



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 9th September 2019

MEMBERS

*A Smith (Chairman) *K Budden *D Dodds R Hargreaves
*I James D Jerrard *H Linsley *L McDonald Russell Oppenheimer

*Present

Also present: Frances Cook, Assistant Parish Clerk

25//H19 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Hargreaves, Jerrard and Oppenheim.

26/H19 Declarations of Interests

The Chairman reminded the members of the meeting to declare any interests at the appropriate time.

27/H19 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 5 June 2019

The minutes of the meeting of 5th June 2019 were approved save for the following amendments which the committee clerk was instructed to make and then arrange for the amended minutes to be signed by the Chairman:-

- 27.1 paragraph 18.1 be amended to read "Councillor McDonald raised the issue of drivers abusing the disabled space outside Tesco on Hill Brow Road. Following discussion it was noted that this was something that should be included in a general review of the Village Centre."; and
- 27.2 a new paragraph 18.2 be added as follows:
"18.2 Following general discussion IT WAS RESOLVED that the County Council (Russell Oppenheimer) be asked if he wished to be co-opted to the committee as he had expressed concern regarding highways issues in Liss and expressed a desire to help resolve those issues particularly the issues affecting the Village Centre which should be a priority."

28/H19 Matters arising for Minutes of Meeting on 5 June 2019

- 28.1 Cllr McDonald referred to the co-option of Russell Oppenheimer referred to in paragraph 18.2 of the minutes of the 5th June 2019 and informed the meeting that this should not have been dealt with at the meeting as it was not an Agenda Item. Following general discussion it was noted by the meeting that the resolution to ask County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer should not have been raised as it was not an Agenda Item.
NOTE: County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer was co-opted to the Committee by a decision of full council on 15 July.
- 28.2 The APC referred to minute 16.1 and informed the meeting that she was in the process of producing a document which could be put on the website but that it was proving more difficult than originally anticipated to anonymise the Highways Progress Sheet. The APC confirmed that she would produce the draft document and circulate it to the committee before it is put on the Council's website. **Action: APC**

29/H19 Adjournment for Public Participation

- 29.1 As no members of the public were present, the meeting agreed not to adjourn.

30/H19 Parking and Traffic Congestion – including EHDC Enforcement Update

30.1 The Chairman noted that there was a problem with the use of the disabled bays by non-disabled drivers. He asked Cllr Budden if he could ask EHDC for a briefing note on what enforcement action is being taken and how often enforcement officers are present etc, to enable the Highways Committee. **Action: Cllr Budden for next meeting**

30.2 The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been a number of comments and emails regarding the proposals for Forest Road in Liss Forest. Following lengthy discussions it was noted that:-

30.2.1 preventing parking on the pavement would facilitate safer passage for pedestrians

30.2.2 that parking on the road blocks the sightlines and so makes it more dangerous for cars turning onto Forest Road, but at the same time the parked cars does result in traffic travelling more slowly along Forest Road which was beneficial to pedestrians and other road users and that if parking restrictions are to be put in place, other traffic calming measures would be required.

Following further discussions the Chairman agreed to circulate to the committee members for approval a draft letter to the Portfolio Holders at EHDC and HCC raising questions about the proposed alterations and the affect they will have on speeding, parking for residents and safety for pedestrians using the pavements particularly the lower kerbed pavement. The Chairman also agreed to send the link to the consultation to Cllr Wilson for him to forward to Liss Forest Residents' Association. **Action: The Chairman**

31/H19 Priority Projects

31.1 It was noted that on the existing list of priority projects, project number 2 had been done, project number 1 was almost done, project 3 forms part of other projects going forward and project 4 had been initiated with plans being sent to J Folland at HCC to consider.

31.2 The Chairman informed the meeting that he had reviewed the Liss Village Neighbourhood Development Plan ("LVNDP") and identified four possible policies relating to Highways matters that the Highways Committee should seek to move forward. There are:

31.2.1 The Village Centre – improving traffic flow, parking and making it a nicer environment;

31.2.2 Walking and Cycling – some routes are not easy to access and there are no cycle routes in some area all of which need considering which would include "Sunken Lanes"

31.2.3 Parking – how to ensure adequate parking provision whilst also minimising the demand for parking; and

31.2.4 Speeding – to lower the risk of accidents and make the parish more pedestrian friendly.

Following discussion the meeting noted that it would not be possible to have worked up plans regarding the Village Centre ready to make a CIL application in February 2020 and this was a longer-term project. It was noted that it might be that a separate possibly cross-committee sub-committee may be required to look into the issues in the Village Centre, but Highways Committee will do the scoping work in the first instance.

Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with initial work on the White Gates and the APC was asked to circulate the plan showing the location of the proposed gates to the committee members.

The Chairman volunteered to take the lead on the Village Centre, Cllr McDonald volunteered to take the lead on Walking and Cycling and Cllr James volunteered to take the lead on Speeding as he is already involved with setting up a Speedwatch group in the village. It was agreed that parking was not a separate project, rather one that cut across a number of issues. It was agreed that each of these projects (Village Centre, Walking and Cycling and Speeding) would be a separate agenda item on the agenda for the next meeting for leads to provide an update on progress and next steps.

31.3 With regard to the new courtesy crossings at West Liss, Cllr Linsley asked the APC to ensure that J Folland notifies HCC that if the road is resurfaced the centre lines should not be re-painted as it is intended that they are removed along that section of Station Road. It was agreed that this project should proceed to completion and was noted that funds had already

been received from SDNPA to cover the cost of the project. It was agreed to include paving a section of Station Road alongside the Pavilion site in this project, and request the cost of this additional work from J Folland.

[Author's note – see below extract from Council Minutes for November 2018:

“165/18 Allocation of s106 funds to highways projects

Resolved: That Council approves spending of s106 funds on the following projects:

- a) The expenditure of up to £8860, already obtained from s106 funds, for work on the courtesy crossings on Station Road, with a further application for any additional funds as required to complete the project;*
- b) The expenditure of £350 on a detailed speed analysis in Liss Forest;*
- c) The expenditure on necessary work to provide safe sight lines for the exit from the new Pavilion into Station Road, with exact cost details to be reported to a future Council meeting;*
- d) The expenditure of around £35,000 on a village gates project at the entrances to the village, with exact cost details to be reported to a future Council meeting.*

The motion was proposed by Cllr Linsley and seconded by Cllr McDonald, with all in favour.

Aside from funds already obtained for the courtesy crossings on Station Road, any additional expenditure would be subject to a successful application to the SDNPA for s106 funds.”]

- 31.4 Cllr Linsley referred to a previous proposed project regarding additional street lighting and informed the meeting that he thought this matter was currently with HCC to carry out a survey/consultation to see if residents were in favour of or objected to the additional lighting. Following discussion it was agreed not to take any further action on this proposed project.

32/H19 Village Centre Re-Design

- 32.1 It was felt that this matter had been covered under other agenda items and it was noted that the Chairman had agreed to take the lead on “scoping” ideas for improvements to the Village Centre.

33/H19 Speeding including Speedwatch Update

- 33.1 Cllr James informed the meeting that the Liss Speedwatch Group was up and running with 12 volunteers and that they were looking to borrow or buy redundant equipment from Greatham Parish Council. He informed the meeting that the group had secured some funding from EHDC, District Councillors and the County Councillor but that it would be making an application for a grant to Liss Parish Council. It was noted that the grant applications for this financial year had been dealt with and so any application made would be dealt with in the next financial year. The general advice to Cllr James was that LPC does provide part funding and may offer a lower grant than that requested at LPC’s Finance Committee’s discretion.
- 33.2 The APC informed the meeting of the latest TSR results but advised the meeting that the TSR was broken and had stopped recording vehicles. The APC informed the meeting that this would be passed to Facilities Committee to decide whether it was possible to be repaired or would have to be replaced.

34/H19 Highways and Pavements

- 34.1 Cllr James raised the problem of overgrown vegetation on Rake Road and Cllr Budden confirmed that this should be reported to HCC.

35/H19 Public Transport Matters

- 35.1 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that he had approached Stagecoach to request that the 38 bus service go through the new development in Alton as this may result in a higher number of passengers and make the route more viable.
- 35.2 Cllr Budden confirmed that the elderly bus passes were being accepted now and that anyone who had paid, should be able to claim a refund from the office in Chichester.
- 35.3 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that a majority of Bohunt children were now getting the

train to school which meant that the remainder who went by bus were being collected earlier as the bus has a larger area to cover. Cllr Budden also expressed concern at the number of children crowding onto the station platforms.

35.4 Cllr Budden confirmed that a 16-18 railcard had been introduced which meant the holder could get tickets at the child-fare rate.

35.5 Cllr Budden informed the meeting that the murals at the station would now be designed with the help of Liss Area Historical Society using old photographs as there had been issues with the designs received from the Crossover.

It was noted that the time was just after 9.30 and so an extension to the meeting would be required. The extension was proposed by Cllr Linsley, seconded by Cllr McDonald and agreed unanimously.

36/H19 Footpaths/Rights of Way

36.1 Cllr Budden raised the condition of the footpath from the Newman Collard Pavilion along past the Groundsman's Hut which was going to be resurfaced. Cllr Dodds informed the meeting that Newman Collard Trust ran out of money which was why it had not been done. The Chairman noted that this was a matter for the SLA and Cllr McDonald informed the meeting that Newman Collard Trust were intending to contact LPC regarding the SLA.

37/H19 Lengthsman

37.1 Following discussion the APC was asked to provide an update on works given to and completed by the Lengthsman at each meeting. **Action: APC**

38/H19 Any Other Business

38.1 Cllr Budden confirmed that the sign at the end of Patricks Copse Road has been repaired.

38.2 The APC informed the meeting that the application for SDNPA funds for a speed survey on Hill Brow Road has been refused and that funding would need to be found elsewhere. Following discussion it was agreed that rather than move this forward, as part of the Priority Project on Speeding consideration would be given to which roads were priorities for such surveys.

38.3 The APC informed the meeting that funds had been received from SDNPA to repair/replace the Lych Gate.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hrs

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Chairman

Next meeting: 9 December 2019