

South Chichester County Local Committee

28th January 2009 - At a meeting of the Committee held at 7pm in Committee Room 3 of County Hall, Chichester.

Members present:

Mr Hall [Chairman], Mr Chaplin, Mr Daws-Chew, Mr Dunn, Ms Goldsmith, Mr Jones.

Retrospective apologies were received from Mr Smith.

In attendance:

Phillip Russell (Wastes Management Services), Steve Johnson and David Lambert (Highways & Transport), Rick West & Shelagh Clark (Democratic Services).

Chairman's Welcome.

164. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed that there were two changes to the Agenda. Regarding Item 7 – Community Policing, Chief Inspector Jenkins was not attending because the Committee had no business to put to Sussex Police and the police had no updates for the Committee. The second change was that item 10 – Developer contributions & Schemes – had been divided into Part A and Part B. Part A was new and concerned a request to change the source of funding for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) made last year.

165. Mr Hall thanked Mr Dunn for taking the chair at the last meeting, in his absence.

Declaration of Interest

166. Mr Hall made the following declarations during the meeting: Item 11 –seconded to the Air Quality Forum, which was yet to meet, Item 14 –member of Singleton Cricket Club, Item 16 – Governor of Boxgrove School.

Minutes

167. Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2008 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from Minutes

168. Minute 125 – Pharmacy White Paper. The Chairman thanked Mr Snell, Chairman of Fishbourne Parish Council, for bringing this to the attention of the last meeting. He recapped that Dr Dunlop had attended that meeting to address the Committee on the issue of proposed changes to the rules governing which practices could dispense drugs directly to patients and the implications for rural doctors and pharmacies. Mr Hall informed that the Government had recognised the strength of feeling against the proposal and the Health Minister announced on 16th December that there would be no change to the current arrangements for GPs dispensing medicines to their patients.

169. Minute 130 – Merger of the Royal West Sussex NHS Trust and Worthing & Southlands NHS Trust. The Chairman informed that on 15th December 2008, the Trust Boards of Royal West Sussex and Worthing and Southlands Hospitals NHS Trusts

had agreed to a merger. He said that the County Council had welcomed the news but had made it clear that it supported the merger but on condition of the retention of A&E, consultant-led maternity and other central services at both St Richard's and Worthing hospitals. It was also on condition that all involved worked towards foundation trust status as soon as possible. He stated that the County Council considered that the merger should be used as an opportunity to safeguard and maintain services in both hospitals for residents.

170. The Chairman gave the timetable which included the information that the Strategic Health Authority gave its formal approval 6th January 2009, the Department for Health's transaction Panel gave approval on 12th January and that it was intended that the integration programme would be the subject of a Gateway Review at an appropriate point in February / March 2009, to assess the readiness for service of the proposed new organisation. The new merged Trust was due to become operational on 1st April 2009.

171. Minute 137 – Highway Mitigation Measure and the Graylingwell site. The Chairman informed that there was to be a separate CLC meeting on this subject, which would concentrate on the application and the highway mitigation measures. The last part of the meeting would then be open to the public. The meeting was to include Linden Homes and Chichester District Council (CDC) and would take place on Wednesday 11th February 2009 from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Old Court Room, ground floor, Chichester City Council, North Street.

172. Gravel extraction at Lavant – Planning Application. The Chairman informed that this would not be an agenda item and advised that members of the public, who had not made representations before and felt that they have something new to add, should contact WSCC's Planning Department before 3rd March. He advised that these contact details were available around the room and that interested parties could attend the planning meeting on 17th March and could register to speak at the meeting.

Urgent Matters

173. None

Chairman's Update

174. There was a report on a Decision that was taken since the last meeting under the urgent action procedure and as such was not subject to the call in procedure.

175. Rick West informed the Committee that the Village Shop and Tea Room, Compton applied, under the Village Shops Programme, for funding of £5,000. This application was received after the South Chichester County Local Committee (CLC) meeting on 12th November 2008. As the money awarded had to be spent by 31st March 2009 and the next meeting of the South Chichester CLC did not take place until 28th January 2008, the Head of Legal Services, had used his delegated powers under Standing Order 61(2) to approve the funding of £5,000 as an urgent matter.

Community Police Issues

176. For the next meeting, the Chairman requested an item on training for using a Speed Indicator Device. There was also a query on whether Sussex Police would be following what was happening in Hampshire, where 200 officers were being lost. Mr Dunn informed that he had met the previous week with Chichester's acting chief inspector, Kevin Jenkins whom he reported had said that this would be very unlikely and that there would be increasing emphasis on Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and a reduction in warranted officers¹.

Materials Resource Management Contract (MRMC)

177. Phillip Russell, Head of Wastes Management, gave a presentation, attached to the confirmed minutes, on the awarding of the MRMC and what it would mean for the residents in the North Chichester CLC area. He provided details on the plant that the preferred bidder, Biffa, intended to build at its current landfill site at Warnham, near Horsham.

