

East Crawley County Local Committee

15 December 2015 – 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) - Chairman, Mr Crow (Member for Tilgate and Furnace Green), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Welcome and Introductions

36. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and each County Councillor introduced themselves.

37. The Chairman highlighted that the date of the next meeting had been changed from 2 March to 16 March. This was to allow time for the officers to review the results of the Three Bridges and Pound Hill Controlled Parking Zone Review consultation.

Declaration of Interests

38. None.

Minutes

39. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

41. Mr Brian Lambarth (Area Highways Manager) updated the Committee on schemes on the Infrastructure Plan Priorities and Community Issues List. Issues to note included:

- Regarding the white lines in Church Road at the junction with Worth Way, it was confirmed they were on the non-urgent repair list and if funds remained at the end of the financial year they might be re-painted.
- Members commented that the road safety situation in Billinton Drive/Station Hill was much improved following the removal of the chicanes, but they asked for confirmation that the white lines would be repositioned and the new path would be shared use. Brian Lambarth undertook to check with the project manager.
- Members asked for progress on the Three Bridges Station reconfiguration project. Brian Lambarth explained it was a complex scheme with many partners involved and no further update was available at the moment.

Peter Lamb suggested it was the LEP funding that was holding the scheme up.

- Mr Bob Burgess asked how far up Three Bridges Road would be resurfaced. Brian Lambarth understood it was to the start of the playing fields but he would check and confirm.
- Mrs Brenda Burgess raised concern about the state of roads generally in Northgate and Three Bridges compared to other parts of Crawley and the County. The Chairman explained that the Better Roads Programme had worked well to improve many roads and that they were all inspected under the same criteria.
- A resident raised concern about a proposed Traffic Regulation Order for around Hazelwick School. It was noted this was to formalise the School Keep Clear markings, and the resident was encouraged to respond to the formal consultation. It was confirmed that the proposals would only come back to the Committee if 5 or more objections were received but the local Member, Peter Lamb, asked for it to come back even if only 1 objection is received.

Community Initiative Funding

42. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed an application for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the project for which funding was sought.

43. Resolved - that the Committee allocates funding as follows:

821/EC – West Sussex and Surrey Angling Academy, £2,889.00 for the purchase of tools, timber and 12 fishing kits. The award was made under condition that the necessary approvals are sought from Crawley Borough Council and the Friends of Broadfield Park and evidence of those approvals provided to the County Council.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

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

45. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

- Rev S J Murray for a term of four years to Three Bridges Primary School.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- Mrs Brenda Burgess stated she had requested a pedestrian crossing in Three Bridges Road a few years ago but it did not appear to be on the list. It was to help elderly residents of Fairlawn House cross Three Bridges Road near the junction with Wassand Close. She asked if this could be added to the list. Peter Lamb stated he would pursue getting this on the list when the new process was agreed and new items could be added. He also stated he thought a signalised crossing would be unlikely.

Date of Next Meeting

47. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the next meeting had been changed from 2 March to 16 March 2016 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Chairman