

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 26th January 2009

MEMBERS

*H Linsley

* G Logan

*L Mann (Chairman)

J Milman

*R Mullenger

*M Payne

*Mrs S Halstead

Co-opted members - Mr M Bamford (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs Milman & Halstead, Mr Bamford.

01/H09 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests to declare.

02/H09 – Minutes of Meeting 13th October 2008

The minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

The following matters arising were discussed:

- 1) Courtesy crossing, Station Road – Cllr Linsley raised safety concerns regarding the crossing; drivers & pedestrians were both ignoring the facility. The Clerk informed the meeting that HCC Highways had informed that a job order for the widening of the road markings had been placed & work would be done in due course..

03/H09 – Highways and Pavements

- 1) Village Design Group report on Roads & Pavements

The Chairman reported that he had met with Mrs Effenberg to discuss the report that had been tabled at Council. The VDG had a mass of collated background information & he had volunteered to attend the next VDG meeting & assist in the compilation of a more detailed document that could be used as part of the Village Plan for presentation to EHDC.

Action: Chairman.

- 2) Village Centre Enhancement

The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from HCC that funding for the project had been secured & that work was expected to commence in March/April. Prior to commencement HCC would arrange a meeting with traders to explain the works programme. Members were concerned that the LPC contribution to the project seemed excessive & that the sum of £5k had been quoted for consultants' fees. The Clerk was requested to take the matter up with HCC's architect & HCC Highways.

It was agreed that project information would be placed on the LPC website & in the Village Voice.

Action: Clerk.

- 3) Farnham Road/Station Road Junction project

The drawings were reviewed & it was agreed that LPC should push for a coloured road surfacing at the road crossing point.

It was agreed that project information would be placed on the LPC website & in the Village Voice.

Action: Clerk.

- 4) Huntsbottom Lane resurfacing

It was noted that HCC Highways had completed works on the project; they had not carried out the job to the specification cited due to technical reasons.

Members felt that the job had been done poorly & visually, looked unsatisfactory.

It was agreed that the Chairman would prepare a statement of concerns to be lodged with HCC Highways.

Action: Chairman.

04/H09 Public Transport

The Clerk reported that Mrs Hewitt had drawn attention to a Community Action letter published in the local press that seemed to have implications on local transport provisions in Liss.

It was noted that EHDC were currently reviewing transport issues & expected to go to public consultation in mid-year.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should seek clarification from HCC & EHDC on the proposed changes.

Action: Clerk

05/H09 Parking, Traffic Congestion and Speeding

HCC Highways had carried out speed monitoring tests at various locations in the village & the reports had been copied to members prior to the meeting.

After discussion it was agreed that:

- HCC Highways should be pressed to supply speed limit reminders at critical locations in Forest Road, Farnham Road, Andlers Ash Road & Hill Brow Road.
- EHDC would be asked if Developers' Contributions Funds (Transport) could be used.
- HCC Highways officer & the Liss County Councillor would be invited to meet on site with LPC. Cllr Mullenger agreed to create a chart of statistics based on the Forest Road statistics for inclusion in the Village Voice as it was felt that many cases exceeding speed limits were village residents. It was hoped that, by drawing attention to the dangers caused, residents would take notice.

Action: Clerk

06/H09 Footpaths

- 1) The Clerk reported that Mr Grant had compiled a file of evidence of usage of the informal footpath from Newfield Road to the Riverside Walk. After discussion it was agreed that a recommendation be put to Council that the footpath now be claimed as a right of way.
Action: Chairman at Council
- 2) The Clerk reported that the Walking to Health group had lodged complaints over the stile & stream crossing from 10 Acre Field to the Riverside Walk. It was agreed that proposals be put to HCC & EHDC, the responsible parties, for a repair project.
Action: Clerk
- 3) Cllr M Payne proposed that an old footpath running from Hillside Road to Rake & running through private property be reclaimed. It was agreed that Cllr Payne supply exact details to the Clerk in order that the matter could be put to HCC ROW.
Action: Cllr Payne

07/H09 Street Lights

The Clerk reported that HCC were now intending to install light stands in Station Road rather than the proposed wall-mounted lamps as land owners had refused a wayleave. The HCC engineer was due to make a site visit to establish exact sitings; he had undertaken to have all engineering work completed before the footpaths were re-laid.