178. He provided the following responses to these questions from the members of the public.

Any plans to bring waste to plant by rail: railway is adjacent.

Currently it would not be feasible due to the amount of space that would be required for both the rail heads and the volume of waste but it was intended to investigate taking recyclables off site by rail.

London's waste.

The site was for West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) use only and if there was spare capacity then WSSCC could consider taking in industrial and commercial wastes. There were no plans to take in London's waste.

Current limits to recycling plastics

Regarding the current recycling programme, WSSCC was working with WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) to see if could extend the programme further and consider market forces.

Means of excluding all PVC waste

Nowadays dioxins from incinerating waste were negligible and not an issue, PVC was not used so much now and if included would have to comply with the Waste Incinerator Directive.

¹ Note by Head of Democratic Service

Subsequent to the meeting, Sussex Police requested the following amendment for factual accuracy "increasing emphasis on the use of Police Community Support Officers in Neighbourhood Policing and NO planned reduction in warranted officers".

Production of energy- identification of customers.

- *Adjacent brickworks already use some of the gas from the landfill; plan is to use some of the gas from the methane if industrial units go ahead.*
- *Crest Homes in Portsmouth have been investigating using the dried digestate, from the anaerobic digestion system, as fuel to heat their homes. WSCC will place adverts nationally for markets but not decided how long to run the adverts. Also would look at vehicles running on gas.*

Composition and cost of 11% of waste that would need to go to landfill.

To shortlist companies to deal with the 11% was less expensive than doing nothing. If did nothing, then had to consider landfill tax. Examples of composition included mattresses and ceramic cups.

179. The Chairman thanked Phil Russell for his presentation.

Pelican Crossing, Salthill Road, Fishbourne

180. The committee had before it a report (copy attached to confirmed minutes) that proposed the approval of the installation of a Signal Controlled pedestrian crossing on Salthill Road north of Roman Way. A controlled crossing had been agreed as part of the 2008/09 works programme.

181. Following the public advertisement, one letter of objection was received. Steve Johnson took the Committee through key parts of the report including the points made by the objector and the response to these from the County Council. The local Member spoke in support of the proposal highlighting the safety issues that needed to be considered. The Committee approved the installation of the crossing. It was felt that although there was some feeling for those who were objecting, it was outweighed by the road safety concerns along Salthill Road.

Resolved –

182. Resolved - That a signal controlled pedestrian crossing north of Roman Way in Salthill Road, Fishbourne, be installed as advertised.

Developer Contributions and Schemes

183. As stated in the Chairman's Welcome, it was explained that this agenda item 'Developer Contributions and Schemes' was now Part A and Part B. Part A was new and contained a request to change the source of funding for a TRO Decision made last year. The Committee received background and details on this request (attached to the confirmed minutes). Members of the Committee were informed that on 11th June 2008 the Committee supported a proposal to introduce an experimental reversal in the direction of flow of a one way system in East Walls, Chichester.

184. The report that explained the scheme had stated that it would cost up to £15,000 and could be paid for from developments on the eastern side of Chichester. The developer of the Shipphams site had recently announced his proposal to re-open the East Walls Road by March and hence the CLC was being asked to agree a different source of funding to implement the proposals. It was now being recommended that £15,000 from

the New Park Road Development, as referenced in Table 3.2 of Appendix A of the report 'Developer Contributions and Schemes' (attached to the confirmed minutes) be allocated towards the scheme which would be delivered as part of the Chichester Streetscape Enhancement Project. The Committee was informed that the amount was considered to be sufficient to cover the eventuality that the experimental scheme deemed to be removed and therefore any funds that might be left over after the permanent traffic order was sealed would be made available for reallocation.

185. Resolved - that the Committee gave its support that the money did not come from developments on the eastern side of Chichester, as stated in the Decision report but instead from the New Park Road Development.

186. As Part B of this agenda item, David Lambert, Section 106 Project Officer, then took the Committee through Appendix A of the report 'Developer Contributions and Schemes' .

187. The Committee asked for more time to consider the report. Reference Table 4, David Lambert requested that the Committee revert to him if they have anything to raise. The Committee was requested to identify in Table 4 schemes that could be added to the Integrated Works Programme (IWP). David mentioned that he was seeking speed management type works, elaborated on a scheme in or near Westhampnett and requested a decision on Madgewick Lane.

The environmental impacts of traffic in Orchard Street, Chichester.

188. Steve Johnson introduced the report and referred to the traffic related environmental issues experienced along Orchard Street which were stated in the report (attached to the confirmed minutes). The committee was asked if it wished to support the proposal, which was to give Orchard Street a quieter road surface, which was not currently in the Works Programme and whose current surface still had a certain amount of time and life left in it. The cost would be £75,000 and if the resurfacing scheme gained a priority then £75,000 would need to be cut from other schemes within the South Chichester Integrated Works Programme.

189. The Committee's discussion included the following

- comprehensive support for the proposal from the local member
- the point made that St Pancras / The Hornet's air quality was equally poor, consequently the request that air quality data would be obtained from CDC and that a decision should be based on scientific factual evidence
- issue of hauliers using Orchard Street instead of using A27
- enquiry if there was any traffic census information
- potential impact on Orchard Street of proposed housing development on Graylingwell and Barracks sites
- potential impact on Orchard Street of gravel extraction from Lavant
- suggestion to investigate S106 monies as an alternative source of funding, such as eastern side of city, Southgate area or rail/bus link scheme at the station
- suggestion that if the station scheme continued to be delayed, could the S106 money be used elsewhere

190. Steve Johnson gave the following clarification or response to questions that the Committee asked

- the required £75,000 would be not affect revenue budgets i.e for potholes

- projects would be slipped for one year but programme for 2010/2011 would also slip by £75,000
- suggested that the only similar resurfacing scheme from the Works Programme that Orchard Street could replace would be one for a single resurfacing job and drainage scheme in Donnington
- Table 5.2, page 35 of the agenda papers listed six development sites totalling £61,000. This left a shortfall of £14,000 for the cost of resurfacing Orchard Street.
- pointed out, ref S106 monies, that economic downturn would result in less money coming on line for a while
- reference the suggestion to re-allocate monies from station scheme, advised that Legal Services would need to answer that.

191. Points made by members of the public concerning Orchard Street included

- build up over the years of mix and volume of traffic
- more noise generated by tyres of the larger cars that in use now
- future projections - ref Capita Symonds report - were alarming re noise & dirt
- needed to look at pollution more broadly than just air quality management
- solutions for the problem were in the long term e.g A27, Park & Ride
- tiring and stressful to walk along Orchard Street.

192. The Committee did not take a decision at the meeting. During its deliberations it requested the following information, in order to help it make a decision at a future meeting.

- traffic census information
- how many schemes using S106 monies were likely to be progressed by CDC in Chichester area over the next couple of years and how much money on deposit now was available
- status of S106 monies allocated for the station scheme
- was other S106 monies available in the Chichester.

193. Mr Hall thanked the members of the community who had come to the meeting to put forward their point of view.

Proposed Highways and Transport Schemes 2009/10 and Forward Programme

194. Steve Johnson took the Committee through the report (attached to the confirmed minutes), in which pages 46-50 of Appendix 1 covered the 2009/10 priorities and that this linked to the previous agenda item (on the proposal to surface Orchard Street). Pages 50-51 were the proposals for surface dressing planned for 2010/11 which he said might well change as a result of damage caused by winter weather. Appendix 2 contained the Revenue Works proposals for 2009/10.

195. He asked members of the Committee to study the programme, liaise with the parishes and come back with comments by 20th February 2009, prior to Cabinet Member approval being sought in March 2009.

196. In response to a question, Steve Johnson provided details on how the increased salting of roads during the recent cold weather has resulted in a significant increase in potholes, affected the general state of the roads and had an impact on finances for maintaining highways.

197. In response to a question on what a county council would have to do to obtain more funding for highways, the Chairman explained that a county council was just an agent of central government, that a drastic action could be for a parish council to raise its precept.

198. Resolved - that the Committee recommend the programme as set out in Appendix 1 for approval to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport.

C43 Vinnetrow Road - A27 to Runcton Speed Management Scheme

199. Steve Johnson introduced this report (attached to confirmed minutes) and summarized the measures that are due to start on 23rd February 2009 but cannot start until works by the gas board have finished. In response to questions from the public, Steve Johnson informed that the works could take three to four weeks; the road would be completely closed with a diversion along the A27, B2145 Selsey Road and through B2166 North Mundham. High friction resurfacing was not being laid to enable vehicles to go faster; a member of public was invited to look at the plan of works to see what was being done to guard the edge of the road.

200. The Committee noted the report.

Community Initiative Funding

201. The Committee considered three applications for Parish Initiative funding (PIF) and eight applications for Community initiative funding (CIF) – report attached to confirmed minutes.

202. The Committee approved the following applications for the amounts shown:

- 721/SC/PIF West Dean Parish Council £500
- 856/SC/PIF Earnley Parish Council £500
- 733/SC Singleton Cricket Club £750
- 763/SC West Sussex Fire & Rescue £1,500
- 786/SC Fishbourne Parish Council £1,500
- 805/SC Boxgrove Women's Institute £300
- 823/SC Orchard House £500
- 842/SC Cobnor Activities Centre Trust £1,500
- 857/SC Chidham & Hambrook PC £2,500
- 864/SC Singleton CE Primary School £1,000

203. The Committee declined the Parish Initiative Funding application 843/SC/PIF, from Fishbourne Parish Council, due to lack of available resource from the Committee.

