle Forum expressed his disappointment that the Cycle Forum had not been consulted as a special interest group. He also referred to a design flaw with regard to the speed humps which caused a problem for cyclists. George Chisenga advised

that he would report these comments to the officer responsible for the scheme.

- Tricia Butcher expressed concern about the build-out near The Hideaway which might cause a problem for horse riders.

71. Resolved – That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to advertise the proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone (under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984) and speed cushions and flat top road humps (under the Highways Act 1980 and Highway [Road Hump] Regulations 1999) and subject to there being no unresolved objections that the Traffic Regulation Orders be made.

Grattons Drive – 20 mph zone and traffic calming proposals

72. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Business Change and Divisional Manager Engineering Solutions regarding a 20 mph zone and traffic calming proposals in Grattons Drive, Pound Hill (copy appended to the signed minutes).

73. The Chairman explained the background and history to the proposals which had been amended to take account of previous comments and objections. He reported that in addition to the proposals as set out in the report some residents from Farmleigh Close wanted further restrictions along the northern side and around the oval in the centre of the Close to be included in the scheme. The Chairman added that it was advisable to add these elements in at this stage, before the scheme was formally advertised, as they could always be removed when the Committee made its final decision at the next meeting if there were objections to the scheme and if it was considered that there was good reason to do so.

74. The following issues were raised in the discussion that followed: -

- One resident expressed concerns about the additional restrictions in Farmleigh Close as she felt they would prevent residents from going about their day to day activities and that parking restrictions in Farmleigh Close would make the parking problems in Grattons Drive worse. She felt that for most of the day the vehicular speed was self-limiting and that speed humps had little impact in reducing speed. There was no enforcement of parking on the zigzag lines near the school so there was no point in adding restrictions which were not going to be enforced.
- One member of the Committee stated that a more strategic view of parking in Crawley should be considered and that drivers should not be alienated by imposing excessive restrictions resulting in drivers speeding between the restricted areas. He objected to the 'build-outs' included in the scheme.

75. The Chairman proposed the following additions to the recommended proposals which were seconded by Mr Lanzer: -

- (1) Extend the double yellow line in the north-east corner of Farmleigh Close northwards around the bend into Grattons Drive and along the side of the green area as far as the 'slow' sign on the carriageway of Grattons Drive.
- (2) A single yellow line to be placed around the edge of the oval parking area in Farmleigh Close with a parking restriction of one hour between 8.30am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

76. The Committee agreed to the amendments to the recommendation.

77. Resolved – That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to advertise the proposed 20mph Speed Limit Zone and Parking Restrictions (under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984) and flat top road humps (under the Highways Act 1980 and Highway [Road Hump] Regulations 1999) as shown on drawing no. 14150-004 (RevA), and that the following additional proposals be included in the scheme: -

- (1) Extend the double yellow line in the north-east corner of Farmleigh Close northwards around the bend into Grattons Drive and along the side of the green area as far as the 'slow' sign on the carriageway of Grattons Drive;
- (2) A single yellow line to be placed around the edge of the oval parking area in Farmleigh Close with a parking restriction of one hour between 8.30am and 9.30am and 2.30pm and 3.30pm;

and that subject to there being no unresolved objections, the Traffic Regulation Orders be made.

East Crawley County Local Committee Area Infrastructure Plan

78. The Committee considered an information report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure and the Head of Community and Economic Development on an overview of the Highways Infrastructure Integrated Works Programme Consultation and progress with the East Crawley CLC Local Infrastructure Plan priorities (copy appended to the signed minutes).

79. The following issue was raised in the discussion that followed: -

- Traffic Management Chicane Removal, Billinton Drive – Mr Lanzer stated that what was needed in this location was a different approach to traffic management in order to reduce pollution and at the same time protect cyclists and pedestrians. Instead of simply looking at chicane removal, consultants need to explore a different traffic management system that will improve traffic flows along this route.

80. Resolved – That the report be noted.

Community Initiative Fund

81. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on the Community Initiative Fund (copy appended to the signed minutes).

Application 1953/EC – Ifield May Fayre

82. The Ifield May Fayre had requested £666 towards the cost of replacement equipment for the 25th May Fayre. The Committee agreed to allocate £666.

Application 1956/EC – Headway West Sussex

83. Headway West Sussex had requested £958.60 towards itemised promotional material costs and a laptop. The Committee agreed to allocate £958.60.

84. Resolved - That the East Crawley County Local Committee allocates the following funding: -
£666 to the Ifield May Fayre
£958.60 to Headway West Sussex.

Appointment of Authority Governors

85. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning on the appointment and re-appointment of Authority Governors (copy appended to the signed minutes).

86. Resolved – That

- (1) Mr Josef Kane is appointed as an Authority Governor at Maidenbower Junior School for a four-year term.
- (2) Mr E Skyrme is re-appointed as an Authority Governor at Three Bridges Infant School for a four-year term.

‘talk with us’ - Open Forum

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

88. Issues were raised, including moving the doctor’s surgery in Northgate and planning for development in Tilgate, which could not be directly influenced by the East Crawley County Local Committee. Members listened to the views expressed and offered their assistance in their roles as Borough Councillors, and in the case of the Northgate Surgery issue, Mr Burgess agreed to raise the issue at the next meeting of the County Council’s Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.

89. Car parking on grass verges – Mr Burgess stated that this was still being looked at by officers at the Borough Council as it was important that the appropriate by-laws were made.

90. Parking at Crossways – the Committee agreed to find out about the possibility of extending the existing Three Bridges Controlled Parking Zone to include Crossways.

Date of Next Meeting

91. 14 March 2013 at 7pm in Crawley Library. The Chairman stated that this was a change from the previously published date in January.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.