Action: Clerk

08/H09 Other Business

The Clerk reminded members of the proposed HAT meeting dates; these were:

- 25th Feb, 2pm at TBC – Consultation on LAA local transport targets, congestion & accessibility.
- 17th March, 2pm at The Maltings, Alton – Highways.
- 23rd April, 2pm at TBC – Rural issues & Rights of Way.

Next meeting: 27th April 2009, 7.30pm

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MEMBERS

*H Linsley	G Logan	*L Mann (Chairman)
J Milman	*R Mullenger	*M Payne
*Mrs S Halstead		

Co-opted members - Mr M Bamford (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllr Logan.

In attendance – one member of the public.

09/H09 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests to declare.

10/H09 – Minutes of Meeting 26th January 2009

The minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

11/H09 – Matters Arising

The following matters arising were discussed:

- 1) Courtesy crossing, Station Road – It was noted that the works order for the widened road markings had been placed by HCC Highways but that the contractor was way behind with work.
- 2) Village Centre Enhancements - The Clerk reported that the works order had been placed for the re-paving of the centre; however, because of other factors, including the new gas main in Forest Road, the work was now anticipated as being done in June
- 3) Village Plan – The Chairman said that he had attended the VDG meeting on roads & pavements & that work on this section of the Plan was ongoing.
- 4) Flooding problems at Andlers Ash Road – The Clerk said that HCC Highways had taken action to clear drains but this had not been effective; they now had to contact Network Rail to get access to drainage points on their land.
- 5) Huntsbottom Lane – The Chairman reported that he had met on site with HCC Highways officers to discuss the poor resurfacing work that had been done in January. The general conclusion was that the only effective treatment was to completely resurface the whole lane to black-top standard but this would be very expensive & unpopular with residents.

12/H09 – Highways and Pavements

- 1) Village Centre Enhancement
Cllr Mullenger reported that, following a conversation at the Railway 150 event, he had written to the Managing Director of SW Trains to progress the station enhancements programme. Mrs Hewitt said that Hilliers Nurseries had agreed to donate three trees for the planters in Lower Mead.

13/H09 Public Transport

Cllr Linsley reported on the EHDC Rural Transport event held at East Meon on 25th April. He had attended it with Mrs Effenberg & had both found it to be a well organised & positive event. He said that EHDC had some positive proposals for the future of rural transport with firm funding proposals.

It was noted that EHDC had not yet progressed their bus shelter maintenance scheme.

14/H09 Parking, Traffic Congestion and Speeding

Mr Grant raised concerns about hazardous parking in Newfield Road; the Police Authority had been alerted to the situation & would be monitoring the situation.

The Clerk reported that a backlog at HCC had delayed the legal process of the traffic order for the Station Road/Western Road junction and the work was now scheduled for the 09/10 year.

The HCC trial scheme for parishes to buy flashing speed reminder signs was discussed. Bramshott & Liphook, Greatham & Petersfield had been approached to see if they were interested in a joint investment with some positive response. It was agreed that LPC would continue to liaise with the other Councils & also await the outcome of a trial scheme near Winchester. The possibility of using Transport Developers' Contributions was also discussed.

15/H09 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that there had been some snags in the negotiations with HCC for the construction of a replacement stile at 10 Acre Field. HCC were now proposing to install a kissing gate & hopefully this work would tie in with the construction of the footbridge over the stream & not require an ROW closure.

16/H09 Street Lights

The Clerk that the two new street lights had been installed in Station Road & were now wired up & working. No complaints had been received so far.

17H09 Other Business

It had been reported in the HAT schedule of proposals that a chicane might be installed at Forest Road. It was agreed that a site meeting take place immediately before the next Highways meeting on 6th July. Mrs Effenberg asked if LPC could pursue the replacement of the gateway road sign at West Liss. The Clerk would contact HCC Highways.

Mrs Effenberg raised concerns about flooding run-off outside Sadlers in Farnham Road caused by drainage problems in Church Lane; the Clerk would contact HCC Highways.

Mrs Effenberg reported that the owners of Snatch House in Farnham Road were taking down a brick wall to improve access for their lorries.

Next meeting: 6th July 2009, 7.30pm

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MEMBERS

*H Linsley
*L Mann
*M Payne

*S Halstead
*B Mayo

G Logan
*R Mullenger

Co-opted members - Mr M Bamford (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Meeting convened at RRW car park (Liss Forest) to review traffic, then moved to Parish office.

Apologies: Cllr G Logan
Agreed to advise Cllr V Clarke of future meetings

18/T09 – Election of Chairman

S. Halstead took the chair.

L. Mann nominated by H. Linsley, seconded by M. Payne. Elected unanimously.

19/T09 – Declarations of interest.

None.

20/T09 – Minutes of Meeting 2nd April 2007

- (a) 11/H09/1: Courtesy crossing
Said to have been ordered although no indication when this will be done. Other crossings should also be done, e.g. top of Station Road.
- (b) 11/H09/2: Village centre enhancement / paving.
Contractors had requested a road closure for eight weeks. This must be rejected. Improved signage for pedestrians indicating routes to use should be implemented.
- (c) 11/H09/5: Huntsbottom Lane
In response to a question, confirmed that no further work will be done.
- (d) 12/H09: Village centre enhancement / station approach.
No response from Mr S Palmer of SWT. To be followed up. **RM / Clerk.**
- (e) 12/H09: Bus shelter review.
HCC have agreed a lump sum but not on-going maintenance. Discussions between EHDC & HCC continuing.
- (f) 14/H09: Speed warning signs.
Could approach Liphook to share, although would still be on-going cost. Could reduce this significantly by using councillors or council staff to move signs. Agreed to wait for outcome of Winchester trials.

21/T09 – Highways and Pathways

Covered under 20/H09/d above.

22/T09 Public Transport matters

- (a) Transport Forum.
G Logan & H. Linsley (reporting, see AOB) had attended.
Community Transport, Liss to Petersfield takes a long time, so only one hour available in Petersfield.
Community Transport to be contacted to find out the reasons for this short stay. **Clerk.**
One suggestion raised is that AMK should stop in Greenfields. M Hewitt is in contact directly with AMK.

- b) Community forum 7 July, with workshop on Transport Initiative.
- c) S Halstead to attend PTC meeting, in EHPTC role, when Transport initiative briefing is happening. Only available in Petersfield, Alton & Bordon.

23/T09 Parking, Traffic Congestion and Speeding

- (a) Double yellow lines at courtesy crossing in Station Road. Added to 2010/11 program for consideration because of obstruction of sight lines.
- (b) MOD had been contacted about driver training and had responded. They are reviewing the usage and routes.
- (c) Following site meeting before meeting it was agreed that the following steps would be supported; 30 limit extended to 100m before car park and RRW entrance (subject to discussion with Greatham PC), pedestrian signs (on same post) and rumble strips. This was in preference to a chicane at this time.

24/T09 Footpaths / ROWs

- (a) Grant to improve entrance to RRW had been successful.
- (b) Grant to improve access to ROW in 10 acre field had been successful.
- (c) HCC had completed annual cut of footpaths.
- (d) S. Neat (HCC) had sent three letters to Bisherne Gardens & three to Greenfields regarding cutting of hedges.

25/T09 AOB

- (a) Report on Passenger Transport Forum. H. Linsley
 - Presentation about role of Forum & workshop which seemed to be pre-determined
 - Report on EHDC passenger transport initiative. The time between report completion (July 09) and tendering (August 09) seemed very short,

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next meeting: 5th October 2009, 7.30pm

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Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 5th October 2009

MEMBERS

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L Mann
P Payne

*S Halstead
*R Mullenger

*G Logan
*M Payne

Co-opted members - *Mr C Seymour (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs L Mann, P Payne & District Councillor Mr V Clarke.
Agreed to advise Cllr V Clarke of future meetings

In the Absence of Cllr Mann, Members agreed that Cllr Logan take the chair.

26/T09 – Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interests.

27/T09 – Minutes of Meeting 6th July 2009

- (a) 20/T09/a: Courtesy crossing
The additional surface marking had been completed at the village centre crossing. HCC Highways had been requested to make a site visit to assess the situation at Station Road.
- (b) 20/T09/b: Village centre enhancement / paving.
It was noted that Station Road would be closed for two weeks from 8th October while the pavement on the south side was widened.
- (c) 20/T09/e: Bus shelter maintenance
The Chairman informed the meeting that EHDC had now agreed to take over the maintenance responsibilities for the area in exchange for a dowry from HCC. There was some confusion at EHDC over the exact shelters in Liss that LPC would be responsible for. The Clerk would contact EHDC with details & request that EHDC pass on some of the HCC dowry to enable LPC to continue maintenance. It was noted that WLRA had indicated a willingness to have the concrete shelter at Farnham road removed; however, Mr Seymour said that might not be the case now & he would put the question to the WLRA committee for confirmation.

28/T09 – Highways and Pathways

Cllr Halstead raised the question of the recent HCC Highways works at Stodham Lane. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to HCC Highways East expressing disappointment that LPC had not been consulted on the need for this work contrary to the agreed understanding that HCC Highways would engage LPC in planned works. It was felt that there were possibly other areas that would have been more appropriate to spend money on that would have yielded a better return for the community.

Mr Seymour asked if it would be possible to have double yellow lines at the junction of St Mary's & Station Road as, particularly on Sundays, on-road parking was causing problems. It was explained that HCC Highways had visited the site in the past & had decided that no action was necessary.

Mr Seymour asked if Liss could be put forward as a 20mph restricted village centre. Members felt that the likelihood of having such an area properly controlled by police enforcement was low

Mr Seymour commented that the manhole covers in Station Road that caused noise nuisance appeared to have HCC Highways markings on them now. It was assumed that this indicated imminent works.

Mr Seymour asked if weeds on pavements could be treated & Mr Grant informed the meeting that they were to be sprayed twice a year from now on.

Mr Seymour raised the problem of a road hazard caused by the parking of a builders van on Farnham Road. The Clerk would pass this information on to the local beat officer but it was noted that police had visited this area before & felt no action was necessary.

Mr Grant asked if LPC could request HCC Highways to complete the stretch of footway from Forest Road to the Longmoor car park. The kerbing had been done but no path surface laid down. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to HCC Highways to press for this work to be done.

Cllr Mullenger informed the meeting that he was to have a meeting with Area Wise on 7th October to discuss possibilities for the Lower Mead shop frontage area.

29/T09 Public Transport matters

Cllr Linsley commenting on EHDC's community transport initiative said that the promised £1m investment by EHDC now appeared to have been cut to £600k.

Cllr Halstead expressed concerns that the public consultation period allowed for this project appeared to be very short; Cllr Logan said she would ensure that LPC were informed at the earliest opportunity.

30/T09 Footpaths/ROWs

It was noted that HCC Rights of Way had managed two cuts of footpaths in 2009.

Cllr Linsley informed the meeting that HCC had a waymarker system that allowed footpath user groups to install path marker signs where necessary. It was agreed that LPC could undertake this task for Liss footpaths. Cllr Linsley to obtain further information.

31/T09 AOB

It was agreed to request HCC Highways to issue hedge trimming orders & also side out the footpath on the upper reaches of Hill Brow Road.

The Clerk reported that the Highways Authority were expected to have a report on any possible future works to the A3 ham Barn roundabout in the near future.

Next meeting: 25th January 2010, 7.30pm