

South Chichester County Local Committee

6 November 2012 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Mark Dunn, Member for Bourne; Louise Goldsmith, Member for Chichester West; Mike Hall (Chairman), Member for Chichester North; Peter Jones, Member for Selsey; Pieter Montyn, Member for The Witterings; and Margaret Whitehead (Vice Chairman), Member for Chichester South.

Apologies: Andrew Smith, Member for Chichester East.

Welcome and Introductions

34. The Chairman introduced Helena Cox, Democratic Services Officer, Dan Sanders, Principal Community Officer, Greg Ockwell, Principal Solutions Officer and Miles Davy, CPZ Lead Professional.

Declaration of Interests

35. Mrs Whitehead declared an interest regarding Item No. 12 Appointment to Outside Bodies as Mr Evans fiancée.

Minutes

36. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2012 were approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

37. There were no urgent matters.

Progress Report

38. The Committee noted the report. Regarding the TRO for Hillfield in Selsey, Mr Jones mentioned that he had attended the site meeting and that it was included for Committee comment. The Principal Community Officer gave a further verbal update on the items indicated and highlighted that requests for TRO's, from petitions received at the last meeting, were being assessed and discussed locally.

Chichester 20mph Speed Limits

39. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure and the Community and Economic Development Manager (copy appended to the signed minutes). Greg Ockwell, Principal Solutions Officer introduced the report highlighting that the report was a culmination of a community led initiative over an 18 month period to introduce 20mph speed limits on residential roads within Chichester. A substantial public consultation exercise had been carried out and the details of response had been summarised in the report. Mr Ockwell highlighted the response from Sussex Police confirming that the scheme would need to be self-enforcing. It was proposed that part of the budget would be

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used for behaviour change work and best practice from schemes in Bristol and Portsmouth would be used.

40. The Chairman stated that Sarah Sharp representing the 20's Plenty campaign for Chichester would be allowed 3 minutes to address the Committee and that Derek James, Chichester City Councillor would also be given 3 minutes to address the Committee.

41. Mrs Sharp stated that the report was welcomed by the 20's Plenty group and highlighted that over 4,000 responses were in favour of the proposals showing overwhelming support, in line with social attitude surveys. The UK had a growing obesity issue and there needed to be a significant increase in active travel. Therefore, there was a need for safer streets. Regarding the objection from Stagecoach, the Bristol scheme had shown that bus times were not affected. The real task ahead would be education and marketing and the 20's Plenty group would like to continue to work with WSCC to do this. Mrs Sharp thanked councillors, officers and groups for stimulating public debate on road safety.

42. Cllr James stated that areas where a 20mph limit had been introduced had seen an increase in accident rates, that Sussex Police would not divert resources to enforce a 20mph limit and that pollution would be increased due to vehicles travelling in lower gears. Regarding the consultation, Cllr James stated that 3,776 adults had responded compared to a Chichester population of around 29,000 therefore, 25,000 residents did not register their view. Cllr James also highlighted Stagecoach's clear reason of objection to the scheme.

43. The Chairman thanked Mrs Sharp and Cllr James for their comments and opened the debate to members. The following points were made:

- Mr Dunn informed the meeting that he had caused an accident a number of years ago which caused significant injuries to a pedestrian. Therefore, it was clear to him that streets would be safer if traffic did not go as fast so supported the recommendation.
- Ms Goldsmith stated that Mr Dunn's comments illustrated the statistics regarding vehicle speeds and the level of injury that could be sustained. Parklands Residents Association was in favour of the proposals and on behalf of her division she supported the scheme highlighting the benefits of retraining people to drive at slower speeds.
- Mrs Whitehead commented that Mrs Sharp was a resident of her division and that pedestrians who were hit at 20mph were more likely to survive and therefore was in favour of the proposals.
- Mr Jones stated that it was socially acceptable for there to be lower speed limits in residential areas; however he was concerned about statements made by those in support regarding road safety issues. In his opinion, all road users had a responsibility to reduce accident rates and stated an example of cyclists riding dangerously therefore, cyclists should share responsibility for delivering safer roads.
- Mr Montyn stated that there were a great deal in favour and some against following the opinion survey and members should abide by the results of that. The result was indisputable and therefore he would go along with that.
- The Chairman concluded by emphasising the importance of driver behaviour to ensure that speed was reduced on all roads and asked the 20's Plenty

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group to be part of the enforcement by educating people and monitoring speeds on residential roads.

44. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee approve:
1. the implementation of the scheme as shown in Appendix A and request that the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport include the proposal in the 2013/14 Works Programme and authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders.
 2. The allocation of up to £100,000 of S106 monies to implement the scheme to include: all necessary signs, lines, and resources required to work with local community groups, support education and awareness campaigns that will be required to ensure that the scheme helps deliver positive community outcomes.

Proposals to introduce residents parking controls and review existing waiting restrictions

45. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure and the Divisional Manager, Transport and Countryside Services (copy appended to the signed minutes). Miles Davy, CPZ Lead Professional introduced the report highlighting that a parking scheme in Chichester had been in place for 20 years and there had been concern expressed over the increase of non-resident parking in roads on the periphery of the scheme, as well as the suitability of some of the existing restrictions within the scheme. Residents had recently been informally consulted on proposals included in Appendix A and B of the report. Appendix C detailed the results of the consultation regarding the proposed zone extensions and showed that between 74% and 87% of residents in each area had said either yes or yes with changes to the proposals. Officer recommendations following the consultation were detailed in Appendix D and Mr Davy put forward a number of suggested modifications, including an extension of yellow lines in the northern section of Little Breach. Mr Davy outlined that if the recommendation, incorporating these modifications, was approved there would be a 3 week formal consultation period and a further report would be presented to the next meeting of the CLC. If the proposals come into force there would be a review after 6 months to assess the impact of the changes and further amendments could be considered, including zone extensions and the possibility of introducing Sunday restrictions.

46. The Chairman invited comments/questions from the public and members of the CLC which included:

- A resident from East Walls, Chichester raised the issue of cars parked outside her window and asked if she could have yellow lines or a designated bay where she could park her car. She asked to leave her request with the committee. *Mr Davy stated that part of the issue with the city centre zone E was that it was already heavily congested and there was a waiting list for residents parking permits. Therefore it would not be possible to leave a section of the bay left clear. However, the situation would be kept under review.*
- Ms Goldsmith thanked Mr Davy for the proposals in Parklands and stated that she was reassured that there would be a 6 month review following implementation.

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- Regarding Little Breach, a resident asked if there were any other measures to stop all day parking other than yellow lines or parking schemes. He also stated that with new housing developments Chichester would become even more congested. *Mr Davy informed members that the County Council had no authority to force people to use car parks, therefore yellow lines or parking schemes were the only way of managing this issue in the local area. It was accepted that vehicle displacement was a common knock on effect but the 6 month review would allow officers to assess the impact and look at the worst case scenarios. It was stressed that parking schemes are only one tool that the County Council employs to promote sustainable travel and reduce congestion. A number of other initiatives are being progressed throughout the county.*
 - A resident raised the issue of parking by hospital staff and students in Swanfield Drive and was pleased that no waiting restrictions had recently been introduced on the chicane by the community centre. The resident thanked officers for the proposals and looked forward to the introduction additional waiting restrictions to solve parking problems in the area.
 - Regarding comments that new housing would have an impact on street parking, Mr Montyn highlighted that developers, as part of planning process, would need to work with the County Council to ensure that there was sufficient car parking for the development.
 - Mr Dunn commented that the problem stemmed for people aspiring to own cars, he stated that in future, like cities such as Winchester and Oxford, Chichester would need to have an affordable park and ride scheme. The Chairman endorsed Mr Dunn's comments.
47. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee considered the responses to the informal consultation and authorised the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to formally advertise modified proposals to introduce a CPZ in a number of areas within Chichester; amend existing waiting restrictions within the existing city centre scheme; and subject to there being no objections after a formal advertisement, the Traffic Regulation Order be brought into operation.

