



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths and Transport Committee Monday 23rd May 2022

MEMBERS

*Cllr Smith (Chair) *Cllr Baker *Cllr Baldwin *Cllr Budden *Cllr Deacon
*Cllr Linsley *Cllr McDonald *Cllr Tordoff *Cllr Williams *Cllr Wilson

*Present

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

H12/22 Election of Chair:

Resolved: That Cllr Smith continue to chair the Highways Committee, motion was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Baker with the majority of members in favour.

H13/22 Apologies: APC noted that no apologies had been received.

H14/22 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.

H15/22 Adjournment for Public Participation: Feasibility of moving Ten Acre Field footpath 141/5/4 to allow a safer exit onto Forest Road.

Chair adjourned the meeting to allow a member of the public in attendance to talk through their proposal which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Member of the public thanked the committee for allowing them to attend to bring to their attention the hazardous road crossing from Ten Acre Field Right of Way ("ROW"), given it's location next to the level crossing, 30m from blind corner and the speed of traffic along Forest Road. Proposal was to reduce the hazard by moving the ROW to allow the crossing to be moved further along Forest Road to opposite the bus stop. He noted that Hampshire County Council ("HCC") had not responded positively to the suggestion, as there had not been any accidents recorded, and asked that LPC support and take the lead on this project.

Cllrs were given the opportunity to ask the member of the public any questions including ownership they had then chair reconvened the meeting. Cllrs agreed that given the projected £4,500 cost to assess moving a ROW that lower cost options be explored with the following agreed:

1. LPC to informally approach the owner of Ten Acre Field to find out if they would agree to the movement of the ROW.
2. Highways Committee members to visit the site to assess the proposal and invite the member of the public to join them Cllr McDonald agreed to help organise the group visit. **Action: Cllr McDonald**
3. APC and Chair to investigate alternative mitigations could be put in place with HCC Highways (e.g. signage advising walkers of the hazard. Would need to find out who owns the verge. Could Forest Road by made a 20mph speed limit as part of Village Centre Redesign project?)

H16/22 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd February 2022: A few minor amendments were proposed by members which are to be enacted by APC.

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

H17/22 Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd February 2022:

H5.2 Illegal parking on courtesy crossing by the Pavilion on Station Road. Chair had investigated if we could pay for the addition of a Traffic Regulation Order and associated double yellow lines in that location. EHDC had not been receptive so Cllr Budden to investigate further about flexibility that EHDC can give parish councils to pay for services offered based on their communities priorities.

Action: Cllr Budden

H11.1 SpeedWatch. Chair noted he had attended the SpeedWatch AGM to represent LPC and took away the following action points:

1. LPC to coordinate with SpeedWatch to ensure the Speed Indicator Device (“SID”) deployment can reinforce SpeedWatch activities.
2. Encourage SpeedWatch to review and suggest locations for SID deployment when these are being reviewed in January 2023.
3. Share link to healthy streets: www.healthystreets.com which is the human-centred framework for embedding public health in transport, public realm and planning and a key priority of the Village Centre Redesign project.
4. Share LPC CIL and Grants Policy and Procedure to allow the group to access funding – for example to pay for a new tripod.
5. Extend an open invitation to SpeedWatch members who wish to attend LPC Highways Committee meetings.

Committee members asked if SpeedWatch members Cllr Baldwin and Cllr Tordoff could ask the group to report any speeding “hot-spots” to LPC. LPC can spread awareness of issues on social media and it would allow Highways to prioritise those roads for future traffic calming measures. In addition, could SpeedWatch look into adding an observation site by level crossing on Forest Road as a quick win for item H15/22.

ACTION: Cllr Baldwin & Cllr Tordoff

Cllr Budden suggested that SpeedWatch invite HCC Highways Executive Lead, Cllr Oppenheimer, to a future SpeedWatch meeting and noted that he has a HCC Cllr Grant available for projects that may be of help.

H18/22 Chair gave an update on the delivery phase of the S106 legacy projects being implemented:

H18.1/22 Village Gateways. Liss is the first site in SDNP to adopt the wooden style gateways, this has led to a longer lead time as specifications had to be agreed on and for materials to be sourced. Gateway designs are currently with the contractor, we are awaiting them to issue delivery date on site – estimated delivery timescale is Summer 2022.

H18.2 School Zone.

1. Footway Link – to be implemented during 6 week school summer holidays.
2. Lining – will be installed after School Zone Gateway on Hill Brow has been completed – estimated to install July/August 22.
3. Traffic Regulation Order – has been approved by EHDC and will be implemented in due course – this will allow enforcement of cars in the immediate area of the school zone.
4. Tree & Shrubs – during dormant period between October 2022- March 2023.
5. Removal of street furniture – verge markers – these will be removed once the planting has time to establish. The risk of removing earlier is that the verge will drive over affecting any planting.

H18.3 West Liss Pedestrian Crossing on Station Road by Enterprise Centre.

Completion of the crossing point has been difficult due to Station Road assigned as an A3 diversion, implementation will require a road closure to complete. Project has been passed to an engineer looking at historic schemes that are incomplete and HCC should be able to advise of delivery soon though no date has been set.

H19/22 Hampshire County Council Consultation on their new Local Transport Plan “LTP4”

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>.

APC asked members to send their comments on the plan by 9th June 2022, allowing APC to collate responses for the Chair to sign off before submission in time for the 26th June deadline.

H20/22 Annual Rights of Way (“ROW”) Cutting Schedule

APC investigated how Hampshire Countryside Services Central Team prioritise the ROW that feed into their workstream, reporting the Central Community Engagement Rangers offer to do an onsite visit of the 5 worst

footpaths. Members agreed to request a visit in the autumn/winter 2022. **Action: APC**

H21/22 Lengthsman Scheme:

Resolved: That the cleaning and maintenance of the village gateways, along with weeding surrounding verges, be added to the ongoing Lengthsman duties on an ongoing bi-annual basis.

APC reminded 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 SpeedWatch to ensure their locations were in a suitable condition for volunteers to work safely.

APC remarked that the Lengthsman has repaired the Plestor Bench, under the ancient Oak tree by the Spreadeagle Pub, in time for the Queen's Jubilee weekend.

H22/22 Any Other Business

H22.1 Cllr Budden noted that the merger of Surrey Hills to South Downs and East Hampshire Community Rail Partnerships was ongoing and that Lucy Lomax had taken on a full-time position.

H22.2 Cllr Budden notified members that Community First had agreed to transport any Ukrainian Refugees living in the area to appointments free of charge.

H22.3 Cllr Wilson wished to thank the Liss Jubilee Celebration on behalf of the Liss Parish Council as their hard work was evident as the decorations go up in Liss village.

H22.4 Cllr Deacon observed that there were a lot of redundant road signs left from after recent storms. Cllr McDonald noted the number of redundant street signs and posts cluttering up highways of Liss. Members agreed that we should investigate their removal with HCC. **ACTION: Chair**

The Chair closed the meeting at 20.20

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Chair

Date:

Next meeting: Monday 12th September 2022