

## Minutes

### PETITION HEARING - CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING

21 March 2012

Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,  
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p><b>Committee Members Present:</b> Councillors Keith Burrows</p> <p><b>LBH Officers Present:</b> David Knowles – Transport &amp; Projects Senior Manager John Fern – Senior Highways Inspection Manager Natasha Dogra – Democratic Services Officer</p> <p><b>Also Present:</b> Cllr Neil Fyfe, Cllr Allan Kauffman and Cllr David Benson.</p>	
16.	<p><b>TO CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC. (Agenda Item 1)</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that all items on the agenda were Part 1 and would therefore be considered in public.</p>	Action by
17.	<p><b>GREAT BENTY - PETITION REQUESTING THE REMOVAL OF GRASSED VERGES TO BE REPLACED WITH PARKING BAYS. (Agenda Item 3)</b></p> <p>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised by petitioners at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Residents could not reverse out of their driveways onto the busy road with ease due to the fast flowing traffic</li><li>▪ There had been a number of traffic incidents in Great Benty</li><li>▪ Vehicles had had their wing mirrors damaged due to the narrow width of the road</li><li>▪ Emergency vehicles could not travel down the road with ease due to the narrow width of the road</li><li>▪ Residents were concerned that one day an emergency vehicle would need to access the road but would not be able to due to the narrow width of road caused by cars parked on either side of the street</li><li>▪ Residents said parking was a problem throughout the day due to commuters leaving their vehicles there.</li></ul> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised stating that residents could register their driveways with the Council so any obstructions could be reported to the Council. Cllr Burrows clarified with residents that parking was a problem throughout the day. Cllr Burrows passed on a message from</p>	Action by

	<p>the Ward Councillor for West Drayton who sent his support for the petitioners.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member:</b></p> <p><b>1. Met and discussed with petitioners their request for removal of grass verges to be replaced with parking bays.</b></p> <p><b>2. Asked officers to carry out a parking stress survey in Great Benty and report back to the Cabinet Member before considering any further actions.</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b> To investigate in further detail the request of petitioners.</p> <p><b>Alternative options considered / Risk Management</b> None were identified from the discussion with the petitioners.</p>	<p><i>David Knowles Transport &amp; Projects Senior Manager</i></p>
<p>18.</p>	<p><b>CHARVILLE LANE AND GROSVENOR AVENUE: PETITION REQUESTING TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES</b> <i>(Agenda Item 4)</i></p> <p>A Ward Councillor attended in support of the petitioners.</p> <p>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised by petitioners at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The roads were no longer capable of dealing with an increasingly heavy flow of traffic along Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue</li> <li>▪ It was common to see cars overturned along the road due to the route being used as a rat run around the area</li> <li>▪ Radar guns were not being used by the SNT to catch drivers speeding along the roads.</li> </ul> <p>A Ward Councillor spoke and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SNT's should make good use of radar guns to catch drivers speeding.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised stating that SNT's were equipped with radar guns and Officers would be instructed to investigate whether they were being used effectively. Cllr Burrows said he had recently heard a petition sent by the children of a school on Charville Lane regarding the safety of the road. Since the hearing Cllr Burrows informed petitioners that funding had been allocated to improve the road safety of Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member:</b></p> <p><b>1. Met with the petitioners and considered their request for traffic calming measures on Charville Lane and Grosvenor Avenue.</b></p>	<p><b>Action by</b></p>

	<p><b>2. Noted the ongoing works to develop proposals for traffic calming measures in Charville Lane</b></p> <p><b>3. Asked officers to include this request on the Council’s Road Safety Programme for further investigation and the development of possible options</b></p> <p><b>4. Instructed officers to liaise with the Police and local Safer Neighbourhoods teams to investigate and if appropriate undertake some local enforcement</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b> The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.</p> <p><b>Alternative options considered / risk management</b> None were discussed with petitioners.</p>	<p><i>David Knowles Transport &amp; Projects Senior Manager</i></p>
<p>19.</p>	<p><b>LONG DRIVE - PETITION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES. (Agenda Item 5)</b></p> <p>A Ward Councillor attended in support of the petitioners.</p> <p>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised by petitioners at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The road was used by a number of children and families</li> <li>▪ There was an issue of speeding along the road with drivers using the route as a rat run</li> <li>▪ Most houses along the road had driveways but residents found it very difficult to reverse onto the busy road</li> <li>▪ The road was becoming increasingly dangerous and the road safety must be improved,</li> </ul> <p>A Ward Councillor spoke and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speed bumps along the road might help reduce the number of drivers speeding along the road</li> <li>▪ It was becoming increasingly dangerous to drive or walk down Long Drive due to the high volume of speeding vehicles.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised stating that he was aware of the road safety issues along Long Drive. Cllr Burrows said the speeding aspect must be addressed and with that in mind he would instruct Officers to add Long Drive to the Road Safety Programme.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member:</b></p> <p><b>1. Considered the petitioners’ request and discussed with them in detail their concerns with speeding;</b></p> <p><b>2. Asked officers to conduct a 24 hour / seven day speed and</b></p>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p><i>David Knowles</i></p>

	<p><b>volume survey in the section of Long Drive between Queens Walk and The Fairway and report back to the Cabinet Member and Ward Members:</b></p> <p><b>3. Asked officers to investigate possible options under the Road Safety Programme when resources permit.</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b> To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns. The success of traffic measures which address speeding are largely acceptable to local residents.</p> <p><b>Alternative options considered / risk management</b> None were discussed with petitioners.</p>	<p><i>Transport &amp; Projects Senior Manager</i></p>
<p>20.</p>	<p><b>NORTHWOOD HIGH STREET - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME (Agenda Item 6)</b></p> <p>Concerns, comments and suggestions raised by petitioners at the meeting included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The lead petitioner had a bus stop placed outside her house and said it was usually a problem to find parking around her dwelling</li> <li>▪ Residents of the High Street had not been included in the Northwood Parking Management Scheme and therefore found it difficult to find parking along their road</li> <li>▪ Commuters were using the road to leave their cars for hours and in some circumstances days.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Keith Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points stating that Parking Management Schemes were only considered when the residents of the road in questions asked for it.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member:</b></p> <p><b>1. Met and discussed with petitioners their concerns with parking in High Street, Northwood.</b></p> <p><b>2. Asked officers to add the request to the Council's overall parking programme so consultation can be carried out on a parking scheme when resources permit.</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for recommendation</b> To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns.</p> <p><b>Alternative options considered / Risk Management</b> None at this stage, as residents have requested a residents parking scheme.</p>	<p><b>Action by</b></p> <p><i>David Knowles Transport &amp; Projects Senior Manager</i></p>



