



## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### MEMBERS

\*H Linsley (Chairman)      \*K Budden      R Hargreaves  
\*A Smith      A Wright      \*L McDonald

\*Present

#### Also attending were:

County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer (“RO”)  
District Councillor Laetitia Pienaar (“LP”)  
District Councillor Mike Kendall (“MK”)  
Clerk: F Cook - Assistant Parish Clerk (“APC”)

#### **01//H19 Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hargreaves and Wright.

#### **02/H19 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

#### **03/H19 – Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 8 October 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of 8 October 2018 were agreed as an accurate record (proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Smith).

#### **04/H19 Matters arising**

- 04.1      a) 27.1 – Pavement markings on Station Road: No further action to be taken.
- 04.2      a) 27.2 – Shared space on Forest Road: The APC confirmed funds had now been received from SDNPA and so she would arrange for the traffic survey to go ahead.      **Action:** APC
- 04.3      a) 27.4 – Courtesy crossings near West Liss Recreation Ground on Station Road: The APC informed the meeting that the designs were now agreed and funding was in place but that the works could not be commenced until the sightlines for the new pavilion had been approved by EHDC and considered. Therefore the construction was on hold until the sightlines had been agreed/approved.
- 04.4      a) 27.7 – Bins on the pavement on Station Road (near 71-75): The APC informed the meeting that the issue had been re-raised last week and that she had chased up Steve Neat. If this was not effective, the issue would be re-reported on Hantsweb.      **Action:** APC
- 04.05      a) 27.8 – Oak Tree outside the Spread Eagle Pub: The APC informed the meeting that she had chased the Arboricultural Officer at EHDC for an update on the progress of the application and that she was awaiting a response.      **Action:** APC
- 04.06      b) Footpaths Survey Results: The Chairman confirmed that he had not managed to progress the issue further with HCC but that he would continue to do so and in particular to see if they had the details of the relevant land owners to contact them regarding replacing stiles with gates for accessibility reasons.      **Action:** Chairman
- 04.07      31/H18: The APC confirmed that the cutting back of vegetation had been done.

#### **05/H19 Parking and Traffic Congestion / Speeding**

The Chairman noted that RO, LP and MK were in attendance to discuss possible solutions to road safety issues in Liss including speeding and road crossing. The Chairman noted that the issues and

solutions were to be discussed and moved forward on a non-party political basis. It was agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7.50pm.

RO thanked the Chairman for adjourning the meeting and for permitting him and the two District Councillors to speak. RO informed the meeting of a meeting held before Christmas with Ian Janes (HCC Highways) regarding issues in Liss and that it was felt there needed to be a rebalancing in Liss to ensure that the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and people with pushchairs or wheelchairs were also being met. He referred to a survey carried out of residents in the village centre (Cllr Budden providing a breakdown of the figures) and the general support for an additional crossing in the village centre on Hill Brow Road as close to the shops as possible and the “beefing up” of the existing two crossings – one on Station Road and the other on Rake Road.

He informed the meeting that Ian Janes thought the costs of the works would be in the region of £20k - £5k for each of the existing crossings and £10k for the new crossing.

RO informed the meeting that he would be willing to give £2k from his County Councillor grant fund to LPC to go towards these works and would do what he could to secure some funding from HCC Highways. He noted that it may also be possible to obtain funds from the SDNPA.

MK informed the meeting that he had previously had reservations about courtesy crossings but agreed that they do seem to slow traffic.

LP informed the meeting that she thought the meeting with Ian Janes had been very constructive and that, going forward, the most achievable in terms of funding would be the beefing up of the two existing crossings.

Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he thought this was very positive as when the possibility of a crossing on Hill Brow had previously been raised, it seemed that it would be unlikely to go ahead because it was not possible to fit one in on that section of Hill Brow given the proximity of the roundabout, the entrance to the pub car park, the parking spaces and the two bus stops. He informed the meeting that the main issue was funding because the Highways Committee does not have a budget for any costs. RO informed the meeting that LPC should make a grant application on his website for the feasibility study for the crossings. FC confirmed that she would check fees with Joe Folland and then make the application for a grant.

Cllr Linsley informed the meeting that the existing Hill Brow crossing is in the position that it is because it is the closest HCC would permit when we requested a crossing point. He also informed the meeting that in his experience car drivers often ignore pedestrians waiting at courtesy crossings.

LP informed the meeting that there would be further added benefits of the proposed additional crossing – firstly there would be two dedicated disabled spaces which would stop others from parking there and secondly it should stop parking on the double yellow lines outside the Whistle Stop pub.

The meeting was re-convened at 8.20pm.

Cllr Budden proposed that the APC be instructed to apply to RO for a grant for the cost of the initial application/feasibility study by Joe Folland with a quote for the works should they be feasible.

Cllr Smith seconded Cllr Budden’s proposal and added that he was pleased that everyone recognised the challenge of traffic management and road safety in the village centre.

The decision was unanimous and the APC was instructed to deal with this.

**Action:** APC

LP asked if LPC would make a CIL application for these works and Cllr Smith advised her that it was not possible to do so yet as to have a chance of success, such applications must be worked up and fully costed.

RO informed the meeting that he wished to include comment on this in his newsletter especially as it also raises the issue of speeding and it was agreed that he would forward his proposed wording to the Chairman and the Chairman would review it. **Action:** RO and Chairman

Following discussion it was agreed that something on speeding should be added to the next edition of the Village Voice. **Action:** Cllr Budden

### **06/H19 Highways & Pavements**

- 06.1 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that there was an issue with the manhole covers in Hill Brow Road just near the Newman Collard footpath. The APC was instructed to report this to HCC. **Action:** APC
- 06.2 Cllr McDonald asked the meeting if they were aware of any intention to extend the block paving of the pavements on Station Road. The Chairman informed the meeting that this was unlikely as the works had only been carried out because it falls within a conservation area.
- 06.03 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that he had received complaints about the new yellow lines at the end of St Marys Road as the parking enforcement officers cannot issue tickets as the lines do not yet show on their hand-held devices. He informed the meeting that he would be taking this up with the portfolio manager to discuss getting the hand-held devices updated more quickly. **Action:** Cllr Budden  
The Chairman informed the meeting that he had taken photographs of two cars parked on the double yellow lines outside the Indian restaurant on Station Road and Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the enforcement officers do now work in the evenings.
- 06.04 Cllr McDonald asked what the position was regarding the new double yellow lines. The APC informed the meeting that the last she had heard was that HCC was intending to contact the school bus company for comments prior to starting the public consultation. The APC informed the meeting that she would chase this matter again. **Action:** APC

### **07/H19 Public Transport Matters.**

- 07.1 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that there had been issues with the bus service over Christmas and that going forward the 38 service would be losing two services a day – one in the morning and the last one in the evening. The last one in the evening is the 18.15 which will affect workers. He confirmed that he had raised an objection to proposed removal of the 18.15 service.
- 07.02 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that with the new development at Whitehill and Bordon, there was going to be a consultation on where improvements are needed in public transport. He informed the meeting that he was going to suggest that the 37/38 routes be split so that the 37 service would operate between Petersfield and Portsmouth and then the 38 service could run more frequently through Liss to Selbourne/Alton and to Whitehill and Bordon. He informed the meeting that he had raised this with the fleet manager who stated that he thought this could be achieved without the need to purchase additional buses.
- 07.03 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the new timetable is still due to come in in May. He informed the meeting that there is a slight issue as the refurbishment of the trains required for the enhanced service is more extensive than original thought but otherwise there were no issues with the proposed new timetable.

### **08/H19 Footpaths/ROWs**

- 08.01 The APC raised the issue of the HCC cutting list as no-one had contacted her to advise of any footpaths that need cutting. Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that she would walk some footpaths tomorrow and report back on them.

### **09/H19 Lengthsman**

- 09.01 Cllr Smith informed the meeting that he thought the Lengthsman should be asked to repaint/varnish the benches and bus stops in the village centre
- 09.02 Cllr McDonald suggested that the Lengthsman clear the rubbish around the A3 flyover at Flexcombe and along to the Farnham Road roundabout and they could also go round removing flyposting around the village.

09.03 Cllr Smith also stated that he thought the Lengthsman could clean and ensure they are clear of vegetation the speed signs: on Hill Brow Road, on the entrance to Liss from the Hambarn Roundabout; on the Farnham Road and any in West Liss that need cleaning and clearing.

**10/H19 Priority Projects**

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Smith would prepare a list of priority projects (A, B and C) and review the existing priority projects list. This would then go to the next Council meeting for comments and consultation and would be used as the basis for CIL projects and applications.

**11/H19 Any Other Business**

11.1 Cllr McDonald read an article from the Times regarding shared spaces and asked what the position is regarding the shared space in Liss Forest. The APC informed her that HCC had advised that this is not a shared space but a pavement but that the number of dropped kerbs etc on that stretch meant that there was no upstand to physically dissuade cars from driving on it.

11.2 Cllr McDonald informed the meeting of an email response she had received on 2 November 2018 regarding removal of litter on the A3 flyover but that it had not solved the problem. She asked Cllr Budden about the use of CCTV and Cllr Budden responded that CCTV is usually used for serious fly tipping hotspots and not for general littering. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Budden would looking to the possibility of CCTV, raise the issue with the relevant portfolio manager at EHDC and put something about littering and fly tipping in the next Village Voice. The APC would add the A3 flyover to the Lengthsman’s list.

**Action:** APC and Cllr Budden

11.3 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that under the Agenda Item “Public Transport” he forgot to mention the fatality at Duckmead Lane approximately two weeks ago which was a very sad matter. The Chairman commented that the recent cameras and wires across the roads had been installed by the rail authorities to check car speeds, the number and mix of vehicles and was for the purposes of considering possible barrier improvements.

11.4 Following a general discussion, the amendments to the TOR proposed by the LPC Highways Committee were unanimously approved.

11.5 Cllr Smith raised the issue of a Highways Committee budget to enable the committee to make CFI applications and so on. He suggested a £1,000 delegate budget for spending on initial studies for CFI and similar schemes and asked what the process for getting this approved would be. Following discussion APC was instructed to look into this. **Action:** APC

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 hrs

.....  
Chairman

Next meeting: 13 May 2019