



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths and Transport Committee Monday 28th February 2022

MEMBERS

*Cllr Smith (Chair) *Cllr Baker *Cllr Baldwin *Cllr Budden
*Cllr Linsley *Cllr McDonald HCC Cllr Oppenheimer *Cllr Wilson

*Present, in addition to Parish Councillors Phil Deacon and Karen Tordoff, co-opted on 21st February 2022.

This meeting was clerked by Assistant Parish Clerk Lizzy Keeling ("APC")

H1/22 Apologies: Assistant Parish Clerk noted that no apologies had been submitted.

H2/22 Declarations of interests: Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest, which they may have in any item of business, no later than when that item is reached.

H3/22 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July 2020:

Resolved: That the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 30th July 2020 be approved as an accurate record, with a 4:2 voting split in favour of the motion.

Cllr McDonald disagreed with the use of "consensus" in Highways minutes H57.1/20 to describe committee members views on gateway design option 3. Cllr McDonald requested it be recorded that she and Cllr Wilson were not keen on any of the designs and felt that the designs required more visual impact. Cllr McDonald felt white/reflective gates were needed. The chair noted the use of timber was a condition of funding received for the project by South Downs National Park Authority.

H4/22 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held 13th September 2021:

Resolved: That subject to a minor amendment the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 13th September 2021 be approved as an accurate record, with all in favour of the motion.

H5/22 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 13th September 2021:

Committee members confirmed that due to the length of time there were no matters arising to discuss.

H5.1 Cllr Wilson requested an update on School Zone project. Cllr Smith gave a brief summary noting that S106 funds from SDNPA had been received for phase 1 of the School Zone Project and LPC were liaising with HCC for start dates and with EHDC to implement Traffic Regulation Orders which will compliment the highways changes.

Cllr Linsley noted that a Hampshire Highways study in West Meon demonstrated how removing roads centre white lines promoted lower vehicles speeds by reducing road users feeling of a 'designated space' for them to drive. Cllr Smith stated that this is a critical part of the school zone design, lines are easily and cheaply reinstated should resistance to their removal remain.

Committee members queried about the new pedestrian link footpath that is being installed in fulfilment of Condition 14 of Planning Consent for the Andlers Wood Cala development and the chair noted Liss Parish have brought up concerns with the Planning and Highways authorities that the new crossing not accessible and the location is dangerously close to the blind corner leading to the school zone. We have yet to hear back from the authorities on the issues brought to their attention. [Clerk's Note: Condition 14 of Planning Consent SDNP/19/00669/FUL states: *to ensure an accessible path is provided which is*

appropriate for the character and appearance of the area. In addition the S106 agreement signed off notes the path must be gradually raised above the ground to a max 1:12 gradient to crossing point.]

Cllr Smith reminded members he had postponed his motion to seek approval to fund a feasibility study on improving the crossing point for 6 months, or until after the new pedestrian crossing and phase 1 of the school zone project are completed and full impact felt. Highways Minutes 05/H21. Noting the estimated cost of the feasibility study is circa £10,500.

H5.2 Illegal parking on courtesy crossing by the Pavilion on Station Road. Cllr Smith updated the committee on the white lines that had been added by Hampshire Highways which had noticeably reduced number of illegal / inconsiderate parking. Cllr Wilson brought to the committee attention that cars/vans parked to the right of the Pavilion car park reduced visibility to vehicles exiting the site, noting the Chair previously advised that nuisance parking be photographed and reported directly to Hampshire Constabulary via their online reporting form. He questioned if Liss Parish could use social media pages to highlight the issues and ask the public to be more considerate. **Action: Assistant Parish Clerk**

Cllr Linsley asked to put forward a motion for the addition of double yellow lines on the road, given it is illegal to park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a turning according to the Highways. Chair requested the motion be postponed until it could be ascertained with the relevant authority if a Traffic Regulation Order and associated double yellow lines would be permissible in that location. **Action: Chair**

H6/22 Motion to approve the location, design and wording for the Village Gateways and delegate delivery to the Assistant Clerk in consultation with Chair of Highways Committee.

Members noted the positive response to the community consultation held in January 2022 and asked that a number of suggestions that were made by members of the public be included:

1. Sign wording to be "Welcome - Please Drive Carefully
2. "Liss Forest" on gateway located on Liss Forest boundary
3. Gateway at the bottom of Hill Brow Road will have "School" wording not "Liss. Welcome" as it is not on a boundary
4. Looking into feasibility of placing a gateway on Rake Road / Hatch Lane area. Chair noted that highway width may not permit this
5. Decluttering and improving areas around the gateways locations be a priority and added to the Lengthsman duties for 2022

Resolved: That, subject to the amendments discussed above, the location, design and wording for the Village Gateways be approved and delivery delegated to the Assistant Clerk in consultation with Chair of Highways Committee, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Wilson with all in favour.

H7/22 Mill Road bus shelter – discussion of options available to repair, remove or move

Cllr Wilson circulated photographs of neighbouring properties fence panel that had been vandalised and asked it to be recorded the committee's sympathy and concern for issues the residents were encountering. The residents have reported the vandalism and anti-social behaviour ("ASB") to the Police along with footage from their personal CCTV.

Cllr Smith informed members of his investigations with Hampshire County Council into the costs of moving or removing the bus shelter, noting these were in excess of £10-15k. Committee reviewed the response from Chief Inspector, distributed to members at the meeting, on ASB around the Mill Road bus shelter. Officers state they have found no evidence of criminality in the bus shelter itself and were not willing to contribute to the cost of moving or removing it.

Cllr Baker enquired if the installation of CCTV had been investigated. Cllr Wilson replied that given Liss is a village with a similar sized population of small town we have a small incidence of ASB and should public funds be used to install CCTV for issues faced by a single residents it would create a precedent for future incidents.

There was agreement by members that, whilst being sensitive to the disruption the residents were facing, there was a general reluctance to remove an asset used by the community in an attempt to reduce the ASB of a small minority. The committee requested that other avenues be explored with Police, such as the possibility of

issuing an Anti Social Behaviour Order. **Action: Cllr Wilson**

Cllr McDonald questioned if there was anything that could be placed between the bus shelter and the residents fence to prevent people going behind and ‘buffer’ against future attempts to damage the fence. Chair agreed to look into protective measures **Action: APC**

H8/22 Annual Rights of Way (“ROW”) Cutting Schedule

APC thanked committee members who had walked the ROW over the last few months and updated the Annual Row Survey. She reminded members Hampshire County Council’s annual ROW cutting list had been changed without consultation during covid lockdown and they now cut 2 ROW without first consulting the parish as to which paths require work. Committee members requested the APC add the ROW identified as overgrown on the Annual Row Survey to the Lengthsman’s worksheet.

Cllr Smith asked APC to investigate how Hampshire Countryside Services Central Team prioritise the ROW that feed into their workstream. **Action: APC**

H9/22 Lengthsman Scheme: Current priorities and work proposed for 2022/23

APC asked members to review the list of duties Lengthsman may undertake and send proposed jobs to add to the list noting she would be working with Liss SpeedWatch to ensure their locations were in a suitable condition for volunteers to work safely.

After reviewing the Lengthsman 2021/22 worksheet Cllr Wilson asked the APC to follow-up job #11 with the Lengthsman – repairing the Pelstor Bench on the former village centre, under the ancient Oak tree by the Spreadeagle Pub - and report back as he hopes that this can be finished before the Queen’s Jubilee weekend. **Action: APC**

Committee members asked that the following jobs be added to the Lengthsman worksheet:

1. Cut back vegetation during the growing season not at the end avoiding nesting season:
2. Clean Liss village sign and cut back verges by old Bluebell pub
3. Cut back vegetation on path from old Church to Hawkley Road
4. Ensure verges around the new village gateways are cut and maintained

H10/22 Motion to bring forward the start time of Highways Committee meetings from 7.30pm to 7pm

Cllr Linsley asked the chair if he had considered declaring a pecuniary interest in this item and if advice from the EHDC Monitoring Officer had been sought. Cllr Smith replied that he did not believe that being married to the Parish Clerk meant there was a conflict of interest and would not be declaring a pecuniary interest.

Resolved: That, the start time of Highways Committee meetings would be moved from 7.30pm to 7pm, proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Budden with 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

H11/22 Any Other Business

H11.1 Cllr Baldwin enquired about the newly deployed Speed Indicator Device (“SID”) noting that SpeedWatch members had reported it not working. APC reassured members that the SID was working but would look into the functionality as it may only “flash” the speeding vehicles. **Action: APC**

Cllr Wilson asked members if they thought that the parish should use CIL money to purchase more SID’s (at a cost of around £5k each) that could be deployed in different area of Liss. The Chair noted that as HCC’s Policy and Guidance for Temporary Speed Signing states a SID will “ideally be placed at any one given location for 2 weeks but in any event a placement should not exceed 3 weeks to retain the maximum effectiveness in managing speed” which creates a lot of back office work.

Chair asked Cllr Baldwin to feed the committees comments back to SpeedWatch and ask them for any ideas and suggestions for how Liss Parish can reinforce their work? **Action: Cllr Baldwin**

Cllr Linsley noted that during traffic studies black boxes are hung on lamp columns to record the time of day, number of vehicles passing and how fast they were travelling. Previous studies had indicated

the average speed on Station Road was 31mph. Chair noted these types of metrics are likely to be collected by Hampshire services for the Village Centre Redesign project.

[Clerk note: Our SID was purchased from Westcotec in 2011 and serviced and upgraded with a new radar in 2020, allowing it to collect following data: speed of the cars, date and time and a new lighter lithium battery in 2021 to make the SID weigh less than 20kg permitting it to be hung on lamp columns. Westcotec supply Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in 3 forms 1). SID – accurately measure the oncoming vehicle speed and displays this value to the driver – can also flash a message with vehicle speed such as “😊 / 😞” or “Thank You / Slow Road”. 2) Speed Signs - flashes road speed and is only activated when a speeding vehicle is detected. 3) Warning Signs – warns motorists of the hazards ahead in time to react safely.]

H11.2 Cllr Budden informed the committee of the Surrey Hills to South Downs and East Hampshire Community Rail Partnerships merging and asked members to let him know if they could think of a suitable name for this new partnership, that will potentially cover rail services from Guildford to Havant.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.14

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Chair Date:

Next meeting: Monday 23rd May 2022