

**St. Helier, The Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee
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MEMBERS: Councillor Hanna Zuchowska (Chair), Councillor Colin Stears (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Margaret Court, Martin Gonzalez and Jason Reynolds

ABSENT Councillor(s) Jean Crossby, Doug Hunt, Callum Morton and Nali Patel

15. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed those present to the committee meeting.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Nali Patel, Callum Morton, Doug Hunt, and Jean Crossby.

Apologies were also received from Niall Bolger (Chief Executive) and Tom Alexander (Head of Strategic Business) attended in his absence.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

19. UPDATE FROM THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Sergeant Lee Burgess attended to provide an update to the committee. The key points from the update were:

- St Helier - security at St Helier hospital have agreed to wear body-worn video cameras
- One of St Helier's major drug dealers had been arrested and would be prosecuted for possession with intent to supply, and will be evicted from his home.
- Anti-social behaviour in Rosehill down by 88% due to work done with businesses.
- Sri Lankan engagement officer has joined to work with the community in that area.
- The Wrythe - arrest for supply of drugs, will be evicted from housing association
- The Wandle - 17% crime increase this year, but down by 11% in recent 3 months.
- One Met Model - a new scheme which will be implemented, there had been discussions over Sutton joining up with Croydon, then joining with Bromley. This would not have an effect on officers in Sutton for day-to-day calls, and there were now two dedicated ward officers per ward.

Residents and Councillors asked questions regarding vehicle break-ins and the types of crime that had increased, and it was confirmed that theft of and from motor vehicles had increased and that it was related to drug crimes so there was a focus on tackling drug dealers in the borough. The Chair asked whether the dedicated ward officers would be

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based in the David Weir Centre and whether residents could still contact them following the loss of the Safer Neighbourhood Hub. Sergeant Lee Burgess confirmed that they were based at the David Weir Centre and the officer would be fully contactable with new mobile phones.

20. UPDATE ON NEW WASTE & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

Mark Dalzell (Head of Neighbourhood Services) and Andrew Chandler (Neighbourhood Manager) gave a presentation on the work of Neighbourhood Services (parks, streets and waste) within the local committee area.

Residents took the opportunity to ask questions regarding fines for fly-tipping, missed waste collections at Millside, compensation for missed Garden Waste collections, and blocked gullies in Carshalton, particularly near the BP petrol garage next to Wrythe Green.

21. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Judith Smith (Horizon Church) showed a video on a new youth project and other services that Horizon Church deliver to the community such as evenings for senior citizens, and support groups for parents. She appealed to the committee for assistance in renewing the lease on the site, which had only 19 years remaining.

Councillor Hanna Zuchowska confirmed that she would be keen to support the church in any discussions regarding the future of the site. Councillor Stears commented that flexibility for development on the site could allow for more space and better facilities.

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

Claire Smith (Locality Lead Officer) presented a report on the progress of recommendations from previous meetings of the committee. Hitesh Wadher (Senior Professional Engineer) gave a verbal update on the petition submitted by Carshalton Boys for a crossing at the junction of Green Wrythe Lane and Waltham Road. An initial design for the crossing had been developed and Highways staff had met with the school several times, the next step was to consult local residents. The committee confirmed that they supported progression on the scheme based on engagement with local residents.

23. PARKING STRATEGY

Mehmet Mazhar gave an update on phase two of the Parking Strategy in the local committee area, for which they were consulting with residents on the identified issues via engagement sessions. He commented that they had reached hundreds of residents but sought to gain a better picture of the situation for the 40,000-50,000 residents that the strategy would affect. He emphasised that they wished to establish the level of support for the issues raised before moving forward, and that they were only in the first (informal) stage of consultation.

Councillor Margaret Court asked whether time-limited parking could be re-introduced in St Helier around the Middleton Road roundabout. Mehmet Mazhar agreed that he would investigate the plans from several years before for inclusion in the consultation. Following a question from Councillor Stears, Mehmet Mazhar confirmed that the amount of actual parking spaces would be likely to be reduced under controlled parking and agreed that they would be sharing information in the form of "Frequently Asked Questions" so that residents can assess the pros and cons of the schemes.

