

## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

### MEMBERS

*H Linsley	*K Budden	*R Chads
*G Logan	*L Mann (Chairman)	*P Payne
*E Thomas	P Thompson	*A Wright

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

### \*Present

Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllr Thompson & Mr A Grant..

In attendance: County Councillor Mr V Clarke, PC A Smith, Rogate Parish Councillor Mr M Batty, 1 member of the public & 1 member of the press.

### 01/T12 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

The Chairman introduced Cllr M Batty of Rogate Parish Council & proposed that his business be taken ahead of agenda items & Members agreed.

Cllr Batty introduced himself as member of the Rogate Parish Council traffic sub-committee. He said that Rogate PC had concerns over the safety of the junction of the B2070 London Road with Hill Brow Road. Although this was in Hampshire it bordered on the Rogate Parish boundary. He asked if LPC had similar concerns & felt that a joint approach to HCC Highways might achieve a resolution..

It was agreed that the junction signage & layout was confusing.

The Chairman asked PC Smith for his opinion & PC Smith said that he was not aware of any recent accidents, should there be any then police & HCC Highways would look at safety issues there.

The Clerk reminded Members that the current layout had been installed as a result of a serious accident there several years ago. Concerns over the layout had been conveyed to HCC's traffic management officer but she had informed LPC that it was under a trial & under review.

Cllr Payne felt that it was not the junction layout but the signs that caused problems.

It was agreed that PC Smith would contact the police road safety section to request an opinion.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Batty for bringing the matter to the attention of LPC.

The Chairman then proposed that agenda item 6i be taken next & Members agreed.

### 02/T12 Parking & Traffic congestion – Traffic calming proposals for Hill Brow Road

Members were reminded that PC Smith had addressed December Council with concerns over road safety on Hill Brow Road particularly outside the schools. This had been a follow up to concerns raised by the Junior School Council in June.

PC Smith tabled photographs of traffic calming measures outside of the school in Greatham & said that he thought Liss was in need of similar measures. In his opinion the existing signage was inadequate as traffic did speed on Hill Brow Road.

The Chairman asked if PC was recommending advance warning signage such as a flashing sign that operated in school hours. County Councillor Mr Clarke said that the Greatham school was also within two pinch points.

Cllr Logan said that she supported signage but not the creation of pinch points.

Cllr Payne reminded the meeting that HCC traffic movement criteria had not been met when LPC had wanted a zebra crossing in the village; however there had been two serious accidents in the past year & LPC should not rule out the most draconian measures.

PC Smith said that the Selborne pinch points were a good example of how such measures could work.

Cllr Wright held concerns over the lack of advance warning signs for the schools & felt that flashing signs would be appropriate.

Cllr Chads added that many people would not walk their children to school as it was so dangerous.

Cllr Linsley felt that the removal of the centre line marking might be beneficial.

Cllr Logan suggested that LPC meet with HCC Highways & the Police Authority.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to HCC Highways requesting an on-site meeting with the County Councillor as well as the Police Authority road safety officer; LPC would suggest the installation of a 20mph restriction, advance warning signage, rumble strips, pinch points, removal of centre lining, no right turn from the school exit & lining the area with white picket fencing.

The Chairman then asked Members if they would agree to an adjournment of the meeting to receive comments from a member of the public & Members agreed.

Mr Birney lodged a complaint that the new traffic order adding parking restrictions to Station Road & western Road had created difficulty for him accessing & egressing his residence driveway.

The Chairman explained that the point of restrictions at the junction was to remove sight line obstructions for vehicles exiting Western Road.

Mr Birney said that the restrictions on parking had led to an increase in speeding on the road.

The Clerk read a letter from the proprietor of the Madhuban Restaurant who felt the restrictions were harming his take away trade.

The Chairman thanked Mr Birney for raising his concerns and suggested that he contact HCC Highways as it was under their jurisdiction.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Mr Miah & explain the reasons for the measures.

### **03/T12 – Minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The minutes of the meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> October, approved at Council on 21st November, were noted.

### **04/T12 – Matters arising**

Cllr Linsley raised concerns over the quality of the surface dressing on Rake Road.