**Proposed Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing, Roussillon Barracks,
Broyle Road, Chichester**

48. The Committee considered a report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure and the Divisional Manager, Strategic Planning (copy appended to the signed minutes). Dan Sanders, Principal Community Officer introduced the report highlighting that the crossing was required as an east/west link and although there had been an objection it was considered a valuable introduction.
49. A local resident highlighted that as part of the development of a care home site, permission had been granted as part of the proposal to have a footpath/cycleway along Wellington Road and that the exit would be adjacent to the proposed crossing. *Mr Sanders asked for further details to arrange a site visit.*
50. A local city councillor stated that section 106 monies could be used elsewhere and suggested that there was a need to widen the pavement on the other side of the barracks on Summersdale Road. *The Chairman stated that he supported the scheme but agreed that improvements were required on Summersdale Road.*

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51. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee approved to the installation of the Signal Controlled pedestrian crossing on Broyle Road, Chichester, as advertised.

An Overview of the Highways Infrastructure Works Programme Consultation and progress with South Chichester County Local Committee Local Infrastructure Plan Priorities

52. The Committee considered an information report by the Director Communities and Infrastructure and the Head of Community and Economic Development Divisional Manager, Strategic Planning (copy appended to the signed minutes). Dan Sanders, Principal Community Officer introduced the report highlighting that it summarised the delivery of the infrastructure plan within the integrated works programme, some less complex schemes were to be completed in 2012/13 whilst some others had been postponed. It was proposed to develop a community issues list so that schemes can be put forward to members when funding becomes available.

53. The Chairman asked for an update on the cycle link from Winterbourne Road to Graylingwell. *Mr Sanders informed the meeting that maps had been drawn up on the preferred option and officers were waiting for approval from Hyde Martlet.* Further to this a resident commented that the committee had shown a desire to improve road safety for cyclists with the 20mph proposals and therefore should push hard for this scheme.

54. The Chairman commented that there was issue of drainage going into soakaways in this area and a long term solution should be sought. Mr Montyn informed the meeting that he had asked officers to undertake a study of the flooding at the junction of College Lane and Spitafield Lane but there would an issue of identifying funding to rectify the problem.

55. Mr Jones requested that the communities team keep local members informed of the timescale of delivery of schemes in their area. The Chairman endorsed this request.

56. Resolved – that the Committee noted the report and stated unhappiness that schemes were slipping.

talk with us (Open Forum)

57. The Chairman invited questions and comments from residents, responses included:

- The Vice-Chairman received a petition from representatives from Boxgrove Parish Council requesting that the speed limit on the A285 through the community of Halnaker be reduced from 40mph to 30mph.
- A Fishbourne Parish councillor informed the meeting that the parish council would like to ask WSCC to install a Real Time Information screen at the Main Road/Salthill Road bus shelter/stop to provide running information on the 700 route travelling from Bosham to Chichester. The service ran half hourly and was prone to delays in the Portsmouth/Emsworth section. *Ms Goldsmith stated her support for this request. The meeting was informed that*

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Stagecoach had confirmed that there would be a city centre improvement scheme and therefore a request could be made to expand this out.

- The Chairman of Singleton Parish Council requested that as a result of the recent heavy rainfall and because of potential further problems all relevant agencies be brought together to discuss flood risk management to provide clear management and leadership. *Ms Goldsmith informed the meeting that as a result of the Pitt Review, the County Council as the lead flood authority had carried out a lot of work in this area and a report summarising this would be available at the end of November. It was suggested and supported by members that this could be an item on the next/future South Chichester CLC agenda.*
- A representative from Selsey Town Council highlighted concern that the county council's highway department was not objecting to further development on the Manhood Peninsula and the impact this was having on the B2145. In 2/3 years' time there could be a real problem as the road would have gone past full capacity. It was asked therefore that when the highway team responds that they consult the parish council. *Mr Montyn stated that officers' talk frequently with planners and those officers would be more than happy to explain the way they respond to consultations with the Town Council if they were invited.* Mr Jones added that this was a problem across the county and suggested that the county structure plan be reintroduced concluding with his concerns of the current planning system. *Mr Montyn mentioned the National Planning Policy Framework was looking at congestion but this didn't define serious cumulative effects when calculating traffic streams. He concluded that the lack of a major plan being forthcoming for the A27 was impacting on traffic flows and that the County Council was trying to introduce smaller schemes to improve traffic flows.*
- A representative from West Wittering Parish Council stated that a letter had been sent regarding Pound Road, West Wittering parking restrictions. *Mr Montyn commented that the problem was recognised and consultation would be carried out. An offer of financial assistance from the parish council was noted.*
- A representative from Westbourne Parish Council enquired whether a 20mph limit could be implemented in Westbourne. He also requested assistance with using land behind the parish council hall for additional parking in the village. *It was agreed that Ed Dickinson would contact the parish council about the additional parking. Ms Goldsmith commented that several coastal villages could group together to arrange 20's plenty, as in Chichester it was driven by the community.*
- A representative from the Selsey Community Plan Steering Group informed that meeting that copies of the vision booklet were available and had been noted by Selsey Town Council. Mr Jones had been involved in the Selsey Community Forum which was working to take forward the actions contained in the vision booklet. A meeting had been arranged for 28th November and the CLC would be kept informed. *Mr Jones commented that this was an example of the Big Society with volunteers getting together in the community and gave added force to the town council's neighbourhood plan.*
- A representative from Tangmere Parish Council asked that parish councils be consulted on the community issues list which had been referred to earlier in the meeting and emphasised the importance of consultation with parish councils on the use of section 106 monies, referring to a letter which the parish council had sent to the CLC regarding a request for a pedestrian

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crossing at the junction of Malcolm Road and Tangmere Road. It was commented that local members should also be involved in the allocation of section 106 monies.

- The meeting was informed that a recent West Sussex Rail Users Group meeting it was proposed to replace the Fishbourne Road crossing with a footbridge, it was asked if the right of way across the railway line could be retained. *Ms Goldsmith stated that the future of the right of way was very much in the negotiation stages and this view would be taken into account.*
- The future of a West Sussex County Council owned property on the corner of Brandy Hole Lane, which had been boarded up and vandalised was sought. It was believed that it could not be disposed as the scheme for which it had been bought had not been rescinded. It was requested that action be taken.
- A local resident raised concern of cyclists using pedestrianized streets on a Sunday and that pedestrians could be knocked down. *Mr Sanders informed the meeting that this was on the agenda of a multi-agency meeting to address traffic in pedestrian areas. Mr Sanders offered to take the residents details to keep him informed of progress.*

Community Initiative Funding

58. The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (copy appended to the signed minutes) which set out five bids for Community Initiative Funding. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which monies were sought.

59. Resolved that -

i) The following awards were made:

£1,500 to the Chichester Child Contact Centre for costs towards accreditation and associated costs for a supervised contact

£1,500 to the Singleton Village Hall Committee towards Village Hall retiling costs

£900 to Friends of Chartres towards costs for one-off printmaker sessions for local school children

£1,500 to Age Concern South & District for costs towards chiropody and tai-chi classes, also for renovations

ii) The Committee declined funding to PCC of St Mary's Church, Apuldram for costs towards building regulations but encouraged an application for specific items once the facility was built.

Appointment of Authority School Governors

60. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Learning (copy appended to the signed minutes). The Chairman emphasised the importance of the school governor role and drew attention to the vacancies at schools listed in Appendix A, inviting anyone present with an interest in becoming a governor to contact him.

61. Resolved – that the South Chichester County Local Committee:

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1. Appointed Mr D Owen to Birdham Primary, Mr B Ives to Bosham Primary, and Mr B Rainer to Medmerry Primary School for 4 year terms; and
2. Reappointed Mrs EM Wilson to Chidham Parochial Primary and Mr AW Forsyth to North Mundham Primary for further 4 year terms.

Appointments to Outside Bodies

62. As the County Council appoints members to represent the Council on other organisations known as 'outside bodies', members noted that the South Chichester CLC had appointed Mr Pieter Montyn as West Sussex County Council's representative on the Cobnor Activities Centre Trust. However, Mr Montyn has decided to resign as the council's representative and Mr Peter Evans has agreed to replace him. Members considered this appointment.

63. Resolved that Mr Peter Evans be appointed as West Sussex County Council's representative on the Cobnor Activity Centre Trust for the remainder of the current Council.

Date of Next Meeting

64. The Chairman informed all that the next meeting would be held on 26 February 2013 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Chairman