

Unconfirmed minutes – to be confirmed at the next meeting of the CLC

### **Worthing County Local Committee**

30 November 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, at Worthing Town FC, Palatine Park, Palatine Road, Worthing, West Sussex

Present: Mr High (Worthing West) (Chairman), Mr Cloake (Worthing Pier), Mrs Hall (Durrington and Salvington), Mr Oakley (Worthing East), Mr J Rogers (Cissbury) (Vice Chairman) and Mr R Rogers (Northbrook), Mr Smytherman (Tarring), Mr Turner (Broadwater) and Mr Waight (Goring).

### **Chairman's Welcome**

47. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

48. The Chairman drew the audience's attention to the upcoming changes in respect of County Local Committees in this area. He advised that there would be a reduction in community initiative funding per member and the reduction in the frequency of meetings per year from four to three.

49. The Chairman congratulated Durrington Junior School and Durrington Infant School who at a recent OFSTED inspection were judged as "good".

### **Declarations of Interest**

50. In accordance with the register of interests, the following declarations of personal interests were made:

- Mr Smytherman in respect of Item 8 (Application 1063/W) as he is a member of Worthing Borough Council
- Mr High in respect of Item 8 (Application 1063/W) as he is a member of Worthing Borough Council
- Mr Waight in respect of Item 8 (Application 1063/W) as he is a member of Worthing Borough Council
- Mr Turner in respect of Item 8 (Application 1063/W) as he is a member of Worthing Borough Council

### **Minutes**

51. Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 September 2016 be approved as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

### **Progress Statement**

52. The Committee noted the progress statement (copy attached to the signed minutes). The following additional information was provided:

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- **Titnore Lane (signage):** An email had been sent to Highways England and the Highways Area Manager was awaiting confirmation that this had been completed.
- **Poulters Lane:** Work had been completed, and was judged to meet national standards, however improvements to some parts of the road would take place. There were no timescales for this work at present.

53. Resolved – That Progress Statement be noted.

### **Prioritisation of Traffic Regulations Orders 2016/17**

54. The Committee considered the Report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations that recommended that it agreed to progress the two highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, subject to any adjustments made at the meeting and agreed to review any existing incomplete requests at the next round of CLC's. He reminded the Committee that it had approved one TRO at its previous meeting from its allocation of three in total.

55. The Highways Area Manager advised the Committee that in March 2016 a new process for the proposal and prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) by County Local Committees (CLCs) had been implemented. The new process aimed to be clear, transparent and sustainable and aligned with County Council Policy and the future West Sussex operating model. The new process concerned non-complex TRO proposals. More complex TROs would be considered for progression as a highways improvement scheme and so fall outside the new process.

56. The Highways Area Manager reminded the Committee that it had allocated one TRO at its previous meeting. He advised that there was only one TRO for consideration by the Committee at this meeting, as the Head of Highways Operations had asked that the TRO request relating to King Street was deferred from tonight's CLC as the Council wanted to ensure it fully reviewed the long term position on disabled parking bays.

57. Members raised concern regarding enforcement of TROs, the Highways Area Manager reminded members to contact the Council if it felt enforcement was required in a specific area.

58. Resolved – that the Committee agrees to progress the one highest scoring TRO priority from the list attached at Appendix A, that being:

- George V Ave, Worthing (double yellow lines)

### **"Talk With Us" Open Forum**

59. The Chairman advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda. The following issues were raised and responses made:

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- A member of the public informed the Committee that the Coach and Horse public house in Worthing had plans to build a mini hotel on its car park. He advised that Highways England had not raised any objections to this, but that the increase in traffic in that area (as it was a 70mph speed limit on the road) could be potentially dangerous. He asked if the Committee could ask Highways England to consider reducing the speed limit on this road to 40 mph. *The Chairman agreed to write to Highways England asking, in light of this recent development, whether it would consider extending the 40mh speed limit to outside the Coach and Horses.*
- A member of Worthing Borough Council explained that the traffic flows at the Grove Lodge roundabout had greatly increased following the lights being turned off recently. She understood that, due to safety measures it was near Worthing College, this could not be a permanent solution, but whether the Committee would consider supporting a footbridge being built over the roundabout, which would ensure pedestrian safety, but also allow the lights to be permanently switched off to ease traffic flow on the A27. Members advised that the removal of traffic lights would not help traffic flows from all directions, but were supportive at looking at options for a footbridge. Concerns were raised over funding, and space for the footbridge as well as its usage. *The Chairman agreed to write to the Cabinet Member for Finance to request that the land adjacent to Grove Lodge be reserved for a potential footbridge.*
- A representative from the Ilex Conservation Group had requested at a previous meeting that, at the top end of Sea Lane, whether the overgrown shrubs and beds could be removed. He advised at this meeting that the saplings had not yet been removed. The Highways Area Manager agreed to look into this.
- A representative from the Ilex Conservation Group advised the Committee that HGVs making deliveries in front of the Mulberry Shops in Goring could potentially lead to an accident and damage on the highway and pavements. The Highways Manager explained that any changes, such as a one way system, would require a traffic regulation order application. The member for Goring agreed to take this forward with residents. Members of the Committee advised residents that if they witnessed poor driving, they could report it to Operation Crackdown.
- The Committee explained that the Council or police could only stop commercial vehicles or caravans parking on side streets if people were living or sleeping overnight in them.
- The Highways Area Manager explained the process and timescales for traffic regulation orders once approved.

### **Community Initiative Funding**

60. The Committee considered a report on Community Initiative Funding by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes).

61. Members requested that, if applications were to be considered by more than one CLC, that in future the application be amended to represent the specific CLC that was considering the award.

62. Resolved: -

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(a) The following awards were made:

**1063/W** - Life Centre, £1,432.00, towards providing remote access server, installation costs, and 3 Lenovo computers.

**1093/W** - Offington Counselling Service, £1,504.25, towards furniture, sound proofing and equipment.

**1094/W** - Worthing Churches Homeless Project, £1,375.00, for the Hire of Collonade House studio space and banners for Worthing Pier

### **Nominations of Authority School Governors**

63. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the signed minutes). The report included a list of the current vacancies for Local Authority Governors in the CLC area.

64. Resolved –That the Committee approves the following nominations under the 2012 Regulations: -

(1) Appointments:

- Mr D Robertson to Heene CE First School for a four year term.
- Mr D Rogers to Goring CEP School for a four year term.

(2) Re-appointment:

- Mr G Tovey to Elm Grove Primary School for a four year term.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

65. The next meeting of the Committee would take place on 8 March 2017 in a venue to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

**Chairman**