It was noted that this matter had already been drawn to HCC's attention. The Clerk would remind them.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr Budden informed the meeting that he had held a site meeting with HCC & the bus stop demolished on Hill Brow Road would now be replaced at an improved siting.

Cllr Budden raised concerns over the hedge on the footpath from Rake Road to NCPF where the brambles were growing over the footway.

Action: The Clerk to contact EHDC.

Cllr Budden asked what the position was on the drainage cover remedial works on the driveway at NCPF. Cllr Linsley said that the Trust had undertaken to carry out the repairs.

### **05/T12 – Highways and Pathways**

Cllr Logan raised concerns over the state of the road surface from the Mill Road crossing to the village centre pavements from Mill

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

County Councillor Mr Clarke asked if anything could be done to resurface the top of Hatch Lane where West Sussex CC were responsible.

### **06/T12 Public Transport matters**

Cllr Budden reported that the service 38 bus, if there were no passengers when it reached Liss, sometimes abandoned its routing via Liss Forest & went back to depot via Station Road. This meant that if there were passengers waiting at Mill Road stops then they got no service.

Action: The Clerk to contact Stagecoach.

Cllr Budden expressed concerns that the majority of Liss passengers for service 73 travelled to Petersfield & not to Bordon. He felt there was a danger of HCC cutting the service as there was an existing Stagecoach service that already covered the route.

### **07/T12 Parking & Traffic issues**

The Chairman informed Members that the new TRS equipment had now been deployed in Station Road.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a new mass Traffic Order covering many locations in the East Hants area presumably to tie into EHDC's upcoming civil enforcement responsibilities.

### **08/T12 Footpaths/ROWs**

The Clerk informed the meeting that another section of the Shipwrights' way had recently opened between Bentley Station & Alice Holt.

### **09/T12 VDG Questionnaire comments received**

The comments of respondents to the VDG questionnaire relating to Highways issues had been collated & circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Cllr Wright reviewed the main areas of concern which included pavements outside of Tesco & , parking problems; there were no issues that were new to LPC.

Cllr Chads raised concerns for the safety of pupils alighting schools buses in the centre of the village. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact HCC to establish the regulations.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr Wright said that some concerns for pedestrian safety in the lanes surrounding the village were raised. It was agreed that the Clerk raise the possibility of 30mph restrictions for Rake Road through to Wyld Green Lane & Warren Road again.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr Wright said that the VDG comments on footpaths, ROWs & Transport would be available for the next Highways Committee meeting.

It was agreed that VDG should now put its recommendations to LPC & meet with the Highways Committee to discuss the issues.

**10/T12 AOB**

Mr Seymour suggested that a sign be put up requesting motorists to cut their engines when waiting at the railway crossing to reduce emissions & save fuel. Cllr Chads thought this was an appropriate matter to include in the Village Voice.

Next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012, 7.30pm

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Co-opted members - \*Mr C Seymour (WLRA); \*Mr J Collins (LFRA)

\*Present

Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllrs Chads & Thompson.

In attendance: Mrs M Effenberg, VDG.

### 11/T12 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 12/T12 – Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January, approved at Council on 20<sup>th</sup> February, were noted.

### 13/T12 – Matters arising

The Chairman said that LPC should get back to Rogate PC's representative to update him on HCC's comments on the junction of Hill Brow Road & the B2030.

Action: Clerk

### 14/T12 – Highways and Pathways

The Clerk reported that the pavements at the top of Hill Brow Road & along part of London Road had been surface dressed.

Cllr Budden reported that the service covers outside of the Dress Hire shop in Station Road had crumbling concrete around them that was creating a trip hazard. The Clerk would report this to HCC Highways.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Thomas asked why the surface dressing of Hill Brow Road had not been done to the point where re-surfacing was due to take place. The Chairman said that HCC were yet to complete the project & any faults in the end product would be followed up.

It was noted that the surface dressing & repairs to Rake Road were still not complete & that lining replacement had not yet been done on any site.

Cllr Budden said that there was still flooding outside the Whistle Stop. The Clerk said that HCC had cleared the drains a few days ago. He would ask HCC what the cause was. The flooding at the end of Andlers Ash Road, the blocked drains at Yew Tree Close & the silted foot way at the Station Road/Farnham Road junction would also be raised with HCC.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Payne made comments to support the report of the inefficiency of the Station Road/Farnham Road junction & the safety hazard for pedestrians crossing there that had been raised in public participation at Council. After discussion it was agreed that this matter along with others reported by the VDG under agenda item 8 should, in due course be listed & prioritised before an approach to HCC Highways was made.

### **15/T12 Public Transport matters**

Cllr Budden reported that the bus stop that had erroneously been installed on a private drive in Hill Brow Road had been removed at the resident's insistence. It was likely that it would now be replaced at its original location.

In response to a question from Cllr Wright, Cllr Budden reported that bus services were now adhering to routes & no longer taking short cuts.

### **16/T12 Parking & Traffic issues**

Traffic calming Hill Brow Road - The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from HCC Highways traffic management officer that proposal for Hill Brow Road & the Hill Brow/London Road junction were now being discussed with Highways east prior to submission to LPC.

Mr Collins reported that he had seen an incident today of a car parking on the pavements near the school that forced a mother & pushchair to use the carriageway to get past. It was agreed to report this to the Liss Beat Officer.

Action: Clerk

TSR report – A schedule of the results of the TSR deployments was tabled & discussed.

Cllr Payne thanked the Chairman for his work on the movement of the equipment & congratulated him on the success of the project.

The Chairman said that he felt that the purchase & installation of a pole in Andlers Ash Road was required. After discussion Cllr Logan, seconded by Cllr Payne, proposed that this be investigated & presented for approval at finance on 8<sup>th</sup> May & all Members agreed.

The Clerk reported that Greatham PC had made an approach to rent LPC's equipment & after discussion it was agreed that an offer of four deployments per year be made at a rental to be determined at Finance on 8<sup>th</sup> May. It would be ensured that Greatham PC obtain the necessary HCC license as well as insurance cover for the equipment.

Tesco Bus Bay – A plan of the HCC Highways proposal was tabled & discussed. Members agreed that the proposal were acceptable. The Chairman added that HCC would be reinforcing the yellow lining in the surrounding area.

### **17/T12 Footpaths/ROWs**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a suggestion from Cllr Halstead that the footpath network be expanded to incorporate a part of Brows Farm land to make a more suitable link from footpath 501 to other rural paths rather than using Andlers Ash Road. Members agreed that an approach be made to HCC Rural Access to see if this was feasible.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Budden asked what progress was being made with drain cover repair at Newman Collard Playing Fields & Cllr Payne replied that the NCPFT had this in hand.

The Chairman asked if HCC would be carrying out the usual maintenance programme & the Clerk replied that he had not heard otherwise.

### **18/T12VDG Questionnaire comments received**

Mrs Effenberg reported on the Village Plan questionnaire responses. On a specific question asked about traffic calming 50% of the 381 respondents said they wanted more traffic calming in the village with 39% saying they didn't. Written comments showed Station Road, Hill Brow Road & Rake Road as the areas that they wanted the measures put in.

A summary of written responses revealed the following:

- 16 requesting a 20mph restriction in the village centre
- 12 complaints of traffic congestion caused by the railway crossing gates
- Road crossing safety concerns at Tesco
- A need to replace the courtesy crossings with zebra crossings or improve the signage
- Concerns over illegal parking in Station Road (11), Hill Brow Road (8) & outside Tesco (5)
- 36 requesting more parking enforcement & speeding enforcement

- 14 requests for action on hedge cutting to improve sight lines
- Requests to improve the pavements outside Tesco
- 8 concerns over the future prospects for the Ham barn roundabout
- A need to improve footpath 506 from Station Road to footpath 5
- Improved signage on rural footpaths
- Improve the access to footpath 5 at 10 acre Field.
- 220 wanted an improved footpath network
- General concerns over the local transport network

Members discussed the various aspects of these items & it was agreed that a sound strategic policy was required before approaching the relevant authorities.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Effenberg & members of the VDG for their efforts.

### **19/T12AOB**

Cllr Logan reported that the Village Walks leaflets were being compiled.

Next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 7.30pm

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Co-opted members - \*Mr C Seymour (WLRA); \*Mr J Collins (LFRA)

\*Present

Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllr Payne, Mr Collins.

### 20/T12 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 21/T12 – Minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April, approved at Council on 21<sup>st</sup> May, were noted.

### 22/T12 – Matters arising

Cllr Budden said that the drain at Yew Tree Place in Rake Road was still blocked. The Clerk said he had been informed that the drains in Rake Road had all been cleared; he would follow up the matter with the HCC Highways officer.

Action: Clerk

### 23/T12 – Highways and Pathways

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the HCC Highways officer for Liss to put forward small projects of a capital nature for consideration at the mini-HAT committee. These needed to be new projects rather than repairs & maintenance.

After discussion the following projects were put in order of priority:

- 1) The provision of a footpath on Station Road from St Mary's Road to the entrance of West Liss recreation ground.
- 2) The provision of a clearly marked & kerbed footpath from the level crossing in Station Road to the bridge on the south side of the road.

Members agreed that an expression of support to Greatham PC should be made if they were to request improvements to Forest Road near to Petersfield Road where the banks were crumbling dangerously. It was agreed that other Councillors be asked if they had further ideas; these should be submitted to the Clerk by 11<sup>th</sup> July in order to meet HCC's deadline.

Action: Clerk

### 24/T12 Public Transport matters

Cllr Budden & Cllr Linsley had attended the HCC East Hants Transport Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Cllr Budden reported that no matters relating to public transport had been on the agenda, the meeting had concentrated mainly on local community transport schemes such as that operated by LUPIN in Liss.

There had been a large grant from Government for mini bus schemes but the difficulty was in meeting the "sustainable" requirement.

Cllr Linsley said that he had requested that HCC email details of all local community schemes & how they could be accessed & they had promised to do this.

The Chairman asked if there was any progress with SW Trains installing a ticket machine on the up line & Cllr Budden replied that this was still in the programme.

## **25/T12 Parking & Traffic issues**

Traffic calming Hill Brow Road - The Clerk reported that he had been informed by HCC Highways that the proposed traffic calming measures for Hill Brow Road outside of the schools would be carried out during the schools' summer holidays & that the works to the junction of the B2070 with Hill Brow Road would be later in the financial year.

It was agreed that the information be passed to the schools.

Action: Clerk

TSR report – A schedule of the results of the TSR deployments, ranked in order showing the highest infringements, was tabled & discussed.

It was agreed that the schedule be passed to the Liss beat officer with a request that suitable action be taken. The Clerk said that Greatham PC were still debating the issue of whether to obtain an HCC license to operate a TSR & enter a lease agreement to borrow the LPC equipment; they had rejected the Speedwatch scheme because of its dependence on volunteers.

Action: Clerk

Advisory 20 MPH residential pilot project – The Clerk read out the HCC guidelines for the scheme & it was generally agreed that it would be difficult for LPC to justify any village areas for the scheme.

Mr Seymour felt that an approach should be made to HCC anyway & was supported by Cllr Chads.

Following discussion it was agreed that details of the scheme be passed to Mrs Seymour & Cllr Chads & that they would pursue HCC for Station Road to be included in the scheme.

Action: Cllr Chads/Mr Seymour

Tesco Bus Bay – The Clerk had been informed that HCC had placed a works order & hopefully it would not be too long before the work was carried out.

## **26/T12 Footpaths/ROWs**

The Clerk said that there had been no problems reported recently. One old issue was an apparent narrowing of footpath 16 between Mint Road & Warren Road where a resident had erected a hedge/fence; this had been reported to HCC twice but with no come back yet. Cllr Logan said that she understood that the landowner was reinstating his boundary.

The Clerk informed the meeting that HCC were planning a special event to open the local section of the Shipwrights' Way in the autumn. The event would be based at the picnic area of the Riverside Railway Walk & would involve sponsored walks.

Cllr Linsley asked if anything had happened about claims of a right of way through the St Saviour's site & the Clerk replied that he was not aware of any developments.

The Chairman asked what progress had been made on Cllr Halstead's suggestion that a new footpath be created on land a Brows Farm & the Clerk replied that HCC had been approached but that Cllr Halstead had realised that there were difficulties & had dropped the suggestion.

Cllr Logan reported that the production of the Riverside Railway Walk leaflet was close to completion & the leaflets for the set of local walks was also near to completion.

## **27/T12 AOB**

Mr Seymour said that West Liss residents were against the installation of speed humps in Station Road but had made positive comments on the TSR deployment.

The Clerk read a copy of a letter from Mrs Fifield of Farnham Road to EHDC enforcement raising concerns over road safety issues caused by large lorries accessing a2c Services.

Next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012, 7.30pm



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Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllr Chads, Mr Collins.

### 28/T12 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

### 29/T12 – Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July, approved at Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September, were noted.

### 30/T12 – Matters arising

Mr Seymour reported that there would be no progress on any 20mph regulation being installed in Liss until after the 12 test locations that HCC Highways had been evaluated.

### 31/T12 – Highways and Pathways

- The Clerk reported that the proposed road closure for Andlers Ash had now been cancelled.
- The Clerk reported that he had received a visit from HCC Highways officer & been informed that when the surface dressing on Forest Road was done HCC now intended to do work to extend the pavements.
- A3 Ham Barn Roundabout – The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Highways Agency to an email sent complaining about the lack of consultation, as promised by the HA, over any proposed alterations to the roundabout. The A3 asset manager explained that their press announcement was aimed primarily at informing the local MP, the Local Enterprise partnership (Enterprise M3) & HCC. He had stated that the HA had liaised closely with HCC & that the proposals were the scheme as promoted by HCC in their transport assessment for the Whitehill Bordon eco-town. They had not addressed the request for copies of plans.

The Clerk reported that he had asked HCC who had been involved in any consultation & had established that none appeared to have been made; this had been corroborated by the County Councillor who had also established that the SDNPA had not been consulted either.

After discussion it was decided that the Highways Authority be requested to come & address LPC to show detailed plans & explain the proposals fully. It would also be emphasised that consultation with all stakeholders was important to ensure a joined up solution. Copies of correspondence would be sent to the local MP, SDNPA & HCC Highways.

It was agreed that Cllr Linsley would write to the local press to emphasise LPC's concerns over this proposal.

Action: Clerk to write to HA  
Chairman to write to local press

### 32/T12 Public Transport matters

Cllr Budden reported on the new dial-a-ride scheme that was now being operated by community transport East Hants.

Cllr Budden informed members that Liss Railway station had Samaritans posters up in an effort to reduce suicides.

### **33/T12 Parking & Traffic issues**

TSR report – A schedule of the results of the TSR deployments, ranked in order showing the highest infringements, was tabled & discussed.

It was agreed that the schedule be passed to the Hampshire Police traffic enforcement department to request action on speeding in the village

The Clerk reported that Greatham PC had yet to make a decision on possibly renting the LPC equipment.

Cllr Linsley expressed thanks to Cllr Mann for taking the responsibility of moving the equipment about.

Action: Clerk

Tesco Bus Bay – The Clerk reported that the traffic order would not be in place till early 2013 & consequently parking restrictions could not, therefore, be enforced.

### **34/T12 Footpaths/ROWS**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Blissters walking group had reported that all walks were clear.

Cllr Budden reported that the footpath from Vinson road to Huntsbottom Lane was in need of clearance. Cllr Logan said this was an EHDC responsibility.

The Clerk reported that there was a proposal by HCC to install 20 statues on the Shipwrights Way long distance walk. It was agreed to pass back comments that LPC felt this was a waste of public funds in economically restrained times.

Cllr Payne said that there was a need for the Riverside Railway Walk to be planed following the recent heavy rains & maintenance vehicles creating deep ruts. The Clerk would draw this to the attention of EHDC.

Cllr Logan reported that the HCC Riverside Railway Walk leaflets were still awaited.

### **35/T12 AOB**

Cllr Logan reported that the ten local walks leaflets were now available.

Next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 7.30pm