



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 2 July 2018

MEMBERS

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

*Present

One member of the public attended.

The meeting was clerked by Administration Officer, Frances Cook

12/H18 – Election of Chairman for the Council Year

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

13/H18 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Budden and Cllr Hargreaves.

14/H18 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

15/H18 Liss Forest Issues

As a member of the public had attended the meeting to raise some issues relating to Liss Forest, the Chairman decided to deal with those first.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.40pm

The member of the public raised the following issues relating to Liss Forest:-

1. Whether the Parish Council might pursue a change in the speed limit to 20mph for Liss Forest
2. An extra 30mph sign
3. The “shared footpath/road” in Liss Forest

After discussion on these issues, the Chairman informed the member of the public-

1. There was very little chance of getting the speed limit reduced to 20mph. Firstly it would need the support of the police and the police will not support it unless a majority of vehicles are already doing 20mph and secondly Hampshire County Council has banned the introduction of new 20mph zones in the County. The Chairman informed the member of the public that new lower speed limits were coming into force on Hill Brow, Rake Road and just down from the Ham Barn roundabout which may have a knock-on effect on the speeds in Liss Forest.
2. It was unlikely that this would be attempted by LPC as new road signs require the approval of the relevant Government Minister (Department of Transport), require approval of the police and run the risk of speeders getting off on the technicality of repeater sign legislation.
3. An email had been received from HCC, stating that the area is footpath and not roadway and that as they consider it to be sufficiently identifiable as footpath no further identification works will be carried out. They base this on the recorded reports of accidents and incidents on the section of footpath in question under their “accident led” policy. The Admin. Officer was instructed to forward a copy of the email to the member of the public.

Action: Admin. Officer

There followed a brief discussion about the results of the TSR which showed 5227 vehicles above 30mph during the two weeks that the TSR was in situ which was low compared to other places in Liss – such as Andlers Ash Road and Hill Brow. It was agreed that LPC would request the HCC speed box for Forest Road.

It was also agreed that a list of issues to be raised with Russell Oppenheimer should be prepared.

The meeting reconvened at 8.10pm

16/H18 – Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 4 April 2018

The minutes of the meeting of 4 April 2018 were agreed as an accurate and were proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr McDonald.

17/H18 Matters arising

- 17.1 5.1/H18 – Shared Footway on Forest Road: This matter had already arisen in connection with the enquiry by the member of the public and so the contents of the email received were noted.
- 17.2 5.3/H18 – Poor State of Pavements in Station Road: The Admin. Officer informed the meeting of the response from HCC. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 17.3 7.3/H18 – Speed Reductions: The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that Joe Folland has advised that the signs would be up by the end of June but that they did not appear to have been put up yet. The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that she would contact Joe to see what the new date is. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 17.4 8.1/H18 – Surface on Riverside Walk: The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that this had been reported and was being processed.
- 17.5 10.3/H18 – Priorities for Liss: The Admin. Officer confirmed that she would recirculate the priorities list. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 17.6 11.3/H18 – TSR Schedule: The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that whilst there would be a rolling schedule the problem was that the batteries require charging between sitings and that they take a week or so to charge and that the rolling programme would actually be “two weeks on and two weeks off”. The Chairman stated that he thought there were spare batteries that could be charged whilst the other set were being used. The Admin. Officer confirmed that she would raise this with Michael Jarman and report back at the next meeting. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 17.7 11.5/H18 – Litter on Verges: LM confirmed she had recently emailed the two District Councillors but had not yet received a response.
- 17.8 4.0/H18 – Mowing of Land: LM informed the meeting that she had received a response from HCC and that they would look again at the timing and extent of cutting but stated that they had to be mindful of cyclists and motorists safety. LM confirmed that she would check for rare species next year before the first cutting is due to take place.

18/H18 Highways & Pavements

- 18.1 The Chairman informed the meeting of the contents of an email received regarding vehicles driving on the pavement particularly on Station Road up near the Madhuban Indian Restaurant. Following discussion, it was noted that this was an enforcement issue. The Admin. Officer was instructed to raise this with the CPSO and to response to the email advising the writer to bring the matter to the attention of the police. **Action:** Admin. Officer

19/H18 Public Transport Matters.

