



Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Action Team for Havant

Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting

Friday 23 April 2010

10.30am

Garrett Room, Sir George Staunton Country Park

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

HAT Members

Councillor Bolton (Vice Chairman) (P)
Councillor Beagley (P)
Councillor Buckley (P)
Councillor Fairhurst (P)
Councillor Keast (NP)
Councillor McIntosh (P)
Councillor Pearce (P)

Hampshire County Council Officers

Kate Fryatt (P)
Julie Amies (P)
John Clarke (A)
Rebecca Baumer (P)
Jenny Larby (A)
Chris Lait (P)
Mary-Ann Toop (P)
Peter Mitchell (P)

Partners

Councillor Jenny Wride- Havant Borough Council (P)
Jim Edwards- Community Board Chair Leigh Park (P)
John Statham - Community Board Member Leigh Park (P)
John Briggs - Community Board Chair Waterlooville South (P)
Cllr Gerry Shimbart - Community Board Member Waterlooville North (P)
Keith Chessell - Community Board Chair Havant & Bedhampton (P)
Malcolm Purkins - Community Board Chair Waterlooville North (A)
Nigel Chilcott- Community Board Member Hayling Island (P)
Tony Cailles - Havant Borough Council (P)
David Fawcett, Amey (P)
John McLernon, Amey (P)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Clarke (Hampshire County Council), Jenny Larby, (Hampshire County Council) and Malcolm Purkins (Waterlooville North Community Board).

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting and previous Actions

The following issues and actions were identified from the matters arising:

ACTION 1: Highways officers to advise Local Member of anticipated start date for remedial work to surface dressing in Park House Farm Way/Middle Park Way.

ACTION 2: All outstanding actions to be incorporated into Table 2, Havant Traffic and Transport Issues.

ACTION 3: Park Lane Bridleway 123. Only one sign has been erected. Another is needed and the barrier needs repainting. Julie Amies to liaise with Rights of Way team and ensure this is done.

The Vice – Chairman thanked officers and contractors on their work with the Tesco Redevelopment, Solent Road which went extremely smoothly.

ACTION 4: Park House Farm Way to remain on the list in Table 2 re the new Traffic Regulation Orders as a High Priority.

ACTION 5: Parking on grass verges. After much discussion regarding many areas where residents are complaining of parking on grass verges it was agreed that there should be a further meeting of the grass verges Task Force to look at all the areas and discuss them in the context of the new policy: parking on grass verges (developed by the HAT during its pilot phase). Community boards to be involved in this meeting. It was noted that there are schemes within the 2010/11 Programmes and other schemes being proposed subject to funding being secured.

3. Presentation from Amey

Amey gave a presentation and updated Members on their recent work to respond to the severe weather conditions that had been experienced. During an average winter gritters are used 35-36 times. During January alone gritters were used for 21 and for a total of 54 days over the whole winter. On average 9,000 tonnes of salt is normally used during winter, however this winter 20,000 tonnes were used. Salt supplies nationally were allocated in accordance with central government's directions. A key success during this time was the informal partnership arrangements whereby partners worked together with a single focus to improve access.

Amey have had 50 dedicated pothole busting teams of staff to focus on repairing potholes. Amey are now looking at network restoration and are developing a programme which is cost effective and efficient. The programme is likely to last 6-12 months.

Amey are keen to develop a closer relationship with Members and are currently in dialogue with the County Council to agree a new way forward and closer working arrangements.

Members discussed the issue of salt gritting, salt quality, particle size and the mixture of salt and grit following central government directive in January 2010. In addition the issue of sweeping pavements clear of grit was discussed. This issue is under discussion between Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

Members thanked Amey for the speed of doing emergency repairs to the worst potholes.

There are areas, e.g. Park House Farm Way / Middle Park Way where potholes have had to be repaired a number of times. It was noted that in some areas where temporary repairs are problematic it will be necessary to do some patching works or remedial works.

ACTION 6: Amey were asked and agreed in principle to return in Autumn to give an update on the Highway restoration works.

4. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme

Members noted the paper and made the following points regarding each table:

- Several 2009/10 schemes have been deferred due to the severe winter conditions

Table 1:

- The scheme in Latchmore Forest Grove was reduced to preserve some mature trees
- 4 schemes have been deferred to 2010/11

Table 2:

- Members congratulated officers on the implementation of Purbrook Way Toucan which went very smoothly. It was noted that this scheme is in Barncroft and not in Bedhampton Ward.

Table 3:

- Members will be kept informed regarding the A and B road review. They will be consulted about any potential changes. If members have any enquiries please e-mail either Mary-Ann Toop or Peter Mitchell.

Table 4:

- This table shows the Traffic Management Programme of works undertaken by Havant Borough Council on behalf of Hampshire County Council under the Agency Agreement.
- Cllr Jenny Wride advised of an additional item to the programme. There is pressure on parking especially in the Town. Havant Borough Council

are to bring forward an experimental Traffic regulation order at Brockhampton Road/ north of junction with Solent Road.

- Some schemes are delayed because of objections received but it is hoped that these will be completed by June 2010.
- Procedures have been changed at Havant so now there is an agreed process for keeping local County members informed about schemes.

5. Priorities for Capital Programme 2010/11

The budget for Minor Works has been increased from £25k to around £45k.

ACTION 7: Following discussions Members recommended the following priorities be added to the list previously prioritised by members:

- **Beach Road, Hayling Island**
- **Brockenhurst Avenue, Warren Park**

The priorities for the traffic management programmes were agreed.

6. Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network

A County review on winter maintenance is being led by Chris Lait, building on the successes and lessons learned during the severe weather conditions experienced this year.

Emergency planning worked well overall however some gaps were identified. The current policy focuses on clearing priority routes on the Highways. A new winter maintenance policy is being developed which will focus on both highways and community needs. Partnership engagement is planned to help develop this policy.

In order to assist self help Hampshire will be providing additional salt bins for community use. Community Action Teams, Community Groups and Resident Associations have been requested to assist in identifying appropriate locations for consideration by the highway units.

There are plans, subject to appropriate permissions, for Hampshire to build a new salt barn in order to increase salt resilience from 12 to 18 days.

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.

During the course of discussion, Members highlighted the following local points to feed into the review:

- Members were asked to send their comments and requests re salt bins to Chris Lait asap.

- The maintenance and replenishment of salt stocks in salt bins will be considered within the procurement process
- Requests for salt bins need to be reasonable; they are most likely to be placed where there are community benefits / adjacent to community facilities. It is unlikely that extra salt bins will be placed alongside priority 1 routes which are the priority routes for snow and ice clearance.
- Locks on salt bins are being considered
- Members suggested that there may be potential for Waste Transfer Stations to have a more proactive role within the new policy
- A request for Warblington Cemetery to have a higher priority will be considered

ACTION 8: Chris Lait to feed all above points into review process.

7. Proposed Capital Programme 2010/11

Members noted the paper and acknowledged that the highways maintenance programme is subject to change as funding may be required for highway restoration works following the severe winter weather damage. In particular, it was noted:

- The Footway surface dressing schemes for this financial year have already been completed. The footways in 2009/10 were done very late, in March 2010, and whilst contractors were in the area they also completed this year's programme.
- Members were reminded that the HAT monthly bulletin contains updates on progress of all works
- There are 4 feasibility studies planned for this year although it is unsure whether a scheme for Havant rail footbridge will be able to be brought forward due to budget pressures. Officers explained that a full structural survey is being arranged and members will be kept informed. The bridge is jointly owned by Hampshire County Council and Network Rail. It was also noted that the bridge is a major access route and links to plans for Havant Public Service Village.

Havant Borough Council have made 3 successful bids to Sustrans for routes to school. The schemes are :

1. Cycleway linking London Road to Lovedean Lane
2. Complete cycleway Southleigh Road
3. Cycleway north from St James's School, Emsworth

8. Local and Strategic Issues

West of Waterlooville MDA.

Members received a verbal update but had anticipated a written report. Concern was expressed regarding the possibility of narrowing Maurepas Way from a 2 lane to single lane carriageway. Community Boards also asked to be kept informed.

ACTION 9: HAT Members requested a detailed written report for the next Highways meeting.

Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) scheme

The judicial review is ongoing and the County Council is awaiting the response from the appeal heard on 10 and 11 March 2010. Additionally, the County Council is waiting for the outcome of two Village Green applications which are critical to the BRT.

Studies considering the wider BRT network for South Hampshire have been undertaken by Transport for South Hampshire. One potential route under consideration would link Waterlooville and Havant.

Local Transport Plan 3 update.

County Councillors have been invited to a series of workshops. The plan will comprise of a 20 year strategy. Members acknowledged the report.

9. Any Other Business

Members raised the following point:

- Cycling route at Warblington. Members understand that there are plans to create a cycle path using land being donated by Warblington School and Network rail with an agreement in principle from Sustrans to fund the scheme. It is understood that negotiations have stalled.

ACTION 10: Highways officers to investigate and try to restart negotiations / development of proposed scheme. Members requested a written report on the matter at the next Highways meeting.

There was a discussion about the new style HATs and future meeting dates. Kate Fryatt reminded Members about the HAT terms of reference and key objectives. HAT Members were informed that Kate Fryatt will no longer be covering Havant or the East Central HAT but that a new officer, Jane Biscombe joins the HAT team in May. Kate was thanked for her hard work with the HAT.

12.25 Meeting closed.