



## Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 3 March 2016

**Present:** Frank Renton (FR) (Chairman), David Cooper (DC) (Treasurer), Martin Bone (MB) (Assistant Secretary), Terry Lynch (TL) (Planning Officer) (Exec Committee), Barry Fairbank (BF), Shweta Kapadia (SK) (Elmbridge Borough Councillors), David Helsen (DH), Paul Bartlett (PB), Samantha Fry (SF) (Road Representatives), Graham Marr (GM), Alexandra Aebischer (AA), Mary Dennis (MD), Tim Stedman (TS), Delphine McGovern (DM) (Residents).

**Apologies:** Mark Herbert (MH) (Vice Chairman), Janet Evans (JE) (Secretary), Neil Houston (NH) (Elmbridge Borough Councillor), Peter Hickman (PH) (Surrey County Councillor), Malcolm Clements (MC), Erica Farmer (EF), Richard White (RW) (Road Representative)

### 1. Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on Thursday 4 February 2016 were agreed without amendment.

### 2. Current Issues

- a. School safety measures (Ditton Hill Road and Sugden Road) & Ewell Road/Rushett Road junction. BF reported that the SCC and EBC councillors had attended another meeting with the SCC Highways Officer who had agreed to look again at the proposals taking into account issues raised at the last LDRA meeting and he would produce an alternative plan ("Plan C") for consultation. **Action PH/SK/BF/NH**
- b. Traffic calming on Portsmouth Road. There was some dismay expressed at the size of the new kerbed cycle lane being installed on the river side of the Portsmouth Road within the Kingston area. Traffic congestion was already being seen and problems were anticipated for people wanting to join and leave the Portsmouth Road. It is not clear how the cycle scheme will affect Long Ditton and in turn how that will affect the crossing proposal. **Action PH**
- c. Ditton Hill banking. GM said that he thought work had started on the banking but it turned out to only be investigatory activity. The main work had apparently been delayed by two months. He had emailed Amanda Richards at SCC to express his displeasure at this delay.
- d. LDRA website. Work on tidying up the website was ongoing. **Action MW**
- e. Parking in Effingham Road and Windmill Lane. BF said that he had chased SCC again about the issue of the missing yellow lines in Windmill Lane. SCC to conduct a review of parking in the Dittons in the summer to include the bus stop markings. **Action BF/PH**
- f. Ditton Hill Road to Rectory Lane alleyway. In the absence of PH there was no further news on the resurfacing work that was due to take place. **Action PH**
- g. Trees at the back of Long Ditton Infant School. SK said that the removal of trees at the back of the school was subject to funding and NH, who was looking into this, was hopeful that it could be found. **Action NH**
- h. Condition of pavements. AA said that the pavement between Winters Bridge and Ditton Reach was in bad condition. She had reported it and received a reply which she would forward to SK. Pound Close pavement repairs have still not been completed. **Action AA/PH**
- i. Bankside Drive – damage by contractors vehicles. TS, DM and SF spoke of the continuing extensive damage being caused by the contractors carrying out reroofing work on the Paragon owned houses in Bankside Drive. They circulated photographs showing how lorries had churned up the verges and gave details of unsatisfactory communications with Paragon. In the ensuing discussion BF outlined the action he had taken to try to help resolve the issues, including involving the Paragon CEO and project manager. It was suggested that residents prepare a brief note of the latest developments for BF and SK which, together with the photographs, they could use to try to progress matters further with Paragon. **Action BF/SK**
- j. Long Ditton Trust Fund. BF said that costings were still awaited for the list of possible projects put forward.
- k. Rectory Close petition on resurfacing. BF said he was not aware of any further developments regarding the residents petition calling for Rectory Close to be resurfaced but thought it would probably come up at the next Local Committee in a couple of weeks.

### 3. Planning Matters

- a. Mobile phone mast (2015/4360) SK said that the council had refused the third application for a mobile phone mast near the Holiday Inn.

- b. 28-34 Sugden Road (Ref No: 2015/4561). TL reported that he had put in an objection to this application for the construction of four detached houses at the rear of 28-34 Sugden Road on the grounds of very restricted access. He understood that there had been 15 objections and 2 letters of support. In discussion SK said that rejection on the grounds of bad access would be difficult unless SCC Highways also objected.
- c. Land at rear of 39 Lovelace Road (Ref No: 2015/4601). There was no further news on this application.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

DC reported little change in the financial position. He had received the bill for flowers from EBC and estimated the end year balance would be around £4,000.

#### **5. New Issues**

- a. Summerfield Road. TL noted that it was 6 years since he had first raised the issues with the condition of, and access along, Summerfield Road and now finally resurfacing was due to be completed within the next week.
- b. 14 Beechwood Grove (Ref: No: 2016/0243). SK reported that there were likely to be issues relating to a massive extension to 14 Beechwood Grove.
- c. Ditton Nurseries. SK said that there were new issues relating to Ditton Nurseries concerning the erection of a stable block and drive leading to it. They had also put up some new fencing along the bypass. It was agreed that TL would look into this with a view to writing on behalf of the LDRA. **Action TL**
- d. Graffiti on railway bridges. BF said that after much trying he had made some progress towards getting Network Rail to remove graffiti from the railway bridges. He had asked a question in full Council which had led to the Council writing to Network Rail requiring them to take action under related legislation.

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**Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 7 April 2016—8pm – British Legion, Betts Way**

**Spring Public Meeting: Thursday 19 May 2016 – 8pm – St Mary's School, Sugden Road**

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