

North Chichester County Local Committee

7th April 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm at Capron House, Midhurst

Present: Ms Nola Hendon (Chairman), Mr Michael Brown, Mr Chris Duncton and Mr Mark Dunn.

Chairman's Welcome

1. The Chairman welcomed the public and representatives from the District and Parish Councils. She also welcomed and introduced Mark Dunn, Member for Bourne Electoral Division. Following the decision to amend the Boundaries of the North Chichester CLC, Mark officially became a Member of the CLC on 1st April. The Chairman explained that Mr Dunn brings with him the Parishes of Stoughton, Compton and Marden and £1,200 of Community Initiative Funding.

Declaration of Interest

2. None

Minutes

3. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th January 2011 be approved as a correct record and that the Chairman signs them.

Urgent Matters

4. None

Progress Statement

5. The Chairman referred the Committee to the previously circulated Progress Statement and attached appendices. She highlighted the Urgent Action Community Initiative Funding Report that had been agreed last week. The Chairman explained that the urgency of this matter was due to the fact that the date of this meeting had moved from 29th March 2011 to 7th April 2011 and therefore into a new financial year and CIF could not be carried forward. The Chairman went on to say that the Committee were keen to spend last year's allocation as they would have done if the meeting had remained at 29th March 2011 and had approved the following:

1480/NC, Kirdford Recreation Ground requested £600.00, for the purchase of sanitary ware for the disabled & ladies toilets. **£300.00 granted**

1520/NC Midhurst Community Partnership requested £550.00, for the production and distribution of 5,000 copies of the 'Getting Around Midhurst' pamphlet. **£250.00 granted**

1534/NC, Action for Deafness requested £988.12, for the purchase of four volunteer kits. **£500.00 granted**

1551/NC, Henry Warren Village Hall requested £2,000.00, towards phase 1 costs for the Hall refurbishment project. **£1012.50 granted**

1554/NC, Midhurst Sports Association, £4,000.00 towards resurfacing costs for the road leading to the sports fields and pavilion. **Declined as Members felt that resurfacing of a private road did not meet the criteria for CIF.**

Traffic Regulation Order. Midhurst Church Hill and Market Square Environmental Enhancement Scheme.

6. The Committee considered a report by Director of Operations Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought endorsement of a proposed Church Hill and Market Square Environmental Enhancement Scheme and approval to formally advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders

7. The Chairman explained that this scheme had been discussed in detail at the last meeting in January but the decision to advertise the Traffic Regulation Order was deferred pending further consultation with local stakeholders. This further consultation had now taken place and amendments had been made to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as outlined in the report and on display prior to the meeting. The Chairman opened the floor to questions and the following issues were discussed:

- Members praised the level of participation of local residents and businesses in this consultation and were happy that the new proposals reflected the local requirements.
- It was recognised that the new proposals meet most of the aims of the original scheme but not all.
- There was still concern about the lack of protection for the Tudor buildings. Unfortunately bollards could not be placed on the pavement as the width was not sufficient to allow wheelchairs or pushchairs through.
- It was agreed that Steve Johnson would look into whether the 'Welcome to Midhurst' sign could be repositioned from the top of Chichester Road to Rumbolds Hill and therefore assist in directing traffic away from the old town.
- Further minor requests for things like bollards at Hillcrest could be considered after the TRO is approved.
- Residents asked if Residents Parking had been considered. Steve Johnson confirmed that a County wide programme of residents parking schemes was underway and due to start in the Chichester District in the next few weeks and this would be subject to full consultation.
- Steve Johnson agreed to pass on concerns about illegal parking on double yellow lines outside Gartons Coffee House.
- If approved the work on the TRO would likely start in January 2012 and take three to four months to complete.

8. Resolved - that the Committee endorse that the Head of legal & Democratic Services be authorised to advertise the Traffic Regulation Orders for:

- (i) a width restriction zone in Chichester Road, Knockhundred Row, West Street and Selham Road, except for access; and
- (ii) to remove the 1 hour limited waiting parking restrictions in Edinburgh Square and South Street (8am-6pm Mon-Sat, no return); and
- (iii) extend 'no waiting at any time' in Red Lion Street; and
- (iv) replace the 2 hour limited waiting bays with 1 hour limited waiting bays between The Swan Public House and the War Memorial; and subject to there being no objections the order be made and brought into operation.

Authority Governors

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

10. Resolved that the following authority school governor appointment be approved:

- Miss S Goodfellow to Easebourne Primary School for a 4 year term.

“Talk with us” (Community Voices)

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

- Speeding on the A285 in Duncton, especially on the first Sunday of each month when the Goodwood Breakfast Club meet, was raised as a concern. Mr Duncton agreed to press the police to provide enforcement on such occasions.
- Concern was raised about the short amount of time that Parish Councils had to respond to the proposed planning application for the former quarry at the top of Duncton Hill. Mr Brown shared the concerns but stated that any variation on timings for this application would need to be raised with the South Downs National Park.
- Concern was raised as to whether the Chichester registrar office would be closing and if Midhurst also closed there would be few local registrar offices. Members took note but assured those present that Edes House in Chichester would remain as a venue for civil services.
- It was confirmed that TRO priorities would be considered at the next meeting in June.
- Lurgashall Parish Council notified all other Parish Councils present that a meeting to discuss winter maintenance had been arranged for 7pm on 18th May at Lurgashall Village Hall. Richard Speller, Assistant Highways Manager, would be in attendance and all Parish Councils in the North Chichester area are welcome to attend.
- Potholes appeared to be worst on certain roads along the centre of the road. It was questioned if some roads had been poorly resurfaced to allow this to happen. Steve Johnson confirmed this was not the case but was simple due to the width of the spreader and the need for a join in the centre of the road. As with any joins this would be susceptible to water and erosion.
- Steve Johnson confirmed that this year’s surface dressing of roads would start in the next few weeks and would include full repairs of any failures from last year and would also include full sweeping of debris.

12. The Chairman informed the meeting that this would be Steve Johnsons last meeting as he was retiring from West Sussex County Council. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Steve for his commitment and hard work as the area Highways Manager.

Dates of future meetings

13. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on Tuesday 21st June 2011 at a venue to be confirmed. Future dates for 2011/12 are:

- 27 September 2011
- 24 January 2012
- 20 March 2012.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

CHAIRMAN