

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 25th March at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Christine Wearn	CS	Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	DR	Downe Residents Association
Beryl Grimani-Harrod	HV	Hayes Village Association
Tony Exeter	KM	Keston Mark and Bromley Common Village RA
Miriam Harries	KR	Knoll Residents Association
John Watkins	LCRA	Little Chislewick Residents Association
Peter Skipp	LE	Links Estate Residents Association
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue Residents Association
Derek Levoir	PL	Park Langley RA
Brian Dunk	SR	Shortlands RA
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Mike East	WW	West Wickham Residents Association
Laura Squires	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer

1. Apologies:

Ken Gerry (BH), Hilary Ryder (KE), John Pattenden (PW), Cath Linney (Met Police)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting`

Signed off as a fair record

3. Matters arising from Minutes

BH (via email)

Attended a meeting on 5 March re: the Landfill Site at **Cherry Lodge Golf Club**. Between 40 and 50 local residents attended, representing all local areas and organisations affected.

A number of points came out of the meeting, the three most worrying were:

1. The routes used by these lorries to get to **Main Road, Biggin Hill** are totally inappropriate and inadequate, resulting in traffic Jams and a lot of abuse to local drivers from the lorry drivers.
2. The fear that the lorries are not being checked properly and a concern as to what is being dumped. Toxic waste is suspected.
3. We understood that all loads should be covered, this is clearly not happening. These concerns were brought up at the last meeting of the Biggin Hill & District Residents Association, and the BHDRRA Chairman David Haslam agreed to contact those in authority at LBB to see what can be done.

Laura Squires reported that:

Logs Hill - the possibility of yellow lines at the bottom is being investigated

Chislehurst Road / Willett Way - resurfacing is complete and accident statistics will be reviewed at a later date

Pickhurst Lane / Mead Way - Ismiel Alobed is dealing with a review of the traffic light sequence (April 2014), he can be contacted by email.

Mead Way speed tests - unsure whether these have taken place or not

Cath Linney is investigating statistics of accidents involving bus passengers

Elmstead Lane - Councillor Smith is still awaiting a response from Ward Councillors re: their refusal of a zebra crossing adjacent to Elmstead Wood Station. Statistics from the station indicate that >1000 people use the station morning and evening

Petts Wood Road / Tudor Way - query re: accident statistics. These have not recorded any personal injury for the past 36 months. Ward Councillors are not happy with the proposal of two mini-roundabouts. Current discussions are taking place regarding alternative

Google maps can be displayed during panel meetings for location purposes. Val will organise this

Dial-a-Ride - exact information is not available. By the nature of the service, at times the bus has to wait for passengers who are slow due to mobility difficulties

4. Accident statistics

Accident statistics were provided for specific junctions: **Widmore Road / Tweedy Road and Orpington War Memorial**. Maps indicate location of incidents which are detailed in a separate document.

It was agreed that this way of presenting information on accidents is much more useful than the lists provided previously.

PA Orpington War Memorial - it appears from the map that several accidents took place on the footpath. Val explained that there is an element of error in the maps which should be interpreted in conjunction with the descriptions.

At the next meeting statistics will be provided for **Logs Hill / Sundridge Avenue** as requested. Val will also ask for information on any 'hot spots'

5. Police Officers Report

There is only one collision of note since the last meeting.

There was a fatal accident on the day of the last meeting - an elderly female pedestrian was knocked down and killed by a car driven by an elderly gentleman in **Crofton Road, Locksbottom**.

The only serious collision since then was on 25th Feb at 13.46hrs. A 41 year old male was cycling in **Southborough Lane** when a van pulled out from **St Augustines Avenue** in front of him. He sustained serious injuries.

Traffic Police at Catford have been spending more time in Bromley enforcing speed.

We have been carrying out extra enforcement at **Mead Way, Petts Wood Road, Lennard Road, Stone Park Avenue, Kent House Road, Kings Hall Road, Wickham Way and Sevenoaks Way**.

As well as this Bromley Police and Traffic Police have been enforcing Think campaign offences in the borough - mobile phones, seat belts etc. and continue with Op Cubo (no insurance op) every month.

6. Road Safety Officers Report

Senior school cycling courses

We have delivered 8 courses since the start of the year, with 12 pupils achieving level 1 & 2 Bikeability and 17 pupils achieving level 3 Bikeability.

Adult Cycle training

We have successfully rolled out our new style adult training 'rolling' programme, which takes participants through level 1, 2 and 3 within a month. This has been successful, with 30 adults booking onto our courses since January.

Driven by Consequences event at Coopers School

This event took place on 7th March and as usual we are grateful to our colleagues in the Fire Brigade and the London Ambulance Service, who was represented by the Helicopter Emergency Service, for their continued support of this very important education day for young drivers.

Yet again we saw a substantial change in attitude by the students at the end of this hard hitting event, proving just how important education is with regards to road safety.

Young Driver Education at The Ravensbourne School

This event will be taking place on Tuesday 1st April.

Road safety poster sites

Posters are currently at:

Churchfields Road, Beckenham
Bull Lane, Chislehurst
Sevenoaks Road, Orpington
Beddington Road, St Pauls Cray

Oakley Road, Bromley
Mead Way, Hayes
Willet Way, Petts Wood
Chislehurst Road, Orpington/Petts Wood

Highland Road, Bromley
Heathfield Road, Keston

7. Engineers Report

Proposed schemes for 2014-15 will be available at the next meeting. Any queries about current schemes please email the person responsible.

8. Chairman's Report

As agreed at the 21st January meeting, the Chairman had asked Councillor Smith to investigate the possibility of reconsidering a pedestrian crossing on **Elmstead Lane adjacent to the Elmstead Woods station** approach. Councillor Smith confirmed that he had contacted the Ward Councillors on this and was awaiting their response.

The Chairman reported that he had established from station staff that well in excess of 1000 passengers use the station each day and it is estimated that about half of these are from the Sundridge Avenue direction. In turn this means that over 500 pedestrians have to cross Elmstead Lane each day, each way and at times when road traffic is busiest. There is no other alternative since there is no pedestrian walkway on the Golf course side of Elmstead Lane between the station and Sundridge Avenue.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed from two sources that some cyclists are not using designated cycle ways and are riding on the road because the cycle ways are not swept and sharp debris is causing punctures. The Chairman asked if it could be investigated whether this applies to any cycle ways in Bromley and if so, is there a policy to keep them clear of debris.

A question had been raised by a panel member regarding a query to Councillor Smith by a Labour Councillor concerning 20 mile/h limits. Councillor Smith had looked into this and had located such a query, but that it was some years ago, since when the background to this topic had changed.

9. Matters raised by members

SU Bickley Road / Page Heath Lane - cars can park right up to the traffic lights on the school side of the road

PA 'Speed cushions' are not very effective, especially in long roads as many vans can straddle them. Chair commented that they do make people concentrate.

SU Huntsmead Close - there was an incident due to children playing in the road. A policeman implied that playing in the road is an offence. Clarification was requested: is it only if other residents object? it appears to be an offence according to Section 161 of the Highways Act 1980. More importantly it is a road safety issue.

SU Yester Road / Logs Hill - a resident met with a representative of LBB and Councillor Smith four months ago re: the safety of the junction. It was acknowledged that it is dangerous. What progress has there been?

LCRA Riverside School, Main Road, St Pauls Cray - buses are not using designated spaces or garages at the school, causing congestion. Query as to who this could be raised with. Val informed the panel that schools no longer have to provide a travel plan, but that the school could receive some support. She will follow this up.

KM Ravenswood School - issue of haphazard parking by students. This is causing some problems for the bus route. There is a similar problem at Hayes School.

CS Chislehurst War Memorial traffic lights - many vehicles have been observed jumping the lights. It is becoming very difficult for pedestrians to cross the road.

Willow Grove, Chislehurst - traffic speed makes it difficult for residents to get out of their drives. Is it possible to have speed checks?

Mayfield Road / Irvine Way, Orpington - very aggressive angle on the speed table

PL Queried whether there is extra money from Central Government to repair potholes, bearing in mind the weather this winter. Referred to 'fixmystreet'; website

WW Addington Road / Corkscrew Hill - requested information on proposed roundabout

DR Court Road / Lower Road - has observed motorists turning right into Lower Road and going to the left of the bollard (cycle path) and becoming stuck.

Heathfield Road / Westerham Road - query re: consultation on roundabout. Contact Spencer.

Chair Cray Avenue / Station Road, St Mary Cray - there are signs to places to the right, but right turns are prohibited

10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

No matters were raised for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre.