



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Members of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 27th January 2020

MEMBERS

*A Smith (Chair) *S Baldwin *K Budden *D Dodds R Hargreaves
*I James D Jerrard *H Linsley *L McDonald *R Oppenheimer

*Present

Also present: Lizzy Keeling (LPC Assistant Clerk) and Chris Patterson (SDNPA Contracts Manager)

39/H20 Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Hargreaves.

40/H20 Declarations of Interests:

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

41/H20 106 Money and the Roads in the South Down document:

- 41.1 Chris Patterson addressed the committee regarding the SDNPA wish to use Liss as a pilot scheme for their 'Communities in South Downs' 2021/22 programme. He outlined their aim of creating a collection of products with a pricing structure that communities within the SDNP can select and bid for CIL funds (e.g. gateways, traffic calming measures). The bespoke offerings are intended to enable Villages and Towns to reflect their unique character whilst also identifying as being located within the SDNP. SDNPA are aware they must meet the needs of the many stakeholders: LPC, HCC, Highways as well as achieving the aims of SDNPA's 'Communities in South Downs' programme.
- 41.2 If LPC wish to move forward with their proposal, the SDNPA requires an understanding of LPC priorities as there is limited CIL and section 106 money available. He also noted that the section 106 money needs to be spent within 2020 or developer clawback will be initiated.
- 41.3 After lengthy discussions the committee agreed that Liss should take part in the SDNPA pilot scheme, village gateways should be the primary focus with traffic calming in Liss Forest looked at if funds are available. They also requested that any plans for the village gateways need to be mindful, and not compromise, future traffic calming initiatives.
- 41.4 The committee requested the village gateway priority list previously given to Joe Folland at HCC be circulated to reassess priorities. **Action: Andy Smith**

42/H20 Approval of Minutes of the Meeting on 9th September 2019:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 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:-

- 42.1 paragraph 25 be amended so Cllr Oppenheimer's name is spelt correctly; and
42.2 paragraph 31.2.2 be amended so "area" reads "areas,".

43/H20 Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting on 9th September 2019:

- 43.1 No matters arising from the meeting held on 9th September 2019 were discussed.

44/H20 Adjournment for Public Participation:

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

45/H20 Parking and Traffic Congestion – including EHDC Enforcement Update:

45.1 Cllr Budden informed the committee that EHDC have six traffic enforcement officers working across the district from 7am-11pm Monday to Friday. As there is limited cover it would be useful if the LPC identified problem area. Following discussion the committee agreed that that the roads we should request EHDC enforcement officers focus on are:

45.1.1 Around the Madhuban Restaurant; and

45.1.2 Outside the Whistle Stop pub.

Action: Cllr Budden

45.2 Following discussion the committee requested that Cllr Budden provide a traffic enforcement update from EHDC focusing on how often enforcement officers were deployed in Liss how many tickets were issued etc every 6 months.

Action: Cllr Budden for next meeting

46/H20 Priority Projects Update

46.1 Village Centre Redesign – Cllr Smith gave a brief update to the committee noting that the next step was to agree on LPC specifications before employing a design consultant. It was noted that CIL money can only be used for infrastructure not on design/studies. Cllr McDonald requested that cycle ways and cycle racks be looked at within the redesign.

Action Cllr Smith

46.2 Cycling and Footpaths / Rights of Way: Annual Vegetation Cutting 2020

46.2.1 Cllr McDonald gave a brief update to the committee regarding the Rights of Way Annual Vegetation Cutting schedule - HCC requests five ROW every January; it takes time to walk every ROW to note which are the priority. It was agreed that Lizzy Keeling would diarise the request for September and Cllr McDonald would coordinate groups to walk the paths, recommend which to cut and when in the season they need cutting

Action: Lizzy Keeling / Cllr McDonald

46.2.2 Cllr McDonald reported whilst walking the ROW she had noticed fly-tipping in a field off St Patrick's Lane that needed reporting to EHDC.

Action: Lizzy Keeling

46.2.3 Cllr Linsley noted that the entrance of the Riverside Walk is very boggy creating a very poor entry to the Shipwrights Way. The committee suggested that CIL funds could be bid for to improve it, but a worked-up proposal would be needed for consideration against other priority projects.

Action: Cllr McDonald/Linsley

46.3 Speeding

46.3.1 Cllr James updated the committee about SpeedWatch, noting it would be ready to go mid-March 2020 and agreed that once it is operating LPC could promote its activities in the Village Voice and social media.

46.3.2 Cllr James enquired about the whereabouts of the LPC Traffic-sign Recognition (TSR) device

Action: Lizzy Keeling (note: TSR has since confirmed to be beyond economic repair)

46.3.3 Cllr James noted that Speeding Sensors would be needed to monitor traffic to use as evidence to help inform decisions regarding infrastructure investment prioritisation by the Committee.

46.4 Public Transport - Cllr Budden updated the committee on the number 38 Bus Service to Alton, South West Rail train franchise and the new Liss Historical Society mural in the train station, noting that it's official unveiling date has yet to be confirmed.

46.5 Any other priorities – The Committee noted there were no other priorities to discuss.

47/H20 Current Projects Update

47.1 Station Road Crossing – Cllr Smith notified the committee that section 106 funds had been agreed by the SDNP two courtesy crossings, accessible path and pavement reinstatement of outside the Pavilion enabling people to be able to walk from the village centre all the way to the Pavilion

Cllr Oppenheimer left the meeting at 20.50

47.2 Village Gates – This item was covered under 41/H20 above.

48/H20 Lengthsman

48.1 Lizzy Keeling notified the committee that 3.9 contracted hours remained and suggested that these be carried over to the next financial year. A Lengthsman Priority List for 2020/21 need to be created for review at the next meeting. **Action: Lizzy Keeling**

49/H20 Committee start time: proposal to start at 7pm – Cllr Smith carried out a vote in principal.

Though a majority of councillors’ present preferred a 7pm start time, under the terms of the motion agreed at full council the proposal was not carried as there were three objections and one apology.

50/H20 Any Other Business

50.1 Ranges carpark – Cllr Smith discussed the poor state of the car park, after a discussion it was decided to request Cllr Oppenheimer to ask MP Damien Hinds to write to the MOD on LPC behalf.

50.2