

## **North Mid Sussex County Local Committee**

8 March 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, Turners Hill Primary School.

Present: Christine Field, Member for Lindfield and High Weald (Chairman), Bill Acraman, Member for Worth Forest; Liz Bennett, Member for East Grinstead Meridian; Heidi Brunsdon, Member for Imberdown and John O'Brien, Member for East Grinstead South and Ashurst Wood.

### **Declaration of Interests**

72. Mr O'Brien, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Brunsdon declared personal interests as members of Mid Sussex District Council and East Grinstead Town Council.

73. Mrs Bennett declared a personal interest in Item 10 Community Initiative Fund, Application 1741/NMS as her mother is the Treasurer of Local Global Mid Sussex.

### **Minutes**

74. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Report**

75. The Chairman reported that the Imberhorne Amenity Waste Site had opened on 27 February and read out a letter from a resident praising the County Council on the efficiency of the site and helpfulness of the staff.

76. East Grinstead Station Project – Mrs Brunsdon read a report on the details and timescales for the three phase Station Project, copy appended to the signed minutes. The planned meeting with Mr Wilkie (Station Manager) would take place at a future date.

77. Section of the B2110 – George Chisenga (Senior Manager – Gatwick Diamond area) gave an update on criteria for white lines along the section in question, he advised that CLC approval was not required but Police approval is. He also advised that the County Council's contractor had been instructed to replace cats eyes and for this to be done as soon as possible.

78. East Grinstead Traffic Management Study – The Chairman reported that more time was needed to consider the conclusions of Atkins Ltd and a report would be discussed at the next meeting of the CLC.

### **East Grinstead – various roads. Proposals to introduce residents parking controls and review existing waiting restrictions**

79. Mr Davy (Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – Lead Professional) introduced a report by the Director of Operations, Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman invited comments and questions from members of the public which included:

- Residents from Parkside, Park Road, Brooklands Way, Crossways Avenue, Copyhold Road, Blount Avenue and Hurst Farm Road expressed concerns about the proposals which they considered would not solve the parking issues which included unwanted commuter parking, problems for residents' visitors and access problems for residents.
- Communication issue – some residents reported that they had not been notified about the meeting and the level of consultation and communication about the proposals was not adequate
- There was a need for a more integrated policy for parking in East Grinstead

80. The Committee expressed concern about the apparent lack of notification to some consultation respondents about the CLC meeting but was aware that there would always be some residents who did not respond to a consultation and that it is simply not possible to be 100% sure that every resident is informed about the proposals.

81. Mrs Brunsdon reported that Southern Railways had agreed to include an additional 100 car parking spaces at East Grinstead Station.

82. Mr Davy outlined the reasons for putting forward the CPZ proposals and advised that they were the only effective way to deter commuters from parking in residential areas and still allow residents to park. He advised that CPZs were self financing. Mr Davy outlined the process of consultation and advised that the impact of the proposals would be monitored for six months following implementation. He also advised that since there was currently a programme of streetlight column replacement in East Grinstead, implementation of the CPZ would have to wait until this work was completed, a delay to allow re-advertising of some of the proposals, if this is what councilors recommended, would only delay the programme by approximately 3 months.

83. The Committee agreed that whereas the majority of proposals had been well received, a re-advertisement of some of the proposals should take place and a further report be taken to the next Committee in June. An examination of the process for notifying consultation respondents should also take place.

84. Resolved – That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services is authorized to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order as advertised (including modified proposals for St James Road and Orchard Way) save for the following:

- Felbridge Close and Harvest Hill for which proposals are dropped
- Blount Avenue, Brooklands Way, Copyhold Road, Crossways Avenue, Hurst Farm Road, Garden Wood Road, Parkside, Park Road and West Hill, for which modified proposals will be considered and formally re-advertised.

## **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Progress**

85. The Committee received and noted a progress report on details of progress with TROs that it had authorized in the past two years, (copy appended to the signed minutes).

86. Mr Acraman reported that a TRO to introduce traffic calming measures in the vicinity of Worth Abbey School was being financed by the School and asked for assurances that implementation of this TRO would not slow down the process of implementing other TROs. George Chisenga advised that this should not happen.

## **East Grinstead – Bridge Safety Improvements**

87. The Committee considered a report by the Director, Communities and Infrastructure and the Service Manager, Engineering about Bridge Safety Improvements in East Grinstead, (copy appended to the signed minutes).

88. Mr O'Brien explained that raising the height of a bridge parapet does not prevent an individual from self-harming if that is their intention and that the measures set out in the report were practical and pragmatic.

89. The Chairman advised that the measures were outlined in Paragraph 2.5 and not Paragraph 2.4 as stated in Recommendation (1) of the report.

90. Resolved – that

- (1) measures such as shown in Paragraph 2.5 are considered appropriate to reduce risks at this stage
- (2) the Committee writes to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Adults' Services, the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and the Sussex Partnership NHS Partnership Trust to ensure awareness of self-harming incidents in the East Grinstead area and to request assurances that targeted early intervention measures are in place to help tackle the problem at source.

## **Community Initiative Funding**

92. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) which set out three bids for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee considered the merits of the projects for which funding was sought. Application 1741 was turned down as the Committee considered that it would not make grant funding for venue hire.

93. Resolved that the following awards are made:

**1782/NMS**, Ashurst Wood Youth Club, requested £500 towards improving facilities for the re-launched club. Awarded £500.

**1806/NMS**, Worth Parish Council, requested £2,500 towards steel shutters on all doors and windows to prevent vandalism of the new pavilion. Awarded £2,500.

and that funding for the following application was declined:

**1741/NMS**, Mid Sussex Diversity Forum, £600 towards venue hire for the 2012 diversity event.

### **Appointment of Authority Governors**

94. The Chairman referred members to the appointments of Authority Governors as set out in the report by Operations – Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes).

95. Resolved that the following appointments are made:

- (1) Mrs D Tanner to Copthorne Junior School for a four year term
- (2) Mrs E Grub to Turners Hill Primary School for a four year term
- (3) Mr A Borkwood to the Meads Primary School for a four year term
- (4) Mrs D Holmes to the Meads Primary School for a four year term

### **'talk with us' – Open Forum**

96. Criteria for assessment of potholes – George Chisenga advised that intervention level was a 40mm dip. If a pothole is in excess of 4" (100mm) deep then it has to be repaired within 5 days. He advised that the County Council welcomes reports from the public and that a link for reporting the location of potholes could be found on the front page of the County Council's website.

97. Traffic lights on Vowels Lane Railway Bridge – enquiry about including the issue on the CLC agenda from MSDC Cllr Edward Belsey. The Chairman asked that Mr Belsey contact her with further detail of his concerns, since CLC members were not aware of the issue.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

98. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 14 June 2012 and that the intended venue would be confirmed at a later date.

99. The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman