

The Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee met at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Present:-

Councillors George Atkinson (Chair)  
“ Richard Hyde (Vice Chair)  
“ John Appleton  
“ Peter Barnes  
“ David Booth  
“ Jill Dill-Russell  
“ Nina Knapman  
“ Helen McCarthy  
“ Mike Perry  
“ Izzi Seccombe

Officers:-

**Community Protection Directorate**

Ian Tonner and Jon Dixon.

**Children, Young People and Families Directorate**

Janet Neale of the Area Community learning Partnership.

**Environment and Economy Directorate**

Roger Bennett, Team Leader, Strategic Projects, Transport Planning Unit.

Jerry Birkbeck, Operations Manager, Community Services.

Graeme Fitton, Head of Transport and Highways.

Don Foster, Head of Community Services.

Milan Tursner, Cycle Officer, Transport Planning Unit.

David Williams, County Economic Development Officer.

**Performance and Development Directorate.**

Peter Endall, Principal Solicitor.

Doug Henderson, Community Partnership Officer.

Peter Hunter, Warwick Area Manager.

Pete Keeley, Principal Committee Administrator.

Amanda Wilson-Patterson – Area Administrative Officer.

60 members of the public attended.

**1. Apologies**

were received from Councillors Richard Hobbs, Anita Macaulay and Bob Stevens and William Brown, Strategic Director of Community Protection and County Fire Officer.

## **2. Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

### **(1) Joint Membership Declarations**

The following members who were also members of the Stratford on Avon District Council and, where indicated, also members of the Warwickshire Police Authority, declared personal interests in any item on the agenda affecting the District Council or the Police Authority.

Councillors John Appleton, Peter Barnes, Richard Hobbs (also member of the Warwickshire Police Authority), Anita Macaulay, Mike Perry, Chris Saint, Izzi Seccombe (also member of the Warwickshire Police Authority) and Bob Stevens.

### **(2) Other Declarations**

#### **(i) Agenda Item 13 - Alcester - Conversion of Two Lengths of Footway into Shared Use Footway/Cycleway**

Councillor Nina Knapman declared a personal interest.

#### **(ii) Agenda Item 14 - Stratford-upon-Avon Cricket Festival**

Councillor Richard Hyde declared a personal interest in view of his association with the Stratford Hockey Club

#### **(iii) Agenda Item 15 - Stratford Vision**

Councillor Richard Hyde declared a personal interest as he was a member of the Board of Advantage West Midlands.

#### **(iv) Agenda Item 16 - Stratford on Avon Well being Fund Potential Commissions**

Councillor Helen McCarthy declared a personal interest in view of her association with Action Studley.

## **3. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and Matters Arising**

### **(1) Minutes**

Councillor Richard Hyde indicated that the minutes did not record that he had disclosed a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 8 relating to World Class Stratford as a member of the Board of Advantage West Midlands and that he had left the room when the item was being discussed. It was agreed that the minutes be amended to reflect this.

Councillor Peter Barnes reported that the minutes did not record his request for information about the specific use of money from Section 106 Agreements for education purposes. This was agreed.

Members were advised that with regard to Minute 5 (1) the reference to the traffic light scheme changing from a Puffin to a Pelican scheme should be a scheme changing from a Pelican to a Puffin Scheme.

It was then Resolved:-

That the minutes of the Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee's 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006 meeting be approved as amended and be signed by the Chair.

## **(2) Matters Arising**

### **Minute 4(2)(a) – Cyclepath Connecting Clifford Chambers to Stratford.**

Councillor Peter Barnes reported that the footpath between the B4362 and the Tramway was still in a poor condition and requested that this be attended to without further delay.

## **4. Public Questions and Answers**

### **(1) Question from Sharon Wallpole relating to the Proposed Zebra Crossing at Rushbrooke Road.**

Sharon Wallpole addressed the Committee in her capacity as a local resident, a parent, the Vice Chair of the Board of Governors of Bridgetown School, the Team Leader of Bridgetown School's School Travel Plan Team and the Safer Routes to Schools representative at Bridgetown School.

The Committee was advised that the proposed crossing was a vital part of the 'School Travel Plan' (in final planning stages with Laura Vestry, Sustainable Travel Officer, Warwickshire County Council). The crossing was required to provide the final link to the school. It would make possible for everyone with children south of the school to get to school safely.

Since the building of the Trinity Mead estate, traffic had increased both in volume and speed. There was no designated crossing at the proposed zebra crossing, which had always been the natural crossing for all pedestrians to the school from the estate and from across the Banbury Road.

The proposed site was the best position for a zebra crossing because it would mean pedestrians from the south/east of school would not have to cross any other road to get to Bridgetown Primary.

At the moment, children and parents with pushchairs congregate at the proposed site and wait for a break in traffic to cross (or a kind motorist, who is prepared to wait a couple of minutes). The group can grow to be quite large resulting children occasionally being forced into the road. If unattended children were impatient, they sometimes struck out across Rushbrook Road at any place; sometimes coming out into traffic from between parked cars. Regardless of the children's behaviour, the

pavement was right next to the road. Traffic often moved at an alarming pace, considering small children are walking so near to it. A crossing would not only give safe passage, but would also serve to act as a traffic calming measure.

The crossing was significant to the success of the School Travel Plan. Surveys conducted at Bridgetown School of children, parents and staff, all suggest that there would be a dramatic decrease of travel to school by car if the crossing over Rushbrook Road was made safe (not currently viewed to be so).

**(2) Question from Chris Hoyles and Ian Davies relating to the Proposed Speed Limit on the Banbury Road at Kineton.**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Hoyles requesting action to implement the speed limit proposals.

Mr Davis, Chair of the Kineton Parish Council, spoke in support of the comments from Mr Hoyles relating to the speed reduction proposals.

*Don Foster reported that appropriate engineering measures would be necessary on the Banbury Road to support a reduce speed limit otherwise the extent of development along the road would have to increase substantially to meet the requirements for a 30 mph limit. He indicated that the report to be considered later in the meeting included the concession of increasing the extent of the 30 mph speed limit by 30 metres having regard to the location of the school.*

Members noted that the issues would be considered later on the Agenda.

**(4) Question from Michael Crutchley relating to the Relocation of the Stratford Town Football Club to Tiddington.**

Michael Crutchley was the Town Councillor for Alveston Ward and the Chairman of the Tiddington Village Residents Association.

The County Council owned the land in Knights Lane which had been suggested as the new home of the Stratford Town Football Club.

Part of this land had been reserved some time ago for the expansion of Alveston Primary School. If the proposed plan goes ahead it would stop the expansion going ahead for ever. Why should the County Council support a professional football club over the future of education in this area?

The second question related to the traffic survey (requisitioned by the County Council) on the B4086 Tiddington Road.

The survey included in the planning application, was dated June 2000. Everyone knew that the traffic had increased dramatically over the past 6

years. Why were these figures used and being accepted by the Stratford on Avon District Council?

*Don Foster indicated that, with regard to the traffic count figures the County Council, as highway authority, did not accept the current use figure of 6700 vehicles per day along the B4086 road. Data from the Council's monitoring site on the B4086 to the east of Alveston showed that traffic flows increased steadily from 6700 vehicles per day in 2000 to 7300 vehicles per day in 2004. However flows in 2005 were 6550 vehicles per day and were therefore similar to flows in the year 2000.*

*The Council had however advised the District Council that the proposed development was likely to generate a material increase in turning movements at the B4086 Tiddington Road/Knights Lane junction. The District Council had been recommended to ask the developer to undertake an analysis of this junction to assess the likely impact of the proposed development.*

The Chair indicated that the Mr Crutchley's views would be passed onto the appropriate officers.

**(5) Questions from Anne Wade and Heather Wersocki Relating to Studley Library.**

The Committee was advised that local residents wanted the library to have longer opening hours. Presently the library opened less hours than other Category B libraries. It was not fair to expect local people to travel to Alcester to use the library in that town.

The Chair requested that a report be submitted on the situation to include the comments of Councillor Helen McCarthy and the Director of Libraries, Heritage and Trading Standards and that a letter be sent to Mrs Wade in response to her questions.

**(6) Question from Phil Simmons relating to Traffic Calming on Loxley Road.**

Mr Simmonds spoke on behalf of the residents of Loxley Road and requested the Committee to expedite the completion of the Traffic Calming Scheme approved several months ago.

*In response, Don Foster reported that there were various engineering changes required including road humps. Other issues have been examined and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the various options on site.*

On a point of order Councillor Richard Hyde asked if the decision made at a previous meeting of the Committee to implement a scheme for which resources have been provided, was now not favoured because of an objection from the Police.

*In response Don Foster reported there were three different approaches to the scheme and no single approach was acceptable to all. He added that the Police objected originally and had confirmed their objection to the latest proposals.*

The Chair stressed the need for a scheme to be pursued with no more delay and requested that a meeting be held during the next 2 weeks. He added that the officers had the mandate to introduce 1 of 3 schemes and which one needed to be resolved within 2 weeks.

**(7) Questions from Mrs Moore representing Kinwarton Parish Council.**

Mrs Moore expressed concern about the proposed pedestrian/ cycleway at Kinwarton to be considered at Agenda 13. She was concerned that action had been taken to remove trees in advance of the Committee's decision.

*In response Don Foster reported that certain work to the trees had to be undertaken owing to the onset of the bird nesting season which would prevent work being undertaken later. There are also certain safety aspects that had to be taken into account urgently.*

**(8) Questions from Jan Pantazievitz relating to the Improvisations of Parking in Payton Street.**

Mrs Pantazievitz advised the Committee that when the proposal was put forward to amalgamate the residents' parking zones her biggest fear was that her children returning in their car late at night could be forced to park in the outer reaches of the new proposed zone 1, for example at the top of Maidenhead Road or Clopton Road. They would then need to walk back to Peyton Street alone in the dark.

She had seen the amended 'recommendation 5' (9th March report) that the amalgamation of the existing residents' parking zones into four new zones is not to be implemented. However, 'recommendation 8' states that if 'recommendation 5' is adopted - i.e. that the proposal to amalgamate the zones be implemented - then the proposal still remains to amend the current residents parking scheme to include the additional streets referred to in the public Notice dated 12th January 2006.

She wished to know which streets the Council proposed to bring into zone 4.

As far as She was aware the only streets that weren't currently zoned were the very streets that had no on-street parking. Was it possible therefore, that we are being lulled into a false sense of security by being told we can keep zone 4?

*Don Foster reported that the changes that were of concern to Mrs Pantazievitz were not now proposed. Payton Street was in the zone 4*

*and only a modest extension was proposed.*

**(9) Question from Don Hannah Relating to the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement.**

Mr Hannah informed the Committee that while the main thrust of the report issued today may meet most of his concerns, he would still like to speak.

Firstly to thank Officers for their work, for listening, and Councillors for their consideration.

Secondly to clarify;

That current zone 4 will remain as it is, with no added roads. We need to be absolutely clear that Warwick Road, Guild Street, Bridge Street Henley Street etc etc will not be added to old zone 4.

Could the town centre be made a special zone, so that any residents be provided with reasonable terms for car parks.

That guest house permits will only be for the zone in which they are situated. I read the proposal as allowing, say, guest houses in Tiddington or Alveston to get permits for any zone. The officers say it is more restrictive.

The terms for short period parking in the zones will match, or be worse than those in the town centre.

We would like short term free parking in residential zones to remain limited to 20 minutes.

*In response Don Foster reported that the proposals for guest houses to have residents parking permits for any day to be related to those in the actual town centre.*

**(10) Question from Susan Hart Relating to Decriminalisation**

Susan Hart drew the Committee's attention to the increasing burden on our mobility, difficulty of access to necessary places and lack of differentiation between tourists and local people, which will result if the new proposals for parking restrictions in Stratford upon Avon are implemented.

*In response, Don Foster reported that the parking difficulties fro residents were appreciated and that the Vision for Stratford would examine the balance between the needs of residents and visitors.*

**(11) Question from J. Sprake relating to Parking in Brookvale Road.**

J. Sprake advised the Committee that the residents of Brookvale Road have problems with parking outside their premises which could block the use of emergency vehicles if needed. Shottery Road has 2 hour parking with permits so too has Orchard Way. The Willows, which is a wider road, has 30 minutes parking both sides of the road. There is talk about

making Arden Street car park short stay instead of long stay parking. Will the long stay parkers who normally park in Arden Street use the Park and Ride at Bishopton or will they move out to side streets such as Brookvale Road? We need help in Brookvale Road for our visitors, also for emergency vehicles. Perhaps we could have 2 hour parking outside Nos 1 to 11 Brookvale Road with no permits.

*Don Foster confirmed that the matter would be examined.*

**(12) Question from Keith Lloyd relating to Decriminalisation of Parking**

Mr Lloyd advised the Committee that the changes proposed by the Council were inconsiderate to the needs of residents. He was concerned about the extent of the merged zones and the level of publicity given to local people. He considered that the consultation arrangements undertaken should have been more extensive and he indicated that, as far as he was aware, the only information provided by the press was in the Stratford Herald whereas there were other newspapers circulating in the area, some of which were free papers.

The Chair reminded Members that the changes included in the recommendations in the officer's report were the result of requests from Stratford residents following the review of the earlier proposals.

*Don Foster drew attention to the comments in the report to be considered at Agenda 6. The Consultations undertaken had been extensive and the analysis of responses had been very thorough.*

The Chair reminded members of the public raising questions that owing to the limitations of committee time, they should try to avoid repeating points already made.

**(13) Question from Mrs Ross Dobson, Clerk of the Trustees of the Alms Houses in Brookvale Road.**

Mrs Dobson drew attention to parking difficulties experienced by residents in Brookvale Road and requested the Committee to introduce parking restrictions limiting parking to 2 hours.

The Chair reassured Mrs Dobson that the points she made were being examined by officers.

**(14) Question from Mrs Deer of Arden Street relating to Residents Parking**

Mrs Deer advised the Committee of the parking difficulties for residents of Arden Street and requested that the resident parking zones be re-examined to make easier parking for the Arden Street residents. She also requested the Committee to relax parking restrictions for guest houses.



*Don Foster indicated that the officers appreciated the points raised. The arguments and officer views for re-zoning were contained in the report at Agenda 6.*

**(15) Question from Andrew Cooper of the Stratford Town Management Partnership**

In response to comments from Mr Cooper, Don Foster confirmed that the hours of operation of residents parking would not be extended beyond 6 p.m. The changes proposed in the report to be considered later would need to be advertised and he estimated that, if agreed, they would be in force by the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**(16) Questions from Mr Oldfield.**

Mr Oldfield was not present at the time he was called upon to raise his questions.

**(17) Question from Rennie Wodinski of Percy Street re decriminalisation**

Mrs Wodinski was concerned about the suggested merger of zones. She and many of her neighbours were unaware of the proposals and were concerned that one representation from a resident in Vincent Avenue could impact on the needs of residents of other streets. Difficulties for visitor parking the proposed zones would create parking problems for shoppers

At this point in the meeting, the time being 5.55 p.m., the Chairman indicated that, owing to time limitations and the need for the Committee to consider the other business on the agenda, he would be unable to accept any further questions from members of the public.

**5. The Work of the Voluntary Sector.**

Members received a presentation from Alan Bartlett, Chief Officer of the Stratford on Avon Council for Voluntary Service, on the work of the Voluntary Sector in Stratford on Avon.

**6. Review of the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Stratford on Avon District**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

On 27th July 2005, the Area Committee approved the advertisement of various amendments to the District of Stratford on Avon (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation (Variation No. 1) Order 2005.

Subsequent decisions by Cabinet on 6th October 2005 and 20th October 2005 were also incorporated into the proposals which were formally advertised on 12th January 2006.

The report detailed the objections which had been received following this advertisement and made recommendations to the Area Committee for its consideration.

Members considered the report on a recommendation by recommendation basis and raised the following points:-

**(i) Recommendations 1 and 2**

- With regard to any future public consultations, proposals should also be published in the Stratford Observer and Midweek News.
- The existing restrictions in Sheep Street would remain.
- Don Foster agreed to contact Councillor John Appleton about any changes proposed to accommodate Park and Ride buses in the Scheme.
- The recommendation removes the 20 minute free parking throughout the town and introduces a charge of 20 pence for the first 30 minutes.
- The Committee expressed regret the District Councils decision not to allow free parking during Sunday mornings in its off street car parks which had resulted in the abandonment of the proposed free on-street parking during Sunday mornings.

**(ii) Recommendation 3**

- Residents parking would continue to operate between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- There were objections from residents in Mansell Street to the extension of their zone to include Arden Street. The residents parking opportunities for Arden Street residents would be examined at a later date, including the possibility of special permits for parking in off street car parks.

**(iii) Recommendation 4**

- The difficulties of a resident of Grove Road, whose garage was in Albany Road, would be examined in a future review of the scheme.

**(iv) Recommendations 5 and 6**

- No comments

**(v) Recommendation 7**

- Applications from Guest Houses would be limited and were not expected to create any problems.

**(vi) Recommendation 8**

- No comments.

### **(vii) Recommendation 9**

- Following comments from Councillor John Appleton, it was agreed that the prohibition of waiting on the northern side of Meadow Road, Southam should be over 80 metres.

### **(viii) Recommendation 10**

- Parking restrictions/residents parking in Brookvale Road should be considered and a report submitted to the next meeting if possible.

It was then Resolved:-

- (1) The proposed changes on Bridge Street, High Street and Union Street are implemented as advertised.
- (2) The proposed changes on Chapel Lane are implemented as advertised.
- (3) The proposals for waiting limited to 1 hour no return for 2 hours daily are implemented as advertised on Great William Street, John Street, Mansell Street, Mulberry Street, Payton Street, Scholars Lane, Shakespeare Street and Tyler Street. The times of operation of this restriction should match those of the Residents Parking Scheme (see Recommendation 6).
- (4) The proposals for waiting limited to 1 hour no return for 2 hours are implemented on Albany Road, Brewery Street, Maidenhead Road, Mayfield Avenue, Mayfield Court and Wellesbourne Grove. The times of operation of this restriction should match those of the Residents Parking Scheme (see Recommendation 6).
- (5) The amalgamation of the existing Residents Parking Zones into 4 new zones is not implemented.
- (6) The hours of operation of the Residents Parking Scheme should remain unchanged.
- (7) The proposal for proprietors of registered guest houses to be able to apply for permits in respect of any zone and for the lay-by on Shipston Road, Stratford-upon-Avon be implemented as advertised.
- (8) Proposals be advertised to amend the current Residents Parking Scheme to include the additional streets referred to in the Public Notice dated 12 January 2006, with the exception of Vincent Avenue.
- (9) The changes to waiting restrictions in Stratford-upon-Avon, Southam and Henley-in-Arden and to the Residents Parking Scheme in Henley-in-Arden are implemented as recommended in Section 11, subject to the prohibition of waiting on the northern side of Meadow Road, Southam extending for 80 metres.

(10) The administrative variations be implemented as advertised.

The Chair requested that a press release about the decision should be issued as quickly as possible and that this should stress there would be no alterations to the existing hours of operation or the zones of the Residents Parking Scheme.

Further reports should be submitted to the Committee in six and twelve months reviewing the implementation of the decisions. Members should contact the Chair if they have any comments on the scheme.

## **7. Proposed Zebra Crossing at Rushbrook Road near Wordsworth Avenue, Bridgetown, Stratford-upon-Avon**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The Zebra Crossing had been proposed as part of a traffic management scheme for Bridgetown, funded through the Trinity Mead development. The crossing formed part of the Safer Routes to School initiative, local safety schemes and a facility for Quality Pedestrian Corridors.

The crossing was significant to the success of the School Travel Plan. Surveys conducted at Bridgetown School of children, parents and staff, all suggest that there would be a dramatic decrease of travel to school by car if the crossing over Rushbrook Road was made safe (not currently viewed to be so).

During consideration of the item, five members of the public indicated that they wished to speak in opposition to the proposal. Owing to time constraints, public question time, which had been earlier in the meeting, had been curtailed but with the concurrence of the Committee the Chair agreed to the Committee receiving one further submission from objectors.

It was stated on behalf of the objectors that:

- A wider approach to the siting of the proposed crossing was needed.
- The recommended location could not be justified by traffic flow and would lead to pedestrians crossing elsewhere.
- The proposed location would not lead to safety but would make matters worse at other end of Rushbrook Road and would not help traffic calming.
- Vehicles from properties adjacent to the proposed location would need to reverse onto the crossing.
- The Committee was urged to defer consideration of the matter to enable further consideration to be given to a wider approach to safer routes to schools.

Councillor Richard Hyde, one of the two local county councillors for the Division, indicated his support for the proposed crossing at the recommended location. He indicated that he had heard both sides of the argument and was conscious of the need for the crossing as quickly as possible in order that children could get to school safely. He drew attention to the support for the proposal from other residents, the school and the PTA.

In response to the additional points raised Jerry Birkbeck, an Environmental Design Engineer in the Environment and Economy Directorate, advised the Committee that the proposed location had been assessed by traffic engineers and complied with the criteria for such crossings. He stated that the residents adjacent to the proposed location would not have to reverse on to the crossing and indicated the benefits of all children crossing at the one point.

Following discussion it was Resolved by 3 votes to 1, with 5 abstentions:-

That the installation of a zebra crossing at Rushbrook Road near Wordsworth Avenue, Bridgetown, Stratford-upon-Avon be supported as recommended.

## **8. Kineton Village Speed Limit Review**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

Following formal advertisement of the proposed 30 mph and 40 mph speed limit on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton, five objections from residents had been received.

Don Foster, Head of Community Services, Environment and Economy introduced the report. The proposed scheme would involve associated engineering measures include improved village and speed limit gateway signs, speed limit repeater signs and carriageway roundels, warning signs and vehicle activated signs.

The report considered the objections and recommended that the existing 40 mph speed limit should be retained but with a 36 metre extension of the 30 mph speed limit as advertised.

Councillor David Booth suggested that, in the interests of better promoting public safety, the Committee should consider the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit over the whole section of Banbury Road with subsequent monitoring to see if the speed limit was having the desired result. He added that if the Committee could not agree with his suggestion he would accept the recommendation as printed in the report.

Don Foster responded to questions raised by members as follows:-

- The Council's speed limit criteria for the imposition of speed limits, as mentioned in the report, had regard to the characteristics of roads. He outlined differences in the characteristics of certain roads in Shipston on Stour and Alderminster with 40 and 30 mph speed limits and the

characteristics of Banbury Road at Kineton which was not recommended for a 30 mph limit.

- The 30 mph proposal would be contrary to the Council's policy for applying speed limits and consequently would need Cabinet approval.
- The Police would be likely to oppose a 30 mph proposal .
- The officers considered a 30 mph speed limit would be ignored by motorists
- The 40 mph speed limit recommendation, which had the support of the Parish Council, included a compromise proposal of an extension to the existing 30 mph zone to deal with the schools requirements

Councillor David Booth moved, Councillor Izzi Seccombe seconded and it was Resolved by 7 votes to 2:-

That the Area Committee recommends to Cabinet either

- (1) notwithstanding that this is not in accordance with the Council's normal policy, that a Traffic Order be advertised replacing the existing 40 mph speed limit on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton by a 30 mph speed limit

or if option (1) is not acceptable

- (2) that a Traffic Order be made in the following terms
  - (i) That the existing 40 mph limit be retained on the B4086 Banbury Road, Kineton with a 36 metre extension of the 30 mph speed limit as advertised.
  - (ii) That speed reducing measures be introduced as described in the report to encourage compliance with both speed limits.

## **9. Capital Programme for Transport 2006-07**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy which set out the draft 2006-07 Capital Programme for integrated transport for the Stratford on Avon area.

Resolved:-

That the Committee:-

- (1) Supports the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for Stratford on Avon area given in Table 1 in the report.
- (2) Supports the schemes identified in Table 3 for the delegated budget.
- (3) Agrees that schemes which remain on the list of delegated budget requests for three years are removed from future lists.
- (4) Supports the allocation of the additional capital funding for road maintenance as set out in Paragraph 5.1 of the report.

**10. Area Community Learning Partnership (ACLP) for Stratford-on-Avon District, Progress Report 2005/06 and Action Plan for 2006/07**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families which summarised progress made by the ACLP during 2005/06 and gave an outline for proposed partnership activity for 2006/07.

Following introductory comments from Janet Neale of the Area Community Learning Partnership, the Chair indicated that any member having views on the Plan should send them direct to Janet.

It was then Resolved:-

- (1) That the progress made in the development of the Community Learning Strategy and the multi-agency Community Learning Plan for Stratford-on-Avon District be noted.
- (2) That the detailed progress report against 2005/06 actions be endorsed.
- (3) That a finalised Area Community Learning Plan for 2006/07 is submitted to the Area Committee for information in the summer.

**11. Change to Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Family Services.

The report informed the Area Committee of the feedback received as a result of the consultation on proposals to change the Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe School, Stratford, and gave the Area Committee an opportunity to make recommendations to the Cabinet.

Following his introduction of the item, Phil Astle, Education Officer (Schools Organisation) indicated that additional accommodation would be provided in permanent buildings.

Resolved:-

That the Area Committee support the proposal to change the Indicated Admission Number of Thomas Jolyffe Primary School, Stratford.

**12. Proposed Changes to Charges for Off-Street Car Parking in Stratford-upon-Avon Town Centre.**

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy was considered.

The Stratford on Avon District Council was proposing a number of changes to off-road parking services within Stratford-upon-Avon town centre. The changes proposed include small increases in charges for some parking

durations. It was recommended that Committee endorses these proposed changes.

Resolved:-

That the Committee endorses Stratford on Avon District Council's proposed changes to off-street car parking in Stratford-upon-Avon town centre.

### **13. Alcester - Conversion of Two Lengths of Footway into Shared use Footway/Cycleway**

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy was considered.

It was proposed to convert sections of footway alongside Birmingham Road and B4089 Kinwarton Farm Road, Alcester to shared use footway/cycleway to enable the provision of cycle route facilities.

Following introductory comments from Don Foster, Councillor Nina Knapman indicated that whereas she supported the proposal relating to the Birmingham Road, she was concerned about the proposal relating to Kinwarton Farm Road for the several reasons including:-

- Residents were informed of the proposal only days ago.
- Work had been commenced by the removal of certain trees before the Committee had agreed the proposal
- The proposed junction with Captains Hill was a dangerous location and should be relocated further up the Hill.
- Not in line with government community guidance.

It was then Resolved by 10 votes to nil:-

- (1) That Area Committee approves the conversion of a length of footway alongside Birmingham Road, Alcester to shared use footway/cycleway, as shown on Appendix A of the report.
- (2) That consideration of the proposal relating to the B4089 Kinwarton Farm Road, Alcester, be deferred for further investigation.

At this point in the meeting the Committee agreed to continue beyond the three hours limit for meetings.

### **14. Stratford-upon-Avon Cricket Festival**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

The Committee was recommended to confirm that the outcomes expected from the Festival in bringing County Cricket to Warwickshire and involving young people and schools had been achieved.



In response to comments from members David Williams, the County Economic Development Officer reported that approximately 2,6000 people had attended the two day match and there was a capacity crowd of 3,400 for the Sunday match.

Resolved:-

That the Committee confirms that the outcomes expected from the Festival had been achieved.

#### **15. Stratford Vision**

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy was considered.

Members were asked to note the contents, and support where appropriate the Vision Document, published by Stratford on Avon District Council in January this year.

Resolved:-

That Members support where appropriate the contents of the Stratford-upon-Avon Vision document, and report their views to Cabinet.

#### **16. Stratford on Avon Well-being Fund Potential Commissions**

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development which requested the Area Committee to consider whether to approve the Well-being Fund commissions set out in the report.

Resolved:-

That the Area Committee approves the Well-being Fund proposals set out in Section 3 of the report.

#### **17. Stratford on Avon Social Inclusion Fund.**

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development was considered.

The Area Committee was asked to consider whether to award an additional £4000 to the Prevention of Accidents to Children Home Equipment Scheme (PATCHES) from the Social Inclusion Fund.

Resolved:-

That the Area Committee approves the award an additional £4000 to the PATCHES Project.

#### **18. Provisional Items for Future Meetings**

(1) Diversion of Footpath AL 4 Salford Priors

- (2) Highways Maintenance Plan 2006/7 and Five Years List of Structural Maintenance Schemes
- (3) Divisional Surveyor's Office at Wellesbourne
- (4) Affordable Housing
- (5) Speed Limits on non A roads
- (6) Education – pupil numbers

**19. Any Other Business**

Councillor George Atkinson indicated that the following matters should be considered as urgent items.

**(1) Nomination of WCC representative on the Brailes Free School Trust**

There was a vacancy for a County Council representative on the Brailes Free School Trust.

The vacancy had in the past been filled by a non councillor and a new non councillor representative - Mrs. Jane Cleave who lived in Lower Brailes - had been identified to fill the vacancy.

Councillor Chris Saint, the local member supported the nomination.

Under Standing Orders, the appointment had to be agreed by the Area Committee.

Councillor Chris Saint moved, Councillor David Booth seconded and it was Resolved:-

That Mrs Jane Cleave be appointed as the County Council's representative on the Brailes Free School Trust.

**(2) Area Manager**

Following comments from the Chair, members asked that their congratulations be passed to Martin Gibbins, the Area Manager and his wife on the birth of their new baby.

**(3) Retirement of Don Foster**

Following comments from the Chair, members expressed their appreciation for the work undertaken by Don Foster during his association with the Area Committee and wished him a long and happy retirement.

The meeting rose at 7.45 p.m.

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Chair