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24. HIGHWAYS UPDATES

Hitesh Wadher gave a verbal update on highways projects and the Local Implementation Plan proposals for the year:

1. Crossing facility on Denmark Road outside Victor Seymour school, looking to progress to consultation
2. Wrythe Lane, stretch between Wellbeck Road and Muschamp Road - accident reduction scheme as there have been 12 accidents in a three year period - looking at junction treatments and speed reduction measures
3. Rosehill - between Rosehill Park West and Waverly Road - 13 accidents in 3 year period

25. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

Claire Smith (Locality Lead Officer) delivered an update on the Public Realm budget and presented on the Neighbourhood Grants funded since the last meeting. She highlighted schemes to install a new skate ramp in Royston Park and two new Floor Planters on Wrythe Lane. Following a question from a resident, she confirmed that there was a scheme being considered to improve engagement with young people in the area.

Hitesh Wadher will updated the committee that the scheme to extend the one way system on the junction Rosehill Avenue had been drawn up and was going to be consulted on with Transport for London.

Councillor Stears asked whether Christmas Lights were going to be extended up Green Wrythe Lane instead of going across Wrythe Green. Claire Smith confirmed that this would be the case for the Christmas lights this year.

Claire Smith informed the committee that three Neighbourhood Grants had been agreed recently for The Men of The Wrythe Events, Black History Group, and Phoenix Explorer Scout Group. She added that there was £531.64 remaining in the budget and encouraged community groups to apply for a grant.

26. MEN OF THE WRYTHE WAR MEMORIAL EVENT

Claire Smith gave a presentation to update the committee on the War Memorial unveiling, and photos from the day which was well-attended by over 400 members of the community. The day had included poetry readings, wreath-laying, stalls, a play written by the community, and a re-enactment of the world war one football match. She thanked the groups that had been involved in the project and the event on the day of the unveiling.

Councillor Zuchowska thanked Claire Smith for all of her work on the project.

27. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Residents at the meeting were invited to ask questions, and those who had submitted and received a response to a question outside of the meeting (published as a supplement to the agenda) were invited to ask a supplementary question.

Andrew Behan: The sign on Whitland Road was installed but not yet illuminated, and there had not been progress on installing yellow lines on Wrythe Lane and Bishopsford Road. He asked how many jobs were outstanding with the contractors in the borough and if they cannot complete the schemes in time, should the work be contracted to somebody else?

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Claire Smith responded that the team have to wait for enough work to do, then complete it in batches, she confirmed that she would request that someone in parking contact him to discuss the additional problem areas.

Nikki Sutton: What framework will be put in place to prevent residents going into fuel poverty following the agreement of a contract for 25 years with Barratt Homes where heating networks are unregulated?

Councillor Zuchowska confirmed that she would investigate further in order to inform a more detailed conversation.

Ken Fish:

1. The new houses built on Green Wrythe Lane between Muschamp Road and Buckhurst Road - a number of cars parked in the road just beyond the bus stop at the foot of Muschamp Road which causes a blockage for buses and cars, could they park on the pavement?

Mehmet Mazhar responded that they would like to allow enough footspace for pedestrians and Councillor Stears added that it was investigated and there would not have been enough space for the combined cycle and pedestrian lane.

2. Development on Fellowes Road where the youth club used to be, will it be housing? Will there be enough parking?

Councillor Stears responded that the authority were aware of the Fellowes Road issue, which involves Rushey Meadow school as well and that the development is for council houses that will have parking spaces so there was a need to set a balance between controlling parking and road safety when it comes to the displacement of those cars that would be parked there. He raised concern about the safety of children at the school if the cars were pushed there and Councillor Zuchowska added that this was the reason that the authority were looking at the parking strategy as a whole borough.

David Tchilingirian: Are there any updates on the broken fence which people on motocross bikers are using to access private land in Hackbridge?

Councillor Zuchowska responded that unfortunately when the fence is fixed it gets broken again and it belongs to the owners of the private property and that she would be happy to petition the landowners for a fence made of better materials and campaign for that.

Following this, residents discussed whether Environmental Health could assist, and raised the option of installing CCTV. Councillor Zuchowska confirmed that CCTV had been looked into however was not a reliable option in this instance. David from the Riverside Centre added that the police have a monthly "problem-solving" meeting in the borough, and suggested that Councillor and residents work towards getting the issue on their agenda.

Nikki Sutton: In light of the accident on Exhibition Road near the Natural History Museum, are there any updates or shift in views on shared space within Hackbridge/the crossing at the junction in Hackbridge?

Councillor Zuchowska responded that the police review had not yet been completed, and that each scheme would be considered on its own merit with the safety of residents as a priority. Mehmet Mazhar added that Local Highway Authorities have to follow guidance, so if the recent incident by the Natural History Museum resulted in a change in guidance then they would respond accordingly to that, however there was nothing that could be done until then.

28. ANY URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business brought forward.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and venue of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 8.46 pm

Chair:

Date:

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