

Unconfirmed minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting of the North Chichester County Local Committee

North Chichester County Local Committee

21 March 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at Fernhurst Primary School, Fernhurst, West Sussex.

Present: Michael Brown (Fernhurst), Janet Duncton (Petworth), Sandra James (Bourne) and Gordon McAra (Midhurst).

In attendance: Paul Matthews (Democratic Services), Peter Lawrence (Communities) and Jonathan Ullmer (Highways).

Welcome and introductions

59. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Members to introduce themselves.

Declarations of interest.

60. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

61. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

62. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Statement

63. The Committee considered a Progress Statement that provided updates on matters arising from previous meetings of the Committee (copy appended to the signed minutes). Paul Matthews (Democratic Services Officer) introduced the Statement, explaining that all items had been cleared and necessary actions taken.

64. Resolved – that the progress statement be noted.

Traffic Regulation Order Update.

65. The Committee received a report from the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

66. Jonathan Ullmer (Head of Highways Operations) introduced the report explaining that:

- The Traffic Regulations Orders prioritised in 2014 pending further investigation had now been assessed and 3 North Chichester CLC TRO's have passed assessment, these being: -
 - Petworth, double yellow lines on High Street/Middle Street;

- Easebourne, speed limit on Hollist Lane; and
- Fernhurst, speed limit on the A286 Midhurst Road.
- The remaining pending North Chichester CLC TROs did not pass assessment and Joel Sykes (Highways Manager) has offered to meet with the Parishes concerned to explain why, Members are welcome to attend these meetings too;
- The new system of submitting Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) requests is operational, all new requests can now be submitted via an on-line form <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/apply-for-a-traffic-regulation-order/#> and provided they have local Member support will then go forward for initial assessment to determine if they meet the assessment criteria, supports County policy and are feasible. The assessments will be completed within 20 days of receipt of application;
- Any application that fails the initial assessment will be rejected. Applications that pass the initial assessment will be scored and ranked and the CLC will be asked to select one of these to prioritise for implementation in 2017/18;
- Any TROs that passed assessment but were not prioritised by the CLC will be held over for one year before being dropped; and
- 3rd party TROs will also have to go through the initial assessment process and if appropriate, subsequent scoring process.

67. The Committee noted the report.

North Chichester Community Initiative Fund.

68. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy that sought decisions on applications received under the Community Initiative Fund Scheme (copy appended to the signed minutes).

69. Resolved - the following applications were agreed: -

865/NC - The North Singers, £200 to purchase sheet music.

875/NC - Little Acorns pre-school, £337 to purchase IPAD minis.

876/NC - Redford Village Hall £1240 towards the Hall refurbishment project.

906/NC - Kirdford recreation Ground, £1090 to renovate a tennis court.

917/NC - Lodsworth Village Hall, £1240 to purchase a concrete base & steel shed.

928/NC - Harting pre-school group, £1390 to renovate the outside area at Harting Village Hall.

934/NC - Harting War memorial playing field, £1239 towards the cost of a triple gang mower.

936/NC - Harting Community Hall Trust £773 towards a new fire alarm unit; and

939/NC - North Hall Loxwood, £991 to purchase 150 new chairs.

Nomination for Authority School Governors

70. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education that set out proposed nominations to school governing bodies (copy appended to the signed minutes).

71. Resolved - to nominate for reappointment:

- Mrs A Martin-Jenkins for a four year term at Northchapel CP School; and
- Mr W Jones for a four year term to Petworth CE Primary School.

Talk With Us

72. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public and the following matters were raised and discussed:

- A local Councillor asked if any real time monitoring of the quality of Balfour Beatty's road repairs was undertaken. *Jonathan Ullmer (Highways) replied that although works were not normally subject to close roadside monitoring, the contract with Balfour Beatty requires that them to make good any defects or substandard work so please report any problems at <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/account/logon> or by using the smartphone app at <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home> or by phoning 01243 642105;*
- A local resident informed the Committee that Church Road in Fernhurst Village was experiencing problems with back-flowing drains. The Chairman reminded the Committee and audience that Operation Watershed funding would be available in 2016/17 and that application forms would be available on the WSCC website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/supporting-active-communities/operation-watershed/>
- A Local Councillor reported that at Kill Devil Copse in Harting a number of the trees on National Trust land are dangerously overhanging the B2141. *Jonathan Ullmer replied that in the first instance, WSCC ask that the Parish approaches the landowner to try and resolve the issue, if this approach is not successful, WSCC can serve a notice on a landowner requiring them to carry out work or alternatively, WSCC may notify the landowner and seek a contribution towards the work to ensure that the footpath and/or carriageway is safe;*
- A local resident asked how one becomes a Local Authority School Governor and was advised to initially discuss the matter with the relevant school or email governor.services@westsussex.gov.uk for more information; and

- A Lodsworth resident reported that a Width Restriction sign at the corner of Gospel Green and Petworth Road had been knocked over. *Jonathan Ullmer undertook to look into the matter.*

Date of the Next Meeting

73. It was confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee would take place at 7pm on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at a venue to be arranged.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN