

ST. HELIER, THE WRYTHE AND WANDLE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE

11 July 2019 at 7.00 pm

MEMBERS: Councillor Annie Moral (Chair), Councillor Ben Andrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Crossby, Vincent Galligan, Martin Gonzalez, Colin Stears and Sam Weatherlake

ABSENT Councillor(s) Nali Patel and Hanna Zuchowska

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Annie Moral welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nali Patel and Hanna Zuchowska

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2019 be agreed as an accurate record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Residents at the meeting were invited to ask questions.

A local resident asked about air quality in relation to the contract with Viridor, how the ERF incinerator may affect air pollution and effects on the health of residents.

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Members referred to the improved technologies in incinerators, resulting in lower pollution levels than emitted by older incinerators, drawing attention to the need to dispose of rubbish and suggested that use of an ERF is a more environmentally friendly method than landfill.

Local residents expressed concerns about the fire at the ERF today, and if the Council has emergency arrangements in place if a more serious incident happened. Members reported they understood that no one had been hurt and that the matter was being followed up by the police.

Local residents gave examples of locations where verges and trees are overgrown due to inadequate maintenance by the contractors which caused issues for people using footpaths, and that reasons for fast growth being due to recent weather had been given in previous years. It was noted that service roads often do not belong to the Council and that the landowner should be approached if there are concerns at these locations. The Chair informed attendees that if the locations where there are concerns, which are on Council land, were provided to the ward Councillors they would provide an answer for residents.

6. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

PC Mark Harper and Sergeant Dan Ellen provided the presentation.

The Officers explained that St Helier has been allocated as a priority ward and police are working to reduce anti social behaviour, including the use of section 35, reporting that the team are now at full strength.

The Police Officers confirmed that face to face ward panel meetings would take place again in the future. A further ward walkabout has been arranged which will take place at the David Weir Leisure Centre in September which would be better advertised than the recent event.

In discussion the officers explained what they are able to do to reduce speeding in roads in the area and that residents should inform the police if they are aware of the locations of particular concern.

7. PARKING STRATEGY UPDATE

The presentation was provided by Mark Johnson, Parking Programme Manager and Ian Price, Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning, Highways & Transport.

The programme in this area has now reached the formal stage, the Traffic Management Order, which would be open for consultation and comment for 21 days from 4 July - 25 July 2019.

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In discussion the Parking Programme Manager explained that letters had been sent to all residents in geographical area 1, public events arranged, social media and website information provided so that information has been available to residents who do not have access to the internet and those who prefer to use online methods of communication. Any resident who would like to speak to The Parking Programme Manager can do so by visiting the Council's Denmark Road offices (it is better if they make an appointment prior to coming to the office). Residents are also able to contact the Parking programme manager by email - Parkingconsultation@sutton.gov.uk.

It was noted that if a parking schemes was approved in any area all residents in the area affected would be written to, to provide information and explain the process for obtaining permits.

Residents asked questions and the Parking Programme Manager provided information about issues including: arrangement for parking for visitors in areas where there were CPZ or PPAs, the issue of parking by hospital staff and college students in residential areas, carers parking, parking across dropped kerbs, displacement parking if nearby roads become permit roads, using short term (1 or 2 hour) restrictions, pricing for permits including emission based charges for permits, disabled bays within permit areas, areas of pavement and road parking.

Issues were raised that those with older cars which often have higher emissions are the least able to afford permits and that permits would be priced in bands by emission level.

The Parking Programme Manager reminded attendees there were 12 days remaining for people to complete the consultation.

8. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SCHEMES 2020/21

Hitesh Wadher, Senior Engineer presented the report.

The Senior Highways Engineer explained that all schemes would follow the usual consultation processes which would include residents.

A resident expressed concern that the scheme at Goat Road had taken so long to reach this stage, acknowledging the issues as the junction was on a boundary between Sutton and Merton.

RESOLVED:

that the proposed schemes, listed in the table in paragraph 4.7 of the report, be included in the submission to TfL in November 2019 for the 2020/21 programme be agreed.

9. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GRANTS

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report.

There were no further questions.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

Claire Smith, Locality Lead Officer presented the report.

A resident agreed to email the Senior Highways Engineer explaining concerns about the Hackbridge Station junction.

11. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting ended at 9.34 pm

Chair:

Date: