



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 8th October 2018

MEMBERS

*H Linsley (Chairman) *K Budden R Hargreaves
A Smith *A Wright L McDonald

*Present, in addition to Cllr N Wilson

Clerk: S Smith

24/H18 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hargreaves, McDonald and Smith.

25/H18 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

26/H18 – Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 2nd July 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd July 2018 were agreed as an accurate record (proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Budden).

27/H18 Matters arising

a) Highways Progress Sheet

Members welcomed the Highways Progress Sheet which had been compiled by the Assistant Clerk and noted the following:

27.1 Pavement on Station Road: Members requested that the Assistant Clerk check with HCC as to whether markings on the road were those of HCC and therefore related to proposed works. Should these not be HCC markings it was agreed that the matter be closed as HCC had previously responded that no defects had been found. **Action:** Assistant Clerk

27.2 Shared space on Forest Road: Members requested that the Assistant Clerk seek a meeting between HCC, LFRA and LPC as a matter of priority in order to discuss the concerns of residents. It was agreed that an invitation to the meeting would be extended to all councillors. Members also requested that the HCC speed box be pursued for Forest Road. It was anticipated that the results of the HCC speed box would be helpful to inform the meeting. The Chairman noted that he was due to speak to LFRA at their AGM and agreed to contact Peter Coley in advance to establish the various concerns relating to Liss Forest. **Action:** Assistant Clerk

27.3 Proposed speed reductions: The Chairman referred to the e-mail from CC Russell Oppenheimer which advised that an implementation date of 16 November 2018 had been agreed with the contractor for implementation of the extensions of the 30mph and 40mph in Liss. It was anticipated that the Highways Team would mark the site in October.

27.4 Courtesy crossings near West Liss Recreation Ground on Station Road: Members noted that the Assistant Clerk continued to pursue the detailed drawings from HCC but that this had been subject to considerable delay. Members were keen to move forward on the project and requested the Assistant Clerk press HCC for progress. **Action:** Assistant Clerk

27.5 Rolling Schedule of TSR deployments: The Clerk advised that a new battery for the TSR had been purchased and that this should remove problems with the battery running out of power whilst on deployment. It would also reduce charging time in-between deployments.

27.6 Marking of parking bays at Teachers Terrace Car Park: Members noted that EHDC were due to jet wash the car park to improve visibility of the bay marking by different colour bricks. Members agreed to continue to monitor.

27.7 Bins on the pavement on Station Road (near 71-75): Members noted that the bins continued to be stored on the pavement even though HCC had issued letters to residents about the issue. Members requested that the Assistant Clerk liaise with HCC to establish what more could be done.

Action: Assistant Clerk

27.8 Oak Tree outside the Spread Eagle Pub: Members requested that the Assistant Clerk draft a letter from LPC to EHDC stating the grounds for placing a TPO on the tree.

Action: Assistant Clerk

b) Footpaths survey results

Members expressed their thanks to the volunteer who had surveyed the footpaths.

The Clerk advised that the actions identified which were within remit had been added to the Lengthsman's worksheet for the year March 2018 to February 2019.

Cllr Wright noted the need to prioritise any hazardous areas and, should these not be within LPC's remit, to report them to the responsible person or body. Members agreed.

Action: Assistant Clerk

Cllr Wilson raised the issue of kissing gates opposed to stiles as these are more user friendly to those less mobile and to dog walkers. Members agreed and Cllr Wright noted that the Neighbourhood Plan promotes improved walking routes and enhanced connections across the village, including via public rights of way. Members proposed that s106 transport funds could be used to fund replacement of stiles with kissing gates where practical. The Chairman undertook to liaise with the village walking groups to establish priority areas.

Action: Chairman

c) Lengthsman's worksheets

Members noted that the Lengthsman's worksheet had been populated with issues arising from the footpath survey and this had been sent to the co-ordinator of the scheme in August for action (maps and photos had been provided). Clearance of vegetation obscuring the school signs on Hill Brow Road had since been identified as an area of work to be undertaken. Members agreed it would be useful to secure an indication of progress and likely timing of the works to allow an assessment regarding time still available within the annual allocation. Members also requested that the work be listed in priority order going forward where possible. This meant that the worksheet would be fluid to some extent subject to resources still available. Members had identified that clearing of culverts might be required, subject to discussion with the Flood Action Group. The Clerk noted that work to the pic nic area of the Riverside walk should be removed as this fell within the Groundsman's remit.

Action: Assistant Clerk

28/H18 Highways & Pavements

Members noted that notifications from HCC and the Highways Agency as regards works due to take place in Liss were not always forthcoming. Members felt this information should be made available to LPC so that LPC could respond to public enquiries and could also provide the information on the website. It was agreed that this should be raised with CC Russell Oppenheimer.

Action: Assistant Clerk

29/H18 Public Transport Matters.

Cllr Budden reported that the results of the bus survey were awaiting consideration by the EHDC Portfolio holder. Consultation responses regarding the number 38 bus had expressed a preference for The option of less services on more days rather than more services on fewer days.

As regards the train timetables, Cllr Budden noted that DfT had prevented the proposed timetable changes coming into effect in December and these changes would now come into effect in May 2019. He also noted that South Western Rail would continue support the vinyl project the Crossover were Working on which had commenced under South West Trains.

30/H18 Parking and Traffic Congestion/Speeding

Members noted the most recent figures taken from the TSR which showed 6895 incidents on Hill Brow Road by Rother House during the 14 day period, and 5599 incidents on Andlers Ash Road during the 14 period of deployment. The Assistant Clerk had taken over compilation of the data from the previous RFO and was aiming to present the data in a way which provide information on trends and particular problem areas going forward.

31/H18 Footpaths/ROWs

Cllr Budden reported that the footpath at Inwood Road (running from the upper part of the Road to Vincent Road and Denis Way had become very overgrown). Members noted that Radian were responsible for the path and so this should be reported to them.

Action: Assistant Clerk

32/H18 Lengthsman

Members noted that the work schedule had already been covered under matters arising. Members also noted that, although Highways had taken on the lead with regards to allocation of work to the lengthsman, that Grounds Committee had an interest and should be kept in the loop when identifying work

33/H18 Priority Projects

Members noted that the first priority project – additional courtesy crossings on Station Road – had already been discussed under matters arising and that other projects would be pursued following completion of this.

34/H18 Any Other Business

Cllr Wilson asked what provision would be made for Andlers Ash Road during the proposed development. Cllr Wright advised that Highways had not yet engaged on the issue.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs

Next meeting: tbc