- 19.1 The Admin. Officer read out the update received from Cllr Budden on public transport. The meeting noted in particular the consultation being carried out by HCC and instructed the Admin. Officer to forward a copy of the consultation to Peter Coley, to circulate to the Liss Forest Residents Association who may be interested in it. **Action:** Admin. Officer

20/H18 Parking and Traffic Congestion/Speeding

- 20.1 The Admin. Officer informed the meeting of the email received from Richard Munro regarding the parking congestion and visibility at the car park on Station Road near the Kingdom Hall. Following discussion, the Admin. Officer was instructed to respond to Mr Munro regarding what could be done but also noting the proposed new crossing points which would slow traffic which might help the situation and the conditions in the planning permission granted for the new pavilion. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 20.2 Cllr Wright raised the issue of parking up at the Temple and confirmed that the planning permission had not be given. The Admin. Officer confirmed that she had written to EHDC highlighting the issues with parking and suggesting that Temple Road be made resident only parking but no response had yet been received.

21/H18 Footpaths/ROWs

- 21.1 The Admin. Officer read out the relevant part of the email received from Keith Budden about the bridle way linking Warren Road with Mint Road. Cllr Wright confirmed that she would investigate the matter and circulate her findings so that, if necessary, the Admin. Officer can report this to HCC. **Action:** Cllr Wright / Admin. Officer

21/H18 Lengthsman

- 21.1 The Admin. Officer confirmed that the Lengthsman would be used for the clearing of footpath 3 and for the repairs to the footbridge and following Cllr Wright's request, the clearing of foliage from in front of the "School" sign on Hill Brow Road. **Action:** Admin. Officer

22/H18 Priority Projects

- As above, the Admin Officer confirmed that she would recirculate this list and would circulate the "Progress" list she had prepared for outstanding highways issues. **Action:** Admin. Officer

23/H18 Any Other Business

- 23.1 Station Road – Near Kingdom Hall: The Chairman noted that this matter had already been dealt with.
- 23.2 Crossing Points Update: The Admin. Officer updated the meeting on the current situation. The meeting confirmed proceeding to detailed drawings and instructed the Admin. Officer to respond to Joe Folland. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 23.3 Removal of Highway Clutter: The Admin. Officer referred to the email response she had circulated and confirmed that she would see if it was possible to determine who owned the two area on which clutter would not be removed by HCC to see if the owners will remove the clutter. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 23.4 TSR: This Chairman noted that this matter had already been dealt with.
- 23.5 Email from Jon Holmwood: Following discussion of Mr Holmwood's comments, the Admin. Officer was instructed to give Mr Holmwood Russel Oppenheimer's contact details should he wish to take the matter further. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 23.6 Speeding on Old A3: The Chairman informed the meeting that he had been invited to attend a meeting regarding the problems of speeding on the old A3. He confirmed that he would report back following the meeting.

- 23.7 Wobbly Crossing Gates: Cllr Wright raised the issue of the wobbly crossing gates which had been raised at the last Council meeting and informed the meeting that the Parish Clerk was to contact Railtrack about this. The Admin. Officer informed the meeting that one of the gates at Andlers Ash Road crossing was also wobbling and that she would ensure that this was also reported. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 23.8 Vegetation Blocking School Sign: The Admin. Officer confirmed that she had reported the overgrowing vegetation using Hantsweb and would add it to the progress list. **Action:** Admin. Officer
- 23.9 Hilliers Road: The Admin. Officer informed the meeting of the contents of an email received in response to a concern raised regarding drivers thinking that the road by Hilliers is one way. HCC's accident led policy means that they will not be taking any action as no reported accidents or incidents.
- 23.10 List for Russell Oppenheimer: The Admin. Officer confirmed that she would put together a list of issues to be raised with Russell Oppenheimer in due course. **Action:** Admin. Officer

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hrs
Next meeting: 8 October 2018