

Hampshire Action Team for Hart and Rushmoor**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting
Friday 26th March 2010, 10.00am, The Boyce Building, Aldershot**

Attendance (P = Present NP = Not Present A = Apologies Received)

HAT Members

Cllr Collett (P)
Cllr Glen (P)
Cllr Kimber (A)
Cllr Leversha (P)
Cllr Muschamp (P)
Cllr Neal (HAT Vice Chairman) (P)
Cllr Radley (P)
Cllr Simpson (P)
Cllr Wall (HAT Chairman) (P)
Cllr Wheale (P)

HCC Officers

Kevin Andrews (A)
Cheryl Bosworth (P)
Dean Cronk (P)
Andy Kettlewell (P)
Helen Merrills (P)
Steve Pellatt (P)
Keith Rogers (P)
James Strachan (P)

Partners

Cllr Chris Cornwell (HDAPTC) (P)
Cllr Parker (HDC) (P)
John Foggo (HDC) (P)
Cllr Roland Dibbs (RBC) (P)
John Trusler (RBC) (P)
David Fawcett (Amey) (P)
Kunle Kolaru (Amey) (P)

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Kimber.

2. Notes of Highways Meeting held on 1 December 2009

Councillor Wall declared a personal interest on item 3 in relation to Marrowbrook Lane.

The following amendments were noted:

Item 3, page 2, paragraph 2 – should read; “Cllr Wall reported that the carriageway surface redressing had not taken place between house numbers 25 and 55 on Marrowbrook Lane, Cove”.

Item 5, page 3, paragraph 5 – should read; “It was noted that this study was being undertaken by Atkins on behalf of the South East England Partnership Board managed by West Berkshire Strategic Transport Forum”.

Item 6, page 3 – ‘Coley’ Park should read ‘Cody’ Park.

Matters Arising:

The issue of future housing development in Wokingham (3,500 houses) was discussed, particularly in regard to the impact it will have on highways in Hart. Hampshire County Council officers have already made representations through the Wokingham Local Transport Plan process. Councillors requested that the County Council make a bid for developers contributions to address any additional pressure on county roads as a result of these developments.

ACTION: James Strachan will take this issue back to the Environment Department and keep Councillors Simpson, Glen, Collett and Parker informed on progress.

List of Previous Actions on Local Issues

Item 10 - Minley Road, Hart - Councillors requested that it this item should read “Minley Road A327” as there is more than one Minley Road in Hart. It should also state that Councillor Collett is the local Councillor for this division.

The scheme design for the signage has been completed. Approval from the Department of Transport (Dft) is required, which is in hand. Once approval is received, it would take approximately 8 weeks to complete the works.

ACTIONS: Cheryl Bosworth to amend the list. Keith Rogers to keep Councillors Collett, Leversha and Parker informed of progress.

Item 7 – Pilcot Road, Crookham Village - Councillor Leversha declared a personal interest in this item as she is the Clerk of the Parish Council. The Parish Council have put some funding aside for this project in the new financial year.

ACTION: Keith Rogers to keep Councillor Radley informed of progress.

3. Presentation from Amey

(Item 7: Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network was also dealt with at the same time as Item 3).

Amey gave a presentation describing how they responded to the worst snow conditions for the past 30 years and highlighted that on average 9,000 tonnes of salt is normally used during winter but this winter 20,000 tonnes was used. They also reported that they are working on a winter maintenance plan in partnership with local stakeholders including schools, hospitals, PCT, railway

stations, to ensure access to essential services and also identify community needs.

The HAT was reminded that the County Council's Policy and Resources Select Committee is carrying out a review of winter maintenance. The interim findings will be available in July. The importance of receiving input from districts and boroughs was highlighted.

Councillors expressed their thanks to officers for all the hard work they put in during the bad weather and also wished to acknowledge the help provided by volunteers. A Severe Weather Volunteers' Appreciation Reception was planned for the 30th March to thank volunteers from across the County.

A number of issues were discussed as follows:

- Salt stock resilience: it was noted that salt stocks at Hook were at 100% of prescribed levels and overseas salt was brought in to supplement stocks until salt distribution came under DfT control. There are plans to build an additional salt depot in Micheldever.
- Concern was expressed about the clearance of secondary routes. It was noted that primary routes account for 26% of the roads but handle 85% of the traffic. The weather was exceptional and some primary routes had to be retreated a number of times, only once they were clear could secondary routes be addressed. Another issue was abandoned cars on secondary routes which prevented the use of snow ploughs in some cases.
- Potholes: Amey reported that teams of staff are resolving immediate safety issues and are developing a phased programme to improve the state of the network in the long-term. A "Find and Fix" initiative was also being introduced for pothole repairs where operatives identify a number of repairs that can be completed simultaneously rather than returning to the same road a number of times. It was noted that there is a budgetary implication attached to this way of working.
- Councillors had received a number of complaints about the standard of work carried out by Amey. In order to address these issues, Amey are working towards a more collaborative approach with the County Council, better communication on a day-to-day basis, more robust planning and customer behaviour training at operative levels to embed values.
- Councillors requested improved information on the timescales for completion of works, reasons for delays and to be informed when Amey had carried out checks on completed jobs. Amey agreed the need to foster closer engagement with members and are working on a number of initiatives including members web pages, surgeries, and attendance at parish council meetings.

ACTION: HAT monthly bulletins to contain information on which jobs have been checked by Amey.

- Communication with utilities companies when planning works: Officers reported that they work with utility companies whenever possible, however different national standards allow some utility companies up to six months to do a permanent reinstatement which the County Council has no legal come back on.

In conclusion, Amey requested that Councillors let them know when they receive complaints about their work.

ACTION: Cheryl Bosworth to supply relevant contact details for Amey

4. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme

Updates on the maintenance, special maintenance, minor works, capital programme scheme and Traffic management had been provided. Councillors were asked to take up any issues relating to schemes in their divisions with officers after the meeting.

Schemes deferred from 2009/10 will be completed in the new financial year. HAT members are aware that the highways maintenance programme is subject to change as funding may be required for highway restoration works following the winter weather damage.

5. Priorities for Minor Capital Programme 2010/11

Minor Works Sub-Programme

Extra money had been allocated for the minor capital programme in Hart and three schemes were proposed. Following an in-depth discussion the HAT following priority order was agreed the HAT members:

- 1) RAF Odiham (full amount £2,000)
- 2) Long Sutton (£5,000 if match funding can be obtained from the Parish Council)
- 3) Kingsway (£16,000 – and the additional £5,000 if the Long Sutton Scheme cannot go ahead)

For Rushmoor HAT members agreed that the reserve scheme (Sand Hill) should be included which will utilise the whole of the additional allocation.

Traffic Management

Councillors had recommended their priorities in advance on the meeting. All priority one schemes will be completed in the 2010-11 financial year. Where a scheme states “investigation only” research will be carried out to see what type of scheme may be viable and further funding will then be sought to complete the scheme.

6. Proposed Capital Programme 2010/11

Maintenance and Special Maintenance

A query was raised regarding the Rosemary Lane drainage scheme – this will be added to the monthly bulletin if it gains funding. Councillor Neal asked officers for more information on what is being investigated for Church Lane East (Table 1b – page 1).

Schemes and Study Programme

Scheme 1b – Pinehurst Roundabout, Farnborough - Councillors expressed a strong view that signalisation work on Salzers Roundabout should be prioritised ahead of work on Pinehurst Roundabout. This is due to the considerable development on the hub, including the Village Hotel (incorporating a leisure facility and pub) and the imminent occupation of the Fluor building which will accommodate about 1600 people.

Officers will investigate whether funding is available for this work and keep relevant Councillors informed.

ACTION – Dean Cronk, Helen Merrills and John Trusler to meet and keep Councillor Wall and Councillor Dibbs informed.

Scheme 2e – Schemes arising from Fleet Town Access Plan (TAP) – Councillors noted that some schools had used their school travel plans to secure Safer Routes to Schools funding which could have an influence on the Fleet TAP.

ACTION – Keith Rogers to investigate.

8. Local and Strategic Issues

Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) – It was noted that Councillor Wheale (for Councillor Kendal) and Councillor Dibbs (for Rushmoor Borough Council) attended the DaSTS briefing on 17 February 2010.

Officers confirmed that although phase 1 of this work is high level and strategic, phase 2 will outline specific schemes.

9. Any other business

Councillor Neal requested information on the next Aldershot TAP steering group meeting.

ACTION - Helen Merrills to provide this information

Next Hart and Rushmoor HAT Highway meeting - it was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled to begin at 9.30am.