

East Crawley County Local Committee

16 March 2016 – 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) (arrived at 7.50pm), Mr Lamb (Member for Northgate and Three Bridges) and Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Welcome and Introductions

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

Declaration of Interests

49. Mr Peter Lamb and Mr Bob Lanzer declared personal and prejudicial interests as paid up members of the Crawley Campaign Against Racism. It was noted that they would leave the room when the Community Initiative Funding (CIF) application 870/EC was discussed.

Minutes

50. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

Pound Hill and Three Bridges Parking Review

52. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Executive Director Residents' Services (copy appended to the signed minutes).

53. Jeanette Napper, Senior Technician, Parking Strategy Team, introduced the report and explained the proposals firstly in relation to Pound Hill and then Three Bridges. She explained that the officer recommendation was to implement the proposals as advertised. The Chairman invited comments from both Members of the Committee and the public that included the following:

- In relation to Pound Hill, Mr Bob Lanzer said he was surprised by the low number of responses to the consultation but confirmed his support for the proposals to be implemented.
- In relation to Three Bridges, Mr Peter Lamb confirmed his support for the proposals to be implemented.
- A resident of Hazelwick Road expressed her support for the proposals.

- A resident of Ash Road asked why it was being included and why there were single yellow lines outside her house. Jeanette Napper explained that Ash Road was being included as it was anticipated displacement would occur if proposals were implemented in Pond Wood Road. Regarding the single yellow lines she was unable to comment without knowing the exact location.
- It was confirmed that residents were able to purchase visitor permits.
- A resident asked if there was sufficient parking at Three Bridges Station. The Chairman suggested there was not and that local Councillors have tried to work with Network Rail to look at options for a multi-storey car park but that ultimately that would have to be provided by Network Rail as they owned the land on which it would need to be situated.

54. Resolved: that the East Crawley CLC, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the objections raised, authorises the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised.

School Keep Clear Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – Hazelwick Mill Lane & Hazelwick Mews, Three Bridges

55. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Residents' Services and the Interim Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

56. Brian Lambarth, Area Highways Manager, introduced the report and explained that following objections raised during a public consultation the attached report proposed advertising revised proposals. The revised proposals ensured that school entrances are kept clear whilst allowing parking at times when the school is not in use.

57. Resolved: that the Committee authorised the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy to advertise the revised proposals and in the absence of any objections to make the Order as advertised.

Traffic Regulation Order Updates

58. The Committee received a report from the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Brian Lambarth introduced the report explaining that:

- The new system of submitting Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) requests was now live and new requests could be submitted on-line, and provided the local Member supports the proposal it would then go forward for assessment. It would then be down to the Committee to select the one successful TRO they wished to prioritise each year.
- An additional 14 of the County's top scoring TROs could also progress.
- Current Live TROs have all been completed with the exception of Tinsley Lane which was still out for consultation.
- Traffic Regulation Orders prioritised in 2014 pending further

investigation had now been assessed and all have been implemented by other means.

59. Members considered the new process and questioned if an annual allocation of one TRO for East Crawley was sufficient. The Chairman stated that they have in the past been able to bundle several proposals together into one TRO and he hoped this would still be possible with the new process.

Community Initiative Funding

60. 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.

61. Mr Peter Lamb and Mr Bob Lanzer reiterated their declarations of personal and prejudicial interests as paid up members of the Crawley Campaign Against Racism. Mr Lamb and Mr Lanzer left the room when application 870/EC was discussed.

62. Mr Duncan Crow arrived at this point of the meeting (7.50pm).

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

862/EC - Southstar Radio, £679.00, for the purchase of decks, speakers, etc.

870/EC - Crawley Campaign Against Racism, £2,222.00, for artists' fees, publicity and lapel badges.

888/EC – Rape Crisis Surrey and Sussex, £2,667.00, towards running Sexual Violence Awareness training, FGM work and the VAWG Forum.

890/EC - Crawley Museum Society, £2,500.00, for the purchase of chairs and tables for the Meeting Room.

893/EC - Eastern Stream, £444.00, towards publicity, gazebo hire, and sound system for attendance at Crawley events.

899/EC – Wordfest Crawley, £1,967.00, to provide artist expenses, programme flyers and workshop materials for Wordfest Crawley.

926/EC - Crawley Festival, £2,667.00, towards artists' costs, art workshops and stage facilities for Crawley Festival.

930/EC – 5th Crawley Scout Group, £3,000.00, towards the existing guttering, door and door frame replacement work.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

64. The Committee noted the vacancies for Authority School Governors (copy attached to the signed minutes).

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- The quality of the road resurfacing of Haslett Avenue and The Birches was praised.
- A problem regarding a streetlight in the woods in Northgate Avenue was reported but the resident was unsure whose responsibility this was. Mr Peter Lamb confirmed it was Crawley Borough Council and he would report it on her behalf.
- Some residents raised concern about how long it takes to get a pothole repaired once it is reported. It was explained that they are prioritised based on size and severity but that all should be completed in 28 days. It was suggested if once reported the pothole gets worse then residents should report it again stating so.
- It was reported that the temporary traffic lights in North Road were not working. Brian Lambarth undertook to investigate.
- A resident of Turners Hill Road asked about progress in relation to safety improvements. Mr Richard Burrett, as the local Member, stated that the proposals needed further investigation and consultation following concerns raised by local residents during the extensive consultation exercise carried out during the summer of 2015. However, the TRO relating to the pedestrian crossing element of the scheme was currently out for consultation and would hopefully be implemented in Spring/Summer 2016. Another resident asked for details of that consultation and Monique Smart undertook to email them.
- Brian Lambarth confirmed that a small drainage scheme was planned for early April for the corner of Memorial Gardens.
- An update on the Three Bridges Station improvements was requested. Mr Peter Lamb stated it was complicated and all partners are working together to try and progress.
- A resident raised concern that if all schools become academies then the trees on their land may all have to have Tree Preservation Orders. Richard Burrett agreed to look into the detail of this.

Date of Next Meeting

66. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the date of the next meeting was 18 May 2016 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman