



## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths and Transport Committee Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### MEMBERS

\*Cllr Smith (Chair) \*Cllr Baldwin \*Cllr Budden \*Cllr James  
\*Cllr Stratford-Tuke, Cllr Tordoff \*Cllr Williams

\*Present

Also present - Katrina Burns, Projects and Funding Officer (clerking meeting).

#### **H1/24 Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Tordoff.

#### **H2/24 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.

#### **H3/24 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023:**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be approved as an accurate record, proposed by the Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Budden with all in favour (with the exception of Cllr James who was not present at the October meeting).

#### **H4/24 Matters arising from previous meeting**

**H34.1** Cllr Budden reported that he had spoken to Cllr Oppenheimer about the loss of the school crossing lady but had not managed to speak with Jillian Myers regarding it.

#### **H5/24 Adjourn to hear from members of the public**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **H6/24 Update on the Speed Indicator Devices (“SIDs”) and associated ground sockets:**

- HCC Highways are still to install the sockets and posts in the required locations to deploy the SIDs. The delay is due to other highways work like potholes and emergency repairs taking priority.
- LPC remains in contact with officers at HCC to ensure that these works are not forgotten about and installed as quickly as possible.
- The details of how the SIDs will be deployed will be worked on in conjunction with Speedwatch once the sockets and posts are in place.
- The sites of the SIDs will be reviewed with Hampshire Police and Hampshire County Council once the SIDs are installed to see if there are any gaps in the areas where they are deployed.
- Cllr Budden reported that there will be more funding from HCC available for speed cameras in the future.
- Cllr Stratford Tuke reported that there was a Speedwatch AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Finding Speedwatch volunteers had been difficult, especially in the Winter months, and it may be easier to recruit members if there were teams of volunteers looking after specific roads. It was hoped that there would be reps from other Speedwatches at the AGM to provide advice. Speedwatch are looking to have a stall at the Newman Collard volunteer fayre in the Summer.

### **H7/24 Latest Liss Parish Works Schedule for Hampshire Highways Operations Team:**

The Chair updated the Committee on the scheduled HCC highways works in Liss. The Chair told the Committee that the most dangerous potholes were being prioritised. Cllr Budden commented on how well the pothole repairs in Hatch Lane had been done.

**Action - The Chair to commend the HCC Highways Operations team on the pothole repairs done in Hatch Lane.**

### **H8/24: Update on the Lengthsman Scheme**

The Chair encouraged Members to put forward suggestions for the Lengthsman Scheme as it was noted that there was 44.6 hours carry over from 2023/24, in addition to 40 hours for 2024/25. Any requests should be sent via the Projects and Funding Officer.

The status of the old Bluebell pub sign was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Stratford-Tuke would investigate the possibility of moving the sign, possibly in conjunction with the Liss Historical Society.

**Action – Cllr Stratford-Tuke to investigate the possibility of re-locating the Bluebell sign into the Village Centre.**

**Action: The Projects and Funding Officer to circulate a list of jobs which the Lengthsman can and cannot do.**

### **H9/24: Update on projects - school zone, other roads**

Members discussed the need for increased traffic enforcement in and around the village centre and outside the school to facilitate better parking. It was noted that cars were parking on the zig zagged markings outside the school.

**Action – The Chair to ask Cllr Oppenheimer to see if enforcement can be done around the school zone as well as in the village, and the need for the re-painting of double yellow lines.**

**Action – The Chair to ask HCC to see whether double yellow lines can be marked on Station Road as soon as possible.**

It would cost £50,000 for HCC Community Infrastructure to look at designing out roads for appropriate use to help reduce speeding and could be looked at in conjunction with the work on the Village Centre 20mph zoning. An agreement to use CIL monies would be needed from Council for this work.

**Action – The Chair to seek to allocate £50,000 unallocated CIL funding to highways improvements on Liss Roads**

### **H10/24: Public Transport Update**

Cllr Budden provided the following public transport update:

#### *Railways and Trains*

- The proposal to close the ticket office has gone, and monies will be saved elsewhere.
- A new signal gantry is in place.
- There are new train departure indicators on platforms which display a variety of useful information and will show which carriages have spaces.
- The semi-fast train service should come back on to the timetable in 2025/26.
- The usage of Liss station is now back to pre-Covid levels.

The Chair reported that the enabling work had been done for a potential platform extension, and that a bid for c. £2.7 million for the extension works had been submitted to South Downs National Park Authority.

*Buses*

A decision will be made about the future of bus route 38 in July. It is envisaged that the service will cease to run April 2025.

**H11/24: Cutting back of hedges – proposed use of HCC template letter**

HCC is encouraging Parish Councils to get involved with the reporting of overgrown hedges which impact the highway. A discussion took place about the best way to do this without this being too intensive resource wise for LPC staff. It was agreed that advisory posts should be put on the LPC Facebook Page in the spring and summer months encouraging people to report hedges overhanging the highway to HCC. If a LPC Councillor notices a hedge IS impeding the highway they should be report it to HCC, and the LPC office notified if it is a continual problem so that an advisory letter can be sent.

**H12/24: Any Other Business**

The Chair informed Members that consultation on the Village Centre Project would take place between 15<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with a drop in event on 18<sup>th</sup> May between 11 am and 2pm which Members are encouraged to attend. This will be advertised around the village and via social and local media. All feedback from the consultation will be analysed and considered in the final designs.

Cllr James asked the Chair whether it would be possible to install planters on Hill Brow Road as an interim traffic calming measure.

**Action – the Chair to enquire with HCC about the possibility to install planters on Hill Brow Road.**

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:23

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Chair

Date:

**Date of next meeting: 22nd July 2024**