204. The Chairman invited Mr Colgate, who represented Cobnor Activities Centre Trust (application 842/SC) at the meeting, to apply again. Mr Archer thanked the Committee for the amount received by Chidham & Hambrook PC (application 857/SC). Mrs Goldsmith spoke about the work being undertaken in the application that had been declined and suggested that Fishbourne came back again with an application.

Local Authority School Governors

205. The following nominations for new local authority school governors had been received by the South Chichester County Local Committee.

206. Resolved –

That the following be appointed as new local authority school governors

- i. Mr Bernard Adkins at Bishop Luffa C of E School, Chichester for a four year term.
- ii. Mr Andy Forsyth at North Mundham Primary School for a four year term.
- iii. Mr Neil Careswell at West Dean C of E Primary School for a four year term.
- iv. Mrs Elizabeth Wilson at Chidham Parochial Primary School for a four year term.
- v. Dr Christopher Bateman at Funtington Primary School for a four year term.

Ofsted Reports

207. The Chairman informed that Boxgrove Primary School had received an overall good grade of 2 and also that, following its Ofsted inspection back in April, Seal Primary School had received a monitoring visit in December. The monitoring visit letter stated that the inspector was of the opinion that at that time the school was making satisfactory progress in addressing the issues for improvement and in raising the pupils' achievement.

'talk with us' (Public Question Time)

208. *Fishbourne Road East Railway Crossing.* The Chairman of Fishbourne Parish Council had sent in a request for an update on this crossing. Steve Johnson informed the meeting that during the past six months WSCC officers had held meetings with Network Rail to explore solutions to the current crossing arrangements. Recent surveys had shown approximately 600 movements daily and current schemes had been reduced down to a new overbridge with Disability discrimination Act (DDA) compliant ramps or a subway. There were doubts about putting in a subway because the groundwater table was very high in the Fishbourne area but Network Rail had been tasked with putting final detail to the scheme. Steve informed that the latest indication was that there would be something ready to be presented by early summer and it was likely to be a footbridge.

209. The local Member spoke in support of the plans stressed the need for a footbridge to be DDA compliant. The Headmaster of Bishop Luffa School, Mr Taunt, highlighted not just the numbers crossing but also the pulse of numbers. Mr Snell spoke of the number of overseas students using the crossing and informed that network Rail had refused to place signs in foreign languages. Mr Tupper, of the West Sussex Rail Users Association,

210. *Brandy Hole Lane.* A request was received to extend the street lighting to the western end of Brandy Hole Lane, which had neither a pavement nor street lighting. The Chairman informed that, regarding Section 106 infrastructure, there was not at the moment a S106 scheme from which to take the money but that it was hoped that there would be from the Rousillion Barracks development. He also informed that the Council would continue to look for other sources of funding.

211. *Trains and Bosham.* Local resident Mr McGregor spoke to the Committee of the decline in frequency and destinations from Bosham and sought the support of the Committee. This was supported by the local Member. The Chairman informed that he would put a written question on this issue to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport at the next County Council meeting

212. *Tangmere*. A request from a local resident to deal with subsidence of the road and adjacent pavement surface at the eastern drop kerb at the junction of Churchwood Drive and City Fields Way in Tangmere had been received before the meeting. Steve Johnson was to investigate.

213. *Brandy Hole Lane*. A question was asked on where the Council had got with establishing the new footway. The Chairman informed that there had been a meeting in November that looked at the scheme. There was one objector. The scheme was to be shown to the residents. He informed that once resolved there would be an insistence that it was brought into the current works programme and that a site meeting was imminent.

214. *Summersdale*. The Committee had received a selection of photos from a resident concerning pavements in Summersdale. Steve Johnson informed that he would investigate this and see where it could fit into the programme of works.

215. *Negative subsidy system and the Chichester area*. A question was received on whether money from tenants of public housing in the area was being diverted to the north and the midlands. **Post meeting information:** The query concerned the negative subsidy system. Whereas neighbouring Arun District Council was a mix of council housing and housing associations, public housing in the Chichester District was run by housing associations where rents collected remained totally within the business.

216. The Chairman invited the public to let him know if they would like the 'talk with us' slot to be placed earlier in the meeting.

Dates of Future Meetings

217. The Chairman informed that there would be a Special Meeting on Wednesday 11th February 2009 in the Old Court Room, Chichester City Council from 4 pm to 6 pm. This concerned the Graylingwell site and the proposed highways mitigation measures.

218. The meeting after that would take place on 31st March 2009 at 7 pm, at Bourne International Community Centre, Southbourne.

Future meetings, all commencing at 7 pm, were intended for

30th June 2009

15th September 2009

24th November 2009

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Chairman