

East Crawley County Local Committee

3rd November 2011 – 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.

Declaration of Interest

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

Minutes

70. Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

71. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

72. The Committee received and noted a report on matters arising from the last meeting and statements of progress made on issues pertinent to East Crawley.

73. The issue of installing a zebra crossing near to Tesco's at Hazelwick was raised. The Committee clarified that the crossing referred to in the progress report (in Bycroft Way) was not the one in Hazelwick Avenue that residents had been campaigning for. A resident asked for a report on progress with this crossing.

Highways

Crawley East Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

74. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities and Infrastructure on proposals for TROs in East Crawley (copy appended to the signed minutes).

75. The Chairman welcomed the first composite TRO report on a number of proposals for East Crawley. George Chisenga (Gatwick Diamond Team Manager) advised that four of the proposals had received no objections and that objections raised on the other proposals had been addressed by officers.

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

- **Allyington Way, Balcombe Road and Street Hill** – the Chairman reported that the five objections received for this proposal had been from the same household.
- **Green Lane and Hollybush Road** – The Committee apologised to residents about the confusion which had occurred as a proposal which had previously been welcomed and accepted by residents had apparently been overlooked when preparing this revised proposal. Officers had addressed this and the proposal in the current report had been amended accordingly.

A dropped kerb 20m to the south-west of the junction with Green Lane was often blocked by cars. A single white line alongside the dropped kerb might be a suitable solution. The Committee agreed that the Local Member liaise with George Chisenga to consider this proposal.

Concern was raised about the proposed development of No 2 Hollybush Road and the possible increase in the number of vehicles in the locality as a result of the development. The Committee agreed that the TRO proposal should not be deferred as requested and informed residents that the County Council (West Sussex Highways) would be consulted on any planning application for the development and would set out conditions for appropriate access and egress to the property.

Concern was raised about a badly-designed dropped kerb which caused pedestrians to have to cross the road diagonally to reach the dropped kerb on the other side. George Chisenga agreed to look into this.

- **James Watt Way and Whittle Way** - The Chairman reported that as a result of one objection to this proposal from the owner of a burger van a new proposal will be made and the current proposal withdrawn. The new proposal will not be counted towards the three TROs for the CLC in the current year.

77. All six recommendations were unanimously supported by the Committee, plus the additional proposal for Rutherford Way, which had accidentally been omitted from the list of recommendations.

78. Resolved – That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make, where an Order is to be made, the Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Act 1984 as follows: -

- (1) Allyington Way, Balcombe Road and Street Hill - to implement as advertised
- (2) Green Lane and Hollybush Road - to implement as per the amended proposal
- (3) James Watt Way and Whittle Way - to withdraw the advertised proposal and commence new proposals

- (4) Lucerne Drive and Townsend Way - to implement as advertised
- (5) Spring Plat - to implement as advertised
- (6) Consolidation of restrictions in Spindle Way and Stephenson Way - to implement as advertised
- (7) Rutherford Way - to implement as advertised.

Infrastructure Planning

79. George Chisenga advised that the County Council had introduced a new way of Infrastructure Planning. Members were being asked to determine the priorities for their localities. One list of priorities would be produced which would be implemented as funding became available. The Chairman reported that a very productive meeting of the East Crawley CLC members had been held and a report would be considered at the next formal meeting of the CLC in January.

Community Initiative Fund

80. 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 1669/EC – Ifield Barn Theatre Society

81. The Ifield Barn Theatre Society had applied to West Crawley CLC and requested £1500.00 towards costs of the May Fayre. West Crawley CLC agreed to allocate £833.00 towards the cost of a shed to store equipment (£1000.00). East Crawley CLC agreed to allocate £167.00 towards the cost of the shed.

Application 1674/EC –Dads United

82. Dads United had requested £356.00 for funding towards the Spring/Summer programme of events. The Committee agreed to allocate £356.00.

Application 1684/EC – Homes @ Pembroke Residents

83. Homes @ Pembroke Residents had requested £1112.00 for start-up funding for a newly-formed association and inaugural community event. The Committee agreed to allocate £1112.00.

Application 1693/EC – Crawley Community Transport

84. Crawley Community Transport had requested £444.00 towards staff uniform costs. The Committee agreed to defer the application for more information about the need for this grant given the strong financial position of the organisation.

85. Resolved - That the East Crawley County Local Committee allocates the following funding:-
- (i) £167.00 to the Ifield Barn Theatre Society

- (ii) £356.00 to Dads United
- (iii) £1112.00 to Homes @ Pembroke Residents

- (iv) That the application from Crawley Community Transport is deferred to the next meeting for more information and consideration of the need for a grant given the strong financial position of the organisation.

Report of Urgent Action

86. The Committee noted that following consultation with the Chairman of the East Crawley CLC, the Executive Director Finance and Performance and the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Select Committee under Standing Order 61, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services allocated the following Community Initiative Funding Awards to: -

Divas Dance Club - £222.00
Royal Naval Association - £222.00

87. The Chairman explained that Urgent Action was necessary as the events for which funding had been applied for had occurred outside the Committee's meeting schedule.

Appointment of Authority Governors

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

89. Resolved – That
- (1) Mrs Katy Bourne is re-appointed to Oriel High School for a four-year term.
 - (2) Mrs R J Cordan is re-appointed to Maidenbower Infant School for a four-year term.

'talk with us' - Open Forum

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

91. Anti-social parking and the need for bye-laws to empower Police to take action.

92. Mr Lanzer advised that there were a number of issues to consider. The time taken to implement TROs for installing yellow lines was a matter of concern and the County Council was looking at measures to reduce the amount of time taken to implement TROs. He advised that restrictive planning standards for parking in the past had added to parking pressures. Crawley Borough Council was increasing the number of residential environmental improvement schemes. The problems of parking in Crawley had been considered by the Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the issue of an appropriate enforcement policy had been discussed. The Borough Council was working to achieve a consensus so that the views of all

residents and visitors to Crawley were taken into account. Mr Lanzer agreed to answer the particular points raised by Mr Hathaway in writing.

93. Commuters parking in Worth Park Avenue. Mr Lanzer agreed that this dangerous practice should be reported to the Police.

94. Parking and speed restrictions in Grattons Drive. The Chairman reported that he had had a meeting with George Chisenga about the issue earlier that day and that a report will be brought to a future meeting containing revised proposals for a traffic-calming scheme.

95. Re-location of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) information shop from a central location in the County Mall to the Orchard, Brighton Road, making it less accessible to clients. Mr Lanzer reported that the Crawley Borough Council Town Centre Manager was working with representatives from the County Mall to find a more accessible and visible location for the CAB.

Date of Next Meeting

96. 17th January 2012 at 7pm in Crawley Library.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.