

Agenda Item 4
Unconfirmed minutes

Joint Downland Area Committee

14 March 2016– At a meeting of the Committee held at 7.00 p.m. at Eastergate Parish Hall.

Present:

West Sussex County Council: Mr Peters, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Urquhart and Mr Whittington

Arun District Council: Councillors: Mr Charles, Mr Dingemans and Mr Haymes.

Town/Parish Council representatives: Councillors: Mr M Beaton (Aldingbourne), Mrs A Harriott (Arundel), Mr Tomkins (Clapham) Mr Humphris (Clymping), Mr Allington (Eastergate), Mr Hulmes (Lyminster & Crossbush), Mrs Wallsgrove (Walberton), Mr Brown (Warningcamp) and Mr Pickthall (Yapton)

Officers: Karl Roberts, Director (ADC), Monique Smart, Democratic Services Officer (WSCC) and Ben Whiffin, Area Highways Manager (WSCC).

Chairman's Welcome

88. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

89. Apologies had been received from Councillors: Mr Bicknell, Mr Wensley, Mrs Francis, Mr Philips, Mr Goldsworthy, Mr Crabb and Mrs Brimblecombe.

Declarations of Interest

90. The following personal interests were declared:

- Cllr Mrs Sue Wallsgrove declared a personal interest in agenda Item 9 application number 929 as a Member of Walberton Parish Council.

Minutes

91. Resolved – that the minutes of the Joint Downland Area Committee (JDAC) held on 14 December 2015 are confirmed as a correct record and are signed by the Chairman.

Talk with us – public question time

92. The Chairman invited questions from members of the public. Questions were asked to which responses were given, including those set out below:

- Mr and Mrs Gaylor from Hammerpot reported that in October 2015 Highways England (HE) had funded the excavation of the ditch to the south of the A27 and the water does now appear to get away more quickly. HE are now looking at designs for greater capacity to drain under the A27.
- Mr Butler from Yapton raised concern about speeding on Church Road and Church Lane in Yapton. It was confirmed that Mrs Joan Phillips, as the local

County Councillor for the area, was discussing options with officers at West Sussex County Council.

- Councillor Mr Michael Pickthall welcomed the opening of the new Felpham Relief Road but raised concern about the increase in traffic along the A259 especially around Comet Corner. It was suggested that Mr Pickthall discuss this outside the meeting with his local County Councillor as most of that area was outside of the JDAC and covered by the Joint Western Arun Area Committee (JWAAC).

Community Policing Update

93. The Chairman welcomed Inspector Marc Clothier who provided an update on current issues in the JDAC area. A number of issues were discussed including those set out below:

- Inspector Clothier confirmed that there was no evidence of a pattern in regard to crime increases and reassured Members that it is reviewed on a daily basis and the figures are still low and Arun is a safe place to live. He confirmed that resources are deployed to deal with specific areas of concern.
- The consultation with PCSOs about their future role was underway. This will see a reduction in the overall number of PCSOs as well as upskilling the role. The total numbers would not be known until the consultation was concluded.
- A letter had been sent to all Parish Councils with an update on the Policing Plan.
- It was hoped that an update on Community Wardens would be provided for the next meeting.

Area Action Plan

94. The Chairman referred Members to the Area Action Plan previously circulated. It was noted that the main update was in relation to Broadband and that the previously circulated paper included details of a subsidised satellite connection scheme for residents who can not access broadband at a minimum speed. Mr Dingemans referred to a recent press article about BT being reluctant to let other service providers access boxes. It was suggested Mr Dingemans raise this concern directly with BT or via his MP.

95. In relation to flooding and drainage, Members referred to the seminar that had taken place immediately prior to JDAC. They thanked the representatives from West Sussex County Council, Arun District Council, the Environment Agency and Southern Water for attending the seminar. It was agreed that:

- JDAC should receive regular updates from all agencies on the progress of actions on the Lidsey Surface Water Management Plan and other plans such as the Aldingbourne Rife study.
- JDAC should encourage all agencies to prepare and agree a joint statement on relevant matters.

