

North Mid Sussex County Local Committee

07 June 2011 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm at West Hoathly C of E Primary School, North Lane, West Hoathly, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4QG

Present: Mrs Liz Bennett, Mrs Christine Field, and Mr John O'Brien. Apologies from Mr Bill Acraman (Chairman) and Mrs Heidi Brunsdon.

Chairman's Welcome

1. The Committee agreed that Mrs Field Chair the meeting for the first item

Election of Chairman

2. Mr O'Brien nominated Mrs Field as Chairman of the CLC for the coming year and the appointment was agreed by the Committee.

Declaration of Interests

3. There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

4. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2011 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

5. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Statement

6. The Committee noted that a public meeting was to be held with regard to the traffic issues at Copthorne Bank, particularly in respect of heavy good vehicles. An update was requested from George Chisenga, Community Development Manager for the Gatwick Diamond, following the meeting.

7. The Chairman explained that the current impact assessment survey regarding changes to bus travel subsidies was to be extended and would now close on 24 June. Residents were encouraged to respond to the survey to give their feedback on the impact changes would have in the area. The Committee noted that the Bluebird Service was undertaking a study to determine local interest in extending its network to serve some local villages if sufficient need was demonstrated. A local resident involved undertook to report back to the Committee.

Herontye Road and adjoining roads – proposed waiting restrictions

8. Mr Chisenga introduced this report by Director Communities and Infrastructure (copy appended to the signed minutes) concerning the introduction

of waiting restrictions in Herontye Road and adjoining roads. The Committee noted that despite initial agreement to progress this scheme there had in fact been little local support for it on consultation. It was considered that the parked vehicles in the area earmarked for restrictions actually had the effect of slowing passing traffic and it was felt that this benefit outweighed the possible sightline issues caused by parked vehicles. The Committee considered the consultation responses and agreed not to proceed.

9. It was noted that the recommendation in the report stated that the proposal does not proceed 'pending a wider consideration of parking in this area of East Grinstead at a later date'. The Committee agreed to delete this final sentence as it did not wish the proposals in this form to be reconsidered, although it noted that further investigations would take place as part of the Controlled Parking Zone surveys.

10. Resolved that this proposal does not proceed.

East Grinstead Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Review

11. Mr Chisenga gave a verbal report on the CPZ Review and informed the Committee that further consultation would be undertaken on proposals for East Grinstead with a report to the Committee at a later date.

12. The Committee noted the difficulties encountered locally in finding a place to park when using East Grinstead or Haywards Heath railway stations. Residents were encouraged to input into the consultation to make their views known.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

13. The Chairman introduced a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Committee was asked to determine whether it wished to merge its CIF fund with its Parish Initiative Fund (PIF) in order to increase the flexibility for awarding the money. It was agreed to keep the money separate and to encourage Parishes to apply for the money by sending a letter to each setting out the criteria for the allocation of the money. The Committee also agreed to review the decision at a later date if bids were not forthcoming.

14. The Committee considered the three bids for community initiative funding set out in the report and made awards to each, although in the case of NMS 1599 the Committee initially agreed to defer the application for further information but the applicant did then join the meeting and was able to supply the necessary details.

15. The Committee resolved:

1. not to merge the Parish Initiative Fund with the Community Initiative Fund, and
2. made the following awards:
 - **NMS 1555: East Grinstead Meads FC.** Requested £1,666 for the purchase of various items of football kit and equipment. Awarded £632 as the Committee noted that matched funding

had been secured. The applicant was invited to reapply if further funding was not in fact realised.

- **NMS 1599: Crawley & Horley Hockey Development Scheme.** Requested £1,065 for the purchase of three 'quicksticks' hockey sets for local primary schools. Awarded £1,065.
- **NMS 1616: Wildlife Rescue & Protection Group.** Requested £160 towards the purchase of equipment/materials. Awarded £160.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

16. The Committee considered and approved the appointment of Mr A J Smith to the Fairways Infant School governing body for a four year term.

'talk with us' Open Forum

17. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents. Responses were as follows:

Representatives from the East Grinstead Society requested an update on the East Grinstead Traffic Management Study which the Committee allocated £100,000 of developer funding to in June 2010. Mr O'Brien anticipated that this would be completed by September/October 2011 and that it would serve not only to improve the junctions on the A22 but also to feed into the East Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan. A briefing note was requested for Members and Parish Council chairmen.

A resident noted that white lines on the road running through 'The Hollow' in West Hoathly needed to be refreshed. Mr Chisenga undertook to look into this.

Date of Next Meeting

18. The Committee noted that the next meeting of the CLC would take place on 15 September 2011 and agreed to hold it at the Glenvue Centre in East Grinstead.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman