

East Crawley County Local Committee

11 September 2014 – 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).

Apologies were received from Mr Lanzer (Member for Maidenbower).

Declaration of Interests

25. Mr Burrett and Mr Crow declared a personal interest in Item 6 (Balcombe Road/Steers Lane – proposed prohibition of right turn) as one of the objectors to the highways scheme was well known to them as a fellow Crawley Borough Councillor.

Minutes

26. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Progress Statement

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

28. Mr Lamb reported that progress was being made towards bye-laws to prevent anti-social parking on grass verges, this included a Private Member's Bill in Parliament, letter to the Department for Communities and Local Government and a forthcoming meeting on a possible Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

29. Marie Ovenden (Principal Community Officer) updated the Committee on schemes on the Community Issues List which were currently being progressed.

The following issues were raised by the Committee and members of the public: -

- Barnfield Road, Northgate, congestion and need for parking restrictions – Mr Lamb hoped that speeding restrictions would prevent the road being used as a 'rat run'.
- Pedestrian Crossing, Pallingham Drive, Maidenbower – Crawley Borough Council have to agree to the S106 funding.
- New cycleway – shared used path from The Boulevard to Crawley Magistrates' Court – Marie Ovenden reported that there was a pavement width issue to be resolved. She agreed to forward a statement of progress to Geraint Thomas.
- Three Bridges Station Redevelopment Project – Mr Lamb reported on difficulties with establishing which authority/organisation is taking the lead. Mr Crow asked for an update on this for the next meeting.

- Delay - cycle path, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill – Marie Ovenden agreed to provide an update on progress at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the following amendments to the Community Issues List should be made:

- Woolborough Lane, Northgate - subway - community support is from Northgate Matters;
- Woodside Road, Northgate - various road junction protection schemes to be added to the list.

Balcombe Road/Steers Lane, Pound Hill – proposed prohibition of right turn

30. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Residents' Services (copy appended to the signed minutes).

31. Brian Lambarth introduced the report. The Chairman reported that there had been just two objections to the scheme but he also had some concerns for the Committee to consider and discuss.

32. Points raised in the discussion that followed included:

- A resident referred to a previous design for the scheme which included a permitted right turn and asked for this to be the adopted scheme. Brian Lambarth advised that the latest design, included with the planning permission, would allow the greatest traffic flow and there was insufficient room for a stacking lane. The location was not suitable for a mini-roundabout as drivers would have difficulty breaking into the north-south traffic flow. The additional distance to drive for residents to gain access to Forge Wood was not significant.
- The Committee was concerned about the necessity for the change so far in advance of the housing in the North-East Sector development being built. Brian Lambarth advised that the infrastructure changes had to be made prior to the development as part of the planning permission to mitigate the additional traffic flows.

33. Despite the concern about the timing of the scheme, the Committee voted to approve the TRO. The Chairman proposed that the scheme be reviewed six months after implementation and a report sent to him as the Local Member. The proposal was seconded by Mr Crow.

34. Resolved – that

- (1) the Head of Law, Assurance and Strategy makes the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised;
- (2) six months after the scheme has been implemented, the County Council conducts a review of its impact and reports back to the Local Member.

Community Initiative Funding

35. The Committee considered a report by the Head 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.

36. Resolved - That

- (1) the following award is made - £800 to Ifield Chestnut House, towards the costs of hiring two snow machines to enhance a Dickensian Street Market.
- (2) the application for £1743.51 from Crawley Town FC Community Sports Foundation is refused as the applicant had not supplied sufficient detail to satisfy the Committee that the money would be used in a way which fitted the criteria for CIF funding.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

37. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

38. Resolved – That the following re-appointments are made:

Dr G J Sawyer to Maidenbower Junior School for a four-year term;
Miss A Hunter to Northgate Primary School for a four-year term.

'Talk with Us' – Open Forum

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

- **Tilgate Drive Cycle Path, Furnace Green/Three Bridges** – poor, dangerous condition of the cycleway. Residents and members of the Committee asked when the repair works were due to be undertaken and emphasised that these needed to be done before winter. Brian Lambarth agreed to report back to the Committee.
- **Northgate/Town Centre/Three Bridges** – there have been a number of requests to include the whole area in a CPZ – this will be fed into the Pound Hill/Three Bridges CPZ review.
- **St Mary's Drive, Pound Hill** – speeding issue - Marie Ovenden agreed to check on progress and add this item to the Community Issues List.

- **Laker Court, Three Bridges** – the parking bay opposite makes it very difficult to turn right out of Laker Court – Mr Lamb noted the issue but stated that it might not be addressed in the near future.
- **Disappearance of “No Cycling” signs** – Brian Lambarth agreed to find out about the matter.
- **EU Noise Initiatives to reduce traffic noise, especially from motorways** – Marie Ovenden agreed to find out about the County Council response to this.

Date of Next Meeting

40. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 18 November 2014 at Crawley Library.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman