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**North Chichester County Local Committee**

27 February 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at Fernhurst Primary School.

Present: Mr Michael Brown (Chairman), Mr John Cherry and Mr Chris Duncton

Apologies received: Mr Mark Dunn

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed the public and representatives from the District, Parish and Town Councils.

**Declarations of Interest**

39. No interests were declared.

**Minutes**

40. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 September 2012 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

**Progress Statement**

41. The Committee considered a report which provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the CLC (copy appended to signed minutes). The Principal Community Officer (PCO) introduced the report.

- Rogate proposed pedestrian crossing – The PCO confirmed that the Parish Council supported the proposal and that it includes a school safety zone.
- Maintenance of road in South Harting– The PCO advised that this issue was now resolved.
- Easebourne site lines – the PCO advised that a site visit with a resident had taken place and that she would follow up on the outcome to see if any further work was required.

42. Resolved – that the progress statement be noted.

**Marley Lane, Lynchmere, Proposed Traffic Regulation Order**

43. The Committee considered a report by Director of Service Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes).

44. The Chairman reminded the Committee that this Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been in progress for some time, and that the Committee's agreement was now being sought to implement the double yellow lines on Marley Lane, as advertised.

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45. The Chairman of Lynchmere Parish Council confirmed that the Parish Council had approached the County Council's Highways department for a solution to the safety concerns it had on the 's' bend on Marley Lane. Double yellow lines, as opposed to a one-way system were considered the best option to enhance visibility around the bend. The Chairman welcomed the fact that the Parish Council would provide financial support to the Scout Hut to provide alternative parking within the Scout Group's grounds.
46. A resident of Marley Common also spoke in favour of the TRO. He highlighted the safety concerns that residents had for that part of the road as cars that parked on the bend forced traffic into the middle of the road. The cars also parked up on the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk in the road.
47. The owner of Arnolds Garage spoke against the implementation of the TRO. He advised that if yellow lines protruded down Marley Lane it could have a detrimental impact on his business. He raised concern that double yellow lines could increase the speed of traffic around the bends, causing further safety risks and that sleeping policeman or a one way system could be a better alternative.
48. A further resident added that the double yellow lines could push parking further up Marley Lane, therefore only moving the safety problem to another area, and that double yellow lines should be put on the whole stretch of Marley Lane up until where the road splits. The Committee recognised the safety concerns of residents and agreed that it would be regrettable to delay the implementation of the TRO for further meetings considering these concerns. It agreed that a further TRO could be suggested in the future should the current proposal not sufficiently deal with the safety issues.
49. Resolved – That the Committee, having considered that the resulting benefits to the community outweigh the concerns raised, authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised (a length of double yellow line on both sides of the western spur of Marley Lane from its junction with the eastern spur adjacent to the Scout Hut for 70 metres around the bends).

### **Priorities for Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)**

50. The Committee considered a report by Director of Communities Commissioning and the Head of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).
51. The report outlined the list of TRO priorities for the North Chichester CLC area for 2013/14 for which the Committee was asked to prioritise its top three.
52. Resolved – That the Committee approves the priority order for implementing Traffic Regulation Orders within the CLC area for 2013/14 as follows:
- (i) CHN1016 School Lane, Fittleworth - waiting restrictions

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(ii) CHN1008 Iping Road, Milland - 30 mph speed limit and CHN1013 Fernhurst Road, Milland 30 mph speed limit (to be amalgamated).

(iii) CHN1015 Lutener Road, Easebourne - one way order

### North Chichester Community Initiative Funding

53. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance, which sought decisions on applications received under the CIF scheme (copy appended to the signed minutes).

54. The Committee confirmed that it had more applications than available funds and would therefore be allocating all of the remaining monies to applications and so there would be no additional funds for food banks. The Committee also confirmed that it was likely that the funds for CIF could increase in 2013-14 and encouraged residents to submit applications for the funding.

55. Resolved - That the North Chichester County Local Committee:

(i) Approves the following applications and amounts: -

**1965/NC Plaistow Youth Club, £1,600** to purchase new equipment and for existing equipment repair.

**1970/NC Northchapel Swimming Pool, £2,500** towards the enclosure of the swimming pool.

**1991/NC Henry Warren Village Club, £2,637.56** towards the refurbishment and upgrade of the hall.

(ii) Declines the following applications and amounts: -

**1966/NC 4SIGHT, £250** towards printing costs for educational LEARN4SIGHT school packs as the Committee considered that other applications would provide more value to the community.

**2024/NC Chichester Youth Adventure Trust, £750** towards residential centre improvements as the Committee considered the benefits to be for residents outside of the County.

(iii) Defers the following application to its next meeting when further funds will be available:

**2036/NC North Hall Management Committee £2,000** towards the renovation of the hall.

(iv) Notes the return of £2,500 from Creative Dementia Support and agrees to reallocate the £2,500 to Chichester Area Mind (2045/NC) to carry out the same project.

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**Appointment of Authority School Governors**

56. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Learning, which set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies and the criteria for their appointment (copy appended to the signed minutes).

57. Resolved – That the following appointments and reappointments be approved:

- Appointment of Mrs Elizabeth M. Brown to Rake Church of England Primary School for a 4 year term.
- Reappointment of Mr JR Ace to Harting Primary School and Mrs A. Martin-Jenkins to North Chapel Primary School for a 4 year term.

**“Talk with us” (Community Voices)**

58. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Questions were asked and comments made to which responses were given, including those set out below: -

- Concerns were raised over the level of service provided to Parish Councils when delivering salt bags. The Parish Councils advised that the incorrect number of bags were delivered, in the wrong places and after the snow had fallen. The bags were very too heavy to be moved once they had been delivered. It was raised that the Parish Council’s had completed their Winter Management Plans and provided lists to the County Council of where salt was required, however these had not been adhered to. *The Chairman of the Committee admitted that the arrangements should and could have been better and apologised for the confusion. The Committee agreed to raise these concerns with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and relevant officers to improve the process for next winter. The Committee also highlighted the use by some parishes of local farmers to store and deliver salt as needed and that this could be explored as an option by further parish councils.*
- Sheila Ryan, Chairman of the Midhurst Society advised the Committee that following the last meeting she had now sought Town Council support for temporary width restriction signs in Midhurst Old Town to deter large vehicles using sat-navs. *The Chairman thanked Ms Ryan for pursuing the matter and agreed to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport confirming the CLC’s support of the signs. The PCO advised that the signs were not supported permitted road signs. The Committee agreed to discuss the issue at its next Pre-Agenda meeting, with the relevant officers present, so that the CLC could determine the best way forward.*
- Ms. Ryan also raised concern over the lack of signage for Midhurst on the A3. Ms. Ryan recognised that this was the responsibility of the Highways Agency and sought the support of the CLC following unsuccessful correspondence with the Agency. Ms Ryan added that Haslemere had been added to the signage following local pressure, despite it not being on the Primary Route

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List, and therefore there was no reason why Midhurst could not also be added. *The Chairman recognised that this was a good cause and agreed that the CLC would provide its support for the signage to be updated. It agreed to write to the Highways Agency and MP Andrew Tyrie expressing their support.*

- A resident of Marley Lane, Lynchmere raised concern over the increased level of traffic on the southern part of Marley Lane and the impact this was having on the road condition. It was highlighted that this was a rural country lane, and that traffic calming measures and maintenance were needed. Road widening as a result of local planning applications was not supported as it was felt this could only increase the use of the Lane as a rat run. *The Committee highlighted that it had been an exceptionally wet winter resulting in a large number of country lanes across the County requiring repair. It urged residents to continue to report potholes via Love West Sussex. The PCO agreed to take back the comments regarding the state of Marley Lane to see if the remedial work could be given higher priority. Residents requested that this work be carried out before the double yellow lines of the TRO agreed at this meeting were put down.*
- The Chairman of Lurgashall Parish Council highlighted that they had completed a survey of pot holes in their Parish, as requested by the County Council; however no work had been carried out as a result. They emphasised the time Parishes were giving to help inform the County Council and the frustration that no work was done as a result. *The Chairman of the Committee confirmed that targets for potholes were being met, however apologised for the apparent delay and inefficiency of the County Council on this occasion and agreed to refer this on to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.*

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

59. It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee would take place on 2 July 2013, 7pm at Compton Up Marden CE School, Compton.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN