

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 22 May 2017

MEMBERS

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

*Present

The meeting was clerked by Administration Officer, Frances Cook

1/H17 Election of a Chairman for the Council Year

Cllr Linsley, proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Smith, was duly elected as Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

2/H17 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Wright.

3/H17 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4/H17 Minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2016 were proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Smith and were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5/H17 Matters arising

- 5.1 24.1 – The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that EHDC had confirmed that it would take on the on-going costs of the light and HCC had confirmed that it would pay for the installation of the light and had made the necessary approach to SSE for the erection of the new light. The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that the new light should be in situ within two months.
- 5.2 24.3 – The Admin. Officer confirmed that this has been reported to HCC but that there had been no further action/updates.
- 5.3 24.4 - Cllr Linsley confirmed that he had attended a site meeting to discuss the problem with the works but that there had been no further action at that particular site.
- 5.4 24.7 – The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that she had chased the officer dealing with this matter but had not received a response. The meeting asked the Admin. Officer to chase this again.
Action: Admin. Officer
- 5.5 25.1 – It was noted that it was intended to include this crossing as part of the planning application for the new pavilion.
- 5.5 25.3 The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that she had reported this to HCC but that HCC had inspected the crossing and did not consider it defective and so will not be carrying out any repairs/maintenance works to it at present.
- 5.6 27.4 The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that the meeting with Joe Folland had taken place and that as a result there were proposals for the reduction of three speed limits and that having

circulated these to the committee members and receiving consent, she had written to Joe Folland confirming that LPC supported the proposed speed limit reduction proposals.

Cllr Linsley stated that although the committee had agreed to support the proposals by email he thought there should be a formal motion on the matter. Cllr Budden proposed supporting the proposed speed limit reductions. Cllr McDonald seconded the motion and the motion was agreed unanimously.

- 5.7 28.3 – Cllr Smith confirmed that he had discussed this with the Scouts and that he had sent them the various documents to enable them to carry out the footpath inspections.

6/H17 Highways & pavements

6.1 The Admin. Officer reminded the meeting of the works being carried out to the pavements near the Temple details of which she had circulated to the members in April.

6.2 Cllr Smith raised the letter received from Mr Giles. Following discussion it was noted that the road does not fall within Liss Parish to any great extent. The main councils concerned are Hampshire and West Sussex (including Rogate Parish Council). Cllr Budden offered to draft a letter in response to Mr Giles which would then be sent by the Admin. Officer on behalf of the LPC.

Action: Cllr Budden

7/H17 Public Transport Matters

7.1 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that there was nothing to report on the buses save for the introduction of QR codes at some bus stops but that these weren't always up-to-date.

7.2 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the new franchise holder for the train line was First TFR which will be known as South Western Trains and that the new murals were being put on hold until the new franchisee had taken over.

7.3 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that First TFR were intending to put some of the old rolling stock back into service and although it will have been refurbished it is unlikely that these will be suitable for disabled passengers.

7.4 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that funding had been received from East Hants Rail Partnership to enable the planting at the station to be refreshed. He confirmed that the Horticultural Society were to deal with this.

7.5 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the new (and correct) Welcome to the National Park sign has been put up at the station.

8/H17 Parking and Traffic Congestion/Speeding

8.1 Cllr Linsley reported that the proposed changes to the Hill Brow Road car park were raised at the EHDC meeting on Monday evening but that the original decision was upheld which has resulted in one Alton Councillor resigning in protest. Following general discussion, Cllr Smith offered to write a letter from LPC to EHDC to express regret at their decision and to set out the reasons why it is unpopular and will affect unintended sections of the community such as ramblers.

Action: Cllr Smith

8.2 There was some discussion as to whether or not LPC should purchase the car park but it was agreed that the running costs made this prohibitive and so the committee would not ask the Admin. Officer to look into this.

8.3 Cllr Linsley commented that the railway crossing seems to be the main cause of congestion in the village, but noted that there was little that LPC could do about that.

- 8.4 Cllr McDonald commented that congestion may increase as a result of the proposed changes to the car park regulations/restrictions to apply to the Hill Brow Road car park, as cars may be parked elsewhere in the village.

9/H17 Footpaths/ROWS

- 9.1 In addition to the points raised under Matters Arising above, Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the broken “No Cycling” sign on Vincent Road has been fixed.

10/H17 AOB

- 10.1 The Admin. Officer referred to the TSR figures which she had circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that she would like to see the speed limit in the village centre reduced to 20mph.
- 10.2 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that District Councillor Pienaar was setting up a multi-disciplinary meeting to look at reducing the speed limit in the village centre to 20 mph. It was agreed that this should be encouraged and supported by LPC and that LPC should have a representative at the meeting. The committee instructed the Admin. Officer to contact the District Councillor to find out how it was progressing and the proposed time frame. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 10.3 Cllr McDonald raised the issue of a letter she had received from the Buckingham. Cllr Budden confirmed that he had corresponded with the Buckingham and that there was no further action to be taken.
- 10.4 Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that she had contacted HCC about the state of St Mary’s Road and the quality of the repairs. She informed the meeting that more holes had developed and would raise it again with HCC.
- 10.5 Cllr McDonald raised the issues with the new path on Station Road in that, prior to the path being put in there was no problem with cars parking in that area. Since the path has been put in, cars are parking on the road and are obstructing the sight lines. The committee instructed the Admin. Officer to raise this with Joe Folland to see if yellow lines could be added. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 10.6 Cllr Smith raised the Lengthsman Scheme and the fact that this may of benefit to LPC especially if LPC could join with any of the nearby/adjoining parishes. Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he would speak to the Clerk of Hawley Parish Council to discuss the merits of joining and report back. **Action:** Cllr Smith
- 10.7 The Admin. Officer updated the meeting regarding the position with the Lych Gate and that the Clerk was continuing to deal with this.
- 10.8 The Admin. Officer raised the SIL funds and asked what the committee would like to do with the available funds. She informed the meeting that she had emailed Joe Folland regarding utilising some of the funds to put in some new courtesy crossings in the village. Cllr Linsley raised the possibility of using some of the funds on public transport although it was felt by the meeting that this might not be sustainable and would be a waste of money. The committee instructed the Admin. Officer to continue to investigate the possibility of new courtesy crossings with Joe Folland at HCC. **Action:** Admin. Officer

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 hrs

Next meeting: 10 July 2017