96. The Chairman rasied the issue of Section 106 developer funding and how the District Council allocate such funding. It was agreed that a paper outlining the process would be provided by Karl Roberts for a future meeting.

97. The Committee noted the Area Action Plan.

Traffic Regulation Order Update

98. The Committee consider an information report by the Director of Highways and Transport and Head of Highways Operations, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes). Ben Whiffin introduced the report and explained the new process for community led TROs as detailed in the report. Mr Whiffin also referred the Committee to the progress on current live TROs and the outcome of assessments from the 2014 'Appendix B' requests. It was also explained that although JDAC would only have 1 TRO per year there was the opportunity for another 14 of the highest scoring TROs from across West Sussex to progress.

99. Clarification was sought about who could apply for a TRO. Mr Whiffin confirmed that any member of the public or indeed a Parish Council could apply but it was essential that they seek the support of the local County Councillor as well as evidence of wider community support before submitting a request.

100. The Committee noted the report.

Community Initiative Funding

101. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law, Assurance and Strategy, West Sussex County Council (copy appended to the signed minutes), which sought a decision from the County Council Members of the Committee on the applications received under the Community Initiative Funding (CIF) scheme. The Committee debated the respective merits of the projects for which funding was sought.

102. The County Councillors on the Committee resolved that Community Initiative Funding be allocated as follows:

The following applications were approved:-

845/JDAC – Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester, £584.00, to commission a volunteering video.

878/JDAC – Village Friends Barnham, £425.00, to purchase advertising banners to promote the group to both volunteers and clients and provide a summer lunch for 30 local residents.

879/JDAC – Binsted Arts, £539.00, towards the cost of printing and materials for the Binsted Arts Weekend.

913/JDAC – Sussex Community Rail Partnership, £908.00, towards publicity for the Goring, Angmering and Ford stations 170th Anniversary Celebrations and a vintage routemaster bus for signal box tours from Ford Station.

920/JDAC – Clapham and Patching Village Hall, £425.00, to provide Wireless Internet Access in the Village Hall.

925/JDAC – Findon Village Community Website, £675.00, to cover website design and hosting provider costs for a Findon Village Community Website.

929/JDAC – Walberton Task Force, £720.00, to provide fruit trees and building materials to create a Community Orchard in Walberton Village Green.

950/JDAC – St John the Baptist CofE Primary School PTA, £800.00, towards children's entertainment costs for Findon Village Summer Revels 2016.

103. It was agreed that the unspent allocation from 2015/16 be rolled forward to 2016/17. Members encouraged local community groups to apply in time for the next meeting in July.

Nominations to School and Academy Governing Bodies

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

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

Reappointment of Mrs P Davey to Yapton CE Primary School for a four year term
Appointment of Mrs J Smith to Clapham & Patching CE Primary School for a four year term

Items to be raised by Town and Parish Council representatives.

106. The Chairman invited questions from Town and Parish representatives on the Committee. The following issues were discussed:

- Councillor Mr Humphris raised concern about the growing number of HGVs using the village roads in Clymping, Ford and Walberton. It was asked if any survey or monitoring could be undertaken to ensure the HGVs are complying with routing agreements. Mr Whiffin explained that vehicles do have monitoring equipment that is analysed to ensure they are complying but the difficulty occurs when 3rd party HGVs are used. Ben Whiffin agreed to discuss this further with County Councillors and look into any possible options for review.

Items for Future Meetings

107. The following items were agreed for consideration at future meetings:

- Update on Cycling and Cycling Strategy – September 2016

- A27 (public consultation is expected in spring/summer 2016 for Chichester and Spring 2017 for Arundel))
- Hydro Carbon Licence (when government legislation is published)
- Section 106 process (District Council allocations) – September 2016

Date of Next Meeting

108. The Chairman confirmed that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Monday 4 July at the White Swan Hotel, Arundel.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm