

South Chichester County Local Committee

10 September 2013 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm in Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Louise Goldsmith (Chichester West), Jeremy Hunt (Vice Chairman and Chichester North), Sandra James (Bourne), Pieter Montyn (The Witterings), Simon Oakley (Chichester East), Bernard Smith (Selsey) and Margaret Whitehead (Chairman and Chichester South).

Welcome and Introductions

23. The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

24. None were declared.

Minutes

25. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

26. None

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Palmers Field Avenue, Chichester

27. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Service Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Greg Ockwell, Principal Community Officer, introduced the report which provided information on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposed to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) along part of Palmers Field Avenue, Barnfield Drive and surrounding roads.

28. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee which included:

- The local Member (Mr Simon Oakley, Chichester East) had undertaken a site visit and found a lack of any sustained support or a great need for the TRO. He also noted that it was not positively supported by the Police and there was a lack of significant accident data to support the need for a TRO at the location. However, if circumstances changed in the future, he would revisit the issue.
- The introduction of the 20mph speed limit had helped to reduce speeds and therefore the need for the TRO.
- There was a great deal of pressure on parking and sympathy for the residents who already found it difficult to park.
- Concerned that people visiting the hospital were taking residents parking spaces and perhaps parking restrictions could be introduced in the future between 9am – 6pm if required.

29. Resolved that - South Chichester County Local Committee, having considered that the concerns raised outweigh the benefits to the community, agreed that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order should not be implemented as advertised and that the TRO proposals in this location should be withdrawn.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Stane Street, Westhampnett

30. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Service Operations (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Greg Ockwell, Principal Community Officer, introduced the report which provided information on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposed to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) along lengths of both sides of Stane Street to keep the junctions and pedestrian crossing point free from vehicles.

31. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee which included:
- The local Member (Mr Jeremy Hunt, Chichester North) explained that the TRO had been proposed some time ago and the Parish Council had been involved in its development. The TRO had been linked to a 30pmh speed limit which would come forward in the future. He recognised that should the TRO be approved it could cause problems for Tilemakers Close and also reduce the number of parking spaces available to residents, and therefore suggested that if approved the TRO should be reviewed 6 months after implementation to see if any changes were required. Mr Hunt noted that a new development had received planning permission which could create more traffic on the street and having visited the area he had seen for himself the existing difficulties. He therefore supported the approval of the TRO.
 - The speed limit for Stane Street was 40mph which was a significant consideration for the safety of the road. Furthermore, the Safety Auditor had visited the site and found safety to be critical.
 - Concerns were expressed that should the TRO be approved problems would be transferred to neighbouring streets.
 - There was awareness that neighbouring housing developments could increase pressure for parking spaces. However, safety was the key consideration.

32. Resolved that - South Chichester County Local Committee, having considered that the safety concerns raised outweigh the objections raised by local residents, agrees that the proposed Traffic Regulation Order should be implemented as advertised, and that a review of the TRO take place 6 – 9 months after implementation.

Local Infrastructure Plan Priorities

33. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Greg Ockwell, Principal Community Officer, introduced the report which provided information on the local highways and transport priorities identified with the Local Infrastructure Plan for South Chichester. The Committee's attention was drawn to Appendix A which set out a shortlist selected by the Committee Members of potential new Infrastructure Priorities for the South Chichester area. The Committee would be asked to collectively agree two priorities for implementation in 2016/17 and 2017/18.

34. The Chairman invited comments from the Committee which included:
- In creating and considering the shortlist, Committee Members had looked in particular at projects that would benefit a large number of residents in more than one area or community. The Committee would look more favourably on projects that linked together population centres, encouraged people not to use their cars and brought other benefits.
 - It was important that the selected projects were achievable and whole communities would benefit. The pedestrian/cycle links across the A27 near the Whyke roundabout on the shortlist was a good example of this, provided that the Highways Agency Bridge went ahead.
 - Projects on the shortlist that were not selected by the Committee on this occasion would remain in the South Chichester Community Issues List and could be implemented in the future through other routes such as if S106 funding became available.
 - The project to install a footpath in Walton Lane, Bosham was required to enable the local children to walk to school and increase safety for them and all residents from speeding cars and a dangerous junction. The village was currently split in two. Other options had been investigated, but a footpath was the only solution. It was also unlikely that this area would attract any developments in the future, and therefore any S106 funding.
 - Support for the Manhood 'Greenlinks' project which could benefit a large number of residents in the South Chichester area.
 - The options appraisal for improvements to the Selsey Road was a necessity, but more importantly, that action was taken to resolve problems along the route.

35. Resolved that -

1. That the following two new highways and transport priorities be selected and approved:

a) Manhood 'Greenlinks' project to enhance and connect footpaths, cycle paths and bridleways including around the Medmerry and/or provision of bridleways as part of the Medmerry Coastal Realignment Scheme.

b) Pedestrian/cycle links from expected Highways Agency Bridge (across A27 near the Whyke roundabout) and associated crossing points, which would better link Chichester City with the south of the A27.

