

**HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE
7 JANUARY 1999**

Present: Councillors Mrs Ballin (Chairman), Adams, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Doyle, Harrison, Ryan, Veakins, Wade and Worrall

Parish & Town Council Representatives:

Bracknell: Councillor Mrs Bayle
Crowthorne: Councillor Mrs Pierce-Jones
Sandhurst: Councillor Nicholson
Warfield: Councillor Mrs Brown
Winkfield: Councillor Young

Also Present: Councillors Birch, Good and North

Apologies for Absence were received from:
Councillor Finnie and J Willis (Binfield Parish Council)

32. Substitute Members

The Sub-Committee noted the attendance of the following substitute Member under Standing Order 38:

Councillor Worrall for Councillor Finnie

33. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 17 September 1998 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. Petition - Traffic Calming Measures, Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst (Item 1)

The Sub-Committee considered a report relating to a petition seeking speed reduction measures along Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst. The Highways Sub-Committee had already agreed to proceed with the introduction of traffic management measures on Crowthorne Road, Sandhurst at its meeting on the 11 June 1998.

Mr K McManus addressed the Committee on behalf of the petitioners.

On noting that the traffic calming measures already approved were expected to be in place by March 1999, the Sub Committee agreed to take no further action at this stage, but seek a further report on the impact of the measures after the first twelve months in place. In addition it was agreed that the officers would draw the residents' concerns about speeding to the attention of the police.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the petition be noted;
- 2 That no further action be taken at present in view of the existing resolution to proceed with the current measures; and,
- 3 That the current measures be monitored after implementation and an interim report on their effects presented to the Sub-Committee following the first twelve months in place.

35. Waterloo Road, Crowthorne - Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme (Item 2)

The Committee considered a report on the issues raised by responses to the advertisement and public consultation exercise in relation to a proposal for a series of speed cushions to be placed in Waterloo Road and part of Church Street, Crowthorne.

The officers answered a number of questions regarding the scheme, the key points emerging being:

- That some road marking in the vicinity of the church might be appropriate to discourage parking adjacent to the cushions; and
- That the number of cushions was intended to ensure that the proposed reduction in speed to 30 mph was achieved, but it was possible this could be achieved with less than twelve pairs of cushions.

In view of the foregoing, it was agreed to support the scheme, subject to the Director of Planning & Transportation reviewing and finalising the final design in consultation with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and local members.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That no local inquiry be held;
- 2 That the proposed scheme consisting of pairs of speed cushions and associated signage be implemented, subject to the Director of Planning & Transportation determining the final design in consultation with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and the local Members; and,
- 3 That objectors to the notice be notified accordingly.

36. Market Street, Bracknell - Improvement Scheme (Item 3)

The Sub-Committee considered a report on a scheme which had been drawn up to improve the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic using Market Street by providing two zebra crossings, features to slow vehicle speed and revised/additional limited waiting parking.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the measures detailed in this report be approved;
- 2 That the use of the Minor Works Contractor be approved;
- 3 That the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders be advertised with any objections being brought back to a future meeting; and,
- 4 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to seal the Orders for which no sustained objections are made.

37. Objections Received to Advertised Traffic Regulation Orders (Item 4)

The Sub-Committee considered a report on objections which had been received to the advertised draft Traffic Regulation Orders for the following proposals:

- A321 Wokingham Road
- Ringmead/A3095 Crowthorne Road - Right Hand Turn
- Various roads in Warfield – Proposed 30 and 40 mph speed limits
- London Road Service Road – Prohibition of driving

The Sub Committee received supplementary information relating to representations made in respect of the four schemes since the agenda had been published, noting that these had been received prior to the deadline for objections.

With regard to the speed restriction along the A321 Wokingham Road, the Sub Committee agreed that the maximum speed should be limited to 40 mph along the entire length of road in question, as advertised.

With regard to the proposed right hand turn at Ringmead/A3095 Crowthorne Road, the Sub Committee was advised that given the number of objections, the officers could not recommend acceptance of the proposal without first referring the matter to a public inquiry. In response to concerns raised by some Members that the process had only invited objections rather than support for the scheme, the Sub-Committee was advised that the statutory procedure only required objections to be sought. In view of this, the Sub-Committee agreed that it would not be appropriate to proceed with the proposed order given the representations received opposing it. However, in view of the failure to identify the level of support through the statutory procedure, it was agreed that a further detailed consultation should be undertaken with the residents to determine both support and opposition to the proposal. In reaching this decision, it was recognised that following this consultation, a decision would need to be made on whether to draft a new order and that, given the known level of opposition, a public inquiry would be necessary before the scheme could be implemented.

With regard to the objection from the police to the speed restrictions in Warfield, it was noted that further discussions had led officers to believe that this objection was likely to be withdrawn. Given the local support for the measures, the Sub Committee considered that the police objection should be overruled and the order approved, whether or not the objection was withdrawn.

With regard to the objection from Binfield Parish Council to the prohibition of driving along the London Road service road, the officers reported that this too was likely to be withdrawn. It was agreed that this too should be overruled and the order approved.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That, in respect of the draft traffic regulation order in relation to the A321 Wokingham Road - 40 mph Speed Limit:
 - (a) No public inquiry be held;
 - (b) The Order, as published, be implemented; and
 - (c) The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly;

- 2 That, in respect of the draft traffic regulation order in relation to the Ringmead/A3095 Crowthorne Road - Right Hand Turn:
 - (a) No public inquiry be held;
 - (b) The proposed relaxation in the ban on right hand turn movements from Ringmead onto Crowthorne Road be not proceeded with at this stage;
 - (c) The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly; and,
 - (d) Further detailed consultation be undertaken with the residents of Great Hollands and Hanworth most likely to be affected by the proposal, to assess the extent of support and opposition to the proposal.

- 3 That, in respect of the draft traffic regulation order in relation to the various roads in Warfield – Proposed 30 and 40 mph speed limits:
 - (a) No public inquiry be held;
 - (b) The proposed Order be implemented; and,
 - (c) The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly.

- 4 That, in respect of the draft traffic regulation order in relation to the London Road Service Road – Prohibition of Driving:

- (a) No public inquiry be held;
- (b) The proposed Order be implemented; and,
- (c) The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly.

38. Shepherds Lane and Folders Lane - Traffic Calming Scheme (Item 5)

The Sub-Committee considered a report on the responses received to the advertisement and public consultation exercise in relation to proposals for the installation of speed cushions on Shepherds Lane and Folders Lane, Bracknell.

Details of further representations received were circulated to the Sub Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That no local inquiry be held.
- 2 That the proposed traffic calming scheme be implemented.
- 3 That approval be given for the use of the Minor Works Contractor.

39. Proposed Public Footpath Diversions (Item 6)

The Sub-Committee considered a report in relation to proposals for three public footpath diversions, affecting Public Footpaths 1 and 13a Sandhurst and 15 Binfield.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make a Diversion Order for Public Footpath 1 Sandhurst as set out in Annex A of the report.
- 2 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make a Diversion Order for Public Footpath 13a Sandhurst as set out in Annex B of the report.
- 3 That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make a Diversion Order for Public Footpath 15 Binfield as set out in Annex C of the report.
- 4 That, if no objections are received to the above Orders, or any such objections are withdrawn, the Orders be confirmed.

40. **Footway/Cycletrack Schemes (Item 7)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on proposals to implement a number of footway/cycleway schemes throughout Bracknell.

In response to concerns expressed about the possible conflict between cyclists and traffic along Devonshire Way, it was agreed that the officers would liaise with the local Member during the design stage in an effort to minimise the risks.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That, in respect of the length of footway at Ringmead indicated on Appendix 1:
 - (a) the proposed footway/cycletrack be approved;
 - (b) the existing footway be removed under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980; and,
 - (c) a cycletrack be constructed under Section 65 of the Highways Act 1980 to include the right of way on foot.

- 2 That, in respect of the length of footway at Downshire Way indicated on Appendix 2
 - (a) the proposed footway/cycletrack be approved;
 - (b) the existing footway be removed under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980; and,
 - (c) a cycletrack be constructed under Section 65 of the Highways Act 1980 to include the right of way on foot.

- 3 That, in respect of the length of footway at Western Road and Rounds Hill indicated on Appendix 3:
 - (a) the proposed footway/cycletrack be approved;
 - (b) the existing footway be removed under Section 66 of the Highways Act 1980; and,
 - (c) a cycletrack be constructed under Section 65 of the Highways Act 1980 to include the right of way on foot.

- 4 That the use of the Minor Works Contractor for the proposed Footway/Cycletrack schemes be approved.

41. **Items Submitted for Information**

The Sub-Committee noted the following items that had been submitted for information:

- (a) Bracknell Northern Distributor Road – Opening (Item 8)
- (b) Tour of Traffic Calming Sites (Item 9)
- (c) Highways Works – Progress Report (Item 10)

Arising on item (b), the Sub Committee agreed that the “Tour of Traffic calming sites ” should be held on the morning of Saturday 13 March 1999.

A supplementary report was circulated in relation to item (c) detailing progress on the North Bracknell traffic and road safety study.

42. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of Item 11 which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of that Act.

- (7) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a person (other than the Authority) (Item 11)

43. **Civil Engineering Term Contractors (Item 11)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report seeking authority to invite tenders for a new term contract for Minor (Civil Engineering) works to commence from 1 April 1999.

The officers answered a number of questions regarding the way in which the list had been drawn up.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That Standing Order 66 be waived in respect of the proposed contract for Minor Civil Engineering Works and tenders therefore be invited from the contractors listed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- 2 That Standing Order 68 be waived in relation to the compilation of an Approved List of Contractors for civil engineering and related work and that the Sub-Committee adopt the “Standing Lists of Contractors for Works in the Royal County of Berkshire 1998 to 2001” as approved lists; and,

- 3 That for the purpose of awarding future contracts for civil engineering and related work, the Approved List adopted pursuant to 2 above, be treated as though it had been compiled in accordance with Standing order 68.

The meeting commenced at 7:30pm
and concluded at 9:35pm

CHAIRMAN