

LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Community Services, Councillor Chris Dowling, on 28 September 2016 at County Hall, Lewes

Councillors Barnes and Keeley spoke on item 6 (see minute 14)
Councillor Claire Dowling spoke on item 9 (see minute 16)
Councillor Galley spoke on item 7 (see minute 15)
Councillor Maynard spoke on item 5 (see minute 13)
Councillor Tidy spoke on item 4 (see minute 12)

9 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 25 JULY 2016

9.1 RESOLVED to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

10.1 Councillor Maynard declared a personal interest in item 5, as Leader of Rother District Council, but he did not consider this to be prejudicial.

11 REPORTS

11.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

12 PETITION FOR A 20MPH LIMIT IN THE BEECHES ESTATE, CROWBOROUGH

12.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

12.2 Mr Graham Johnson, the Lead Petitioner and Councillor Martyn Garrett of Crowborough Town Council, spoke to request further consideration of the petition's aims.

DECISION

12.3 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that a 20mph speed limit or traffic calming in North Beeches Road and East Beeches Road, Crowborough is not considered to be of sufficient priority for funding from the County Council budget.

Reasons

12.4 The proposal does not meet the key objectives provided in the Local Transport Plan as it is not within an area of economic regeneration and will offer no contribution in terms of casualty reduction. The petitioners were advised of the Wealden Safer Partnership as a potential source of support.

13 PETT ROAD, GUESTLING 30MPH SPEED LIMIT

13.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

13.2 Mrs Fran Molineux, the Lead Petitioner, and Councillor Graham McPherson of Guestling Parish Council spoke to highlight the strength of support behind the petition.

DECISION

13.3 RESOLVED to (1) advise the petitioners that a 30mph speed limit on the C23 Pett Road is not considered to be of sufficient priority for funding from the County Council budget for road safety due to its good safety record; and

(2) advise that Guestling Parish Council may consider supporting a reduced speed limit through the Community Match fund scheme.

Reasons

13.4 Due to its very good safety record, a lower 30mph speed limit on this part of the C23 Pett Road is not a priority for funding from the budget for Road Safety. However a 30mph scheme could be supported if an application for Community Match funding by Guestling Parish Council was successful and sufficient speed reducing measures were included on the part of the road near "Well House" where the average speed is higher.

13.5 The Lead Petitioner and Parish Council were advised of a revised process for applications for Community Match Funding, which would include how to prepare an outline cost estimate for a proposed scheme.

14 PETITION FOR A REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DALLINGTON

14.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport. The Lead Member reported that he had received correspondence from the Headteacher at Dallington Primary School offering to contribute to a speed survey.

DECISION

14.2 RESOLVED to (1) Advise the petitioners that measures to reduce the speed of traffic in Dallington are not a priority for the County Council at the present time: however, the Road Safety Team will look at part of the B2096 at Carrick's Hill and South Lane to see whether any safety improvements or maintenance on this part of the road would be appropriate; and

(2) advise that Dallington Parish Council may wish to consider funding a 20mph speed limit outside Dallington C of E Primary School, village gateways or a new footway through the Community Match Fund.

Reasons

14.3 A review of the speed limits in Dallington is not a priority for the Road Safety Team at the present time. However, the B2096 Battle Road is on the list of lower speed limit requests so its safety record will be monitored in the future as part of the speed management programme. If the safety record is identified as a priority compared to other locations in the County, a more detailed assessment of the B2096 can be carried out with the Police.

15 HORSTED LANE, DANEHILL - ONE WAY SECTION

15.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

15.2 Mr Nicholas Boggis-Rolfe, the Lead Petitioner, spoke against the recommendations contained in the report.

DECISION

15.3 RESOLVED to advise the petitioners that (1) the concerns raised by the petitioners have been noted;

(2) a reduced speed limit and traffic calming are not a priority for the County Council; and

(3) the Local Traffic and Safety Team will undertake measures to address the concerns as detailed under paragraph 2.4 of the report

Reasons

15.4 The introduction of traffic calming measures along this section of Horsted Lane has been assessed using the approved scheme prioritisation process for local transport improvements. The scheme is not of sufficient priority for possible funding through the capital programme for local transport improvements.

16 PROVISION OF AN ON-STREET ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY IN MANOR END, UCKFIELD - ITEM 9

16.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISION

16.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the concerns raised by the objector; and

(2) approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Manor End, Uckfield.

Reasons

16.3 The need for the disabled bay was identified by site assessments undertaken by the Traffic and Safety Officer. This was supported by the information given in the initial application. The requirements of Policy PS 4/18 have been met in this case.

17 PROVISION OF AN ON-STREET ADVISORY DISABLED PARKING BAY AT HORNBEAM, BURWASH - ITEM 8

17.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISION

17.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the concerns raised by the objector; and

(2) approve the provision of an advisory disabled bay in Hornbeam, Burwash.

Reasons

17.3 The need for the disabled bay was identified by site assessments undertaken by the Traffic Engineer. This was supported by the information given in the initial application and further correspondence with the applicant. The requirements of Policy P4/18 have been met in this case.

18 BUS STOP CLEARWAY - STATION ROAD, PLUMPTON GREEN

18.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISION

18.2 RESOLVED to (1) note the objection to the proposed Bus Stop Clearway; and

(2) recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Clearway be implemented as advertised

Reasons

18.3 This proposal attempts to address road safety concerns whilst being mindful of the needs of residents' parking, the local school and village shop. Parking loss has been kept to a minimum whilst ensuring road safety is not compromised.