However, if the Highways Agency Bridge does not go ahead the pedestrian/cycle links and associated crossing points would not be required, and so the following project would instead be selected as a priority:

Footpath installation in Walton Lane, Bosham – to enable community members to walk safely to and from the primary school – particularly the community members who live north of the A259 that need to access the primary school.

2. That a Community Issues List be created and progressed if:
 - (a) there is local member and community support and

(b) either the County Council can deliver such schemes without detriment to the agreed priorities in the Infrastructure Plan (IP) or there is an alternative means of delivering them and where S.106 or alternative funding is available.

3. That progress with the IP priorities and any scheme developed in the Community Issues List be reported to the CLC at least annually.

Progress Statement

36. The Committee noted the report (copy appended to the signed minutes) and praised the recent Ofsted inspection results for Rumboldswyke CE Infant School and Jessie Younghusband Primary School. The Chairman agreed to write to the schools on behalf of the Committee to recognise their achievement.

talk with us (Open Forum)

37. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents which included:

- A Tangmere resident asked the Committee to support the creation of a park by the church. The resident was encouraged to participate in the Tangmere Local Plan development with Tangmere Parish Council.
- Mrs Purnell of Selsey Town Council requested information on the S106 funding for a footpath from the New Pye Estate to the nursery. The Principal Community Officer agreed to provide an update following the meeting.
- Mr Beal of Selsey Town Council asked how much was paid in total in land fill tax from the waste arising from the Friday tip in Selsey. The Chairman reported a written response would be provided following the meeting.
- Mr Beal also asked whether the County Council could encourage cyclists to use cycle paths. The Committee suggested that an article could be included in the next West Sussex Connections magazine and would contact the Communications Team.
- Mr Hall, the former County Councillor for Chichester North, asked that County Council act on petitions submitted in the past on reducing speed limits in Westhampnet and Halnaker.
- Mr Pound of Sidlesham Traffic Action Group asked whether the County Council's Highways Service could provide edge of road markers (ERMs) to local parishes to repair 'dollys' (black and white edge of road markers). The Committee reported that all highways work must be undertaken by the County Council's contractors and residents should report any problems or requests for work to omc@westsussex.gov.uk.
- Mr Scott, Chair of Governors at Singleton CE Primary School presented a 140 signature petition to the Committee requesting a 20mph speed limit in Singleton from A286/Grove Road and A286/Chartlon Road to the east end of Chartlon village. The request was made in the interest of safety for the children and elderly in the community. The Chairman thanked Mr Scott for the petition and reported that a written response would be provided following the meeting.
- A resident of Palmers Field Avenue asked how the 20mph speed limit in Chichester would be enforced. The Chairman reported she had discussed the matter with the Police Crime Commissioner who gave an assurance that the speed limit would be enforced. The Committee also stated that self-

enforcement was required by residents, and adhering to the limit was part of the safer roads programme.

Community Initiative Funding

38. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) which detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

39. The Chairman provided an update to the Committee on two of the applications that had been deferred at the previous meeting:

- The application from Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group (reference 14/SC) had been withdrawn by the applicant.
- The application for the Parklands Residents Association (reference 78/SC) had been removed from the CIF application process pending the outcome of a Members Big Society Fund application.

40. Resolved that -

a) The following awards were made:

- 89/SC Samaritans Bognor Regis, £450, towards new communications equipment.
- 91/SC Eartham Village Hall, £2,000, towards external redecoration.
- 92/SC Selsey Football Club, £1,000, towards completion of concrete path.
- 97/SC Sports Dream, £500, providing free seated exercise for first 4 weeks.
- 109/SC Regnum District Friends of Guiding, £2000, towards the cost of improving toilets.
- 112/SC The Apuldram Centre, £2500, towards the cost of a new potting shed. The Local Member asked the Committee to note that the Centre had received planning permission for the potting shed.

b) The following application was deferred to the next meeting:

- 38/SC Richmond Fellowship Chichester, £1,000, towards a Mosaic for Westgate Leisure Centre. The Committee requested confirmation that Chichester District Council and Westgate Leisure Centre supported the mosaic.

Appointments to Outside Body

41. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Law and Governance (copy appended to the signed minutes) regarding appointments to Outside Bodies.

42. Resolved – that Sandra James be appointed to Chichester in Partnership on behalf of both North and South Chichester CLCs for four years until the end of the County Council term in May 2017.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

43. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Communities Commissioning (copy appended to the signed minutes).
44. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee make the following appointments and reappointments:
- a) Appointments:
 - Mr J Fitzpatrick to Parklands CP School for a 4 year term
 - Mrs S Williams to Parklands CP School for a 4 year term
 - Mrs Sotiria Vlahodimou to Sidlesham School for a 4 year term
 - Mr Jeremy Hunt to West Dean Primary School for a 4 year term
 - b) Re-appointments:
 - Mrs T Brook to Fordwater School for a 4 year term
 - Reverend S Davies to East Wittering Community School for a 4 year term.

Date of Next Meeting

45. The Chairman reported that the next meeting would be held on 3 December 2013 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman