

Unconfirmed minutes – to be confirmed at the next meeting of the West Crawley County Local Committee.

Agenda Item No. 4

West Crawley County Local Committee

02 March 2016 – At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00pm, in the Longley Exhibition Room, Crawley Library, Crawley.

Present: Mr Oxlade (Chairman & Member for Bewbush and Ifield West), Mr Jones (Member for Southgate and Crawley Central), Mrs Mullins (Member for Gossops Green and Ifield East), Mr Quinn (Member for Broadfield) and Mrs Smith (Member for Langley Green and West Green)

In attendance: Paul Matthews (Democratic Services Officer), Brian Lambarth (Area Highways Manager)

Welcome and Introductions

47. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Members and Officers to introduced themselves.

Declaration of Interests

48. No interests were declared.

Minutes

49. Mrs Brenda Smith requested that her name be added to the list of Members in attendance.

50. Resolved- that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record and that they be signed be the Chairman.

Urgent Matters

50. No urgent matters.

Progress Statement

51. The Committee received and noted a progress report on matters relating to West Crawley (copy appended to the minutes).

52. Mr Brian Lambarth updated the Committee on the following issues:

- That Asda had agreed to create an extra exit at Ifield Road. *Mrs Brenda Smith expressed that this was not an ideal solution and undertook to raise the matter directly with site engineer and Asda Manager.*
- That the Broadfield East Junior School Crossing Guard post remains unfilled despite West Sussex County Council actively advertising the vacancy.
- That the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport had responded to the Committee's letter regarding Cheals roundabout and that the Committee would be consulted about phase 2 developments. *Members raised concerns over cyclists' safety and agreed that Members should undertake a site visit.*

Traffic Regulation Order Update

53. The Committee received a Report from the Director of Highways and Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes). Mr Brian Lambarth introduced the report explaining that:

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- that the Traffic Regulations Orders prioritised in 2014 pending further investigation had now been assessed and as a result the proposal to combat speeding at West Green (Church Road) had been rejected; and
- the new system of submitting Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) requests will go live shortly, at which point all new requests could be submitted on-line and provided the local Member supports the proposed it could then go forward for assessment. It would then be down to the Committee to select the two successful TROs they wished to prioritise.

54. Members considered the new process and questioned if an annual allocation of 2 TRO's for the whole of West Crawley was sufficient. This was echoed by a representative from Crawley Borough Council who indicated that there were 6 possible schemes in Ifield alone. The Chairman confirmed that there may be opportunities to bundle together prospective TRO's.

55. It was agreed that Crawley Facebook page and the County "Connections" magazine could be used to advertise the new TRO process and arrangements.

Community Initiative Funding (CIF)

56. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy (copy appended to the signed minutes) that detailed applications for Community Initiative Funding.

57. Resolved that:

The following applications were approved: -

820/WC- West Sussex and Surrey Angling Academy, £2,300.00, to purchase tools, timber and fishing kits;

869/WC- Crawley Campaign Against Racism, £2,200.00, towards the costs associated with the Groups 40th anniversary event;

885/WC- Broadfield Youth and Community Centre, £1,525.18, towards the cost of a new commercial dishwasher;

887/WC- Rape Crisis Surrey and Sussex, £3,000.00, towards running Sexual Violence Awareness training, FGM work and the VAWG Forum;

889/WC- Crawley Museum Society, £2,000.00, to purchase chairs and tables for the Education Room;

892/WC- Eastern Stream, £500.00, towards publicity, gazebo hire, sound system for Crawley events;

900/WC- Wordfest Crawley, £2,000.00, to provide artist expenses, programme flyers and workshop materials for Wordfest Crawley;

927/WC- Crawley Festival, £3,000.00, towards artist costs, art workshops and stage facilities for Crawley Festival.

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Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

58. The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Care, Wellbeing and Education (copy attached to the minutes).

59. Resolved that the Committee approves the following nomination under the 2012 Regulations: -

Re-appointment:

- Mr M Sudan to Langley Green Primary School for a four year term.

'Talk With Us' – Open Forum

60. A representative from Crawley Borough Council reported that they have been in contact with Highways England regarding a crossover in Tangmere Road, Ifield and had been told they cannot grant the request because of a layby. The representative queried this decision with the Committee. *Mr Brian Lambarth explained the current practice is not to allow crossovers into layby areas, whilst providing a private access within a lay-by would take a vehicle off the road, it also permanently extinguishes a public parking space.*

Date of Next Meeting

61. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 15 June 2016 in Longley Exhibition Room of Crawley Library, at that the proposed housing development at Pease Pottage would be substantive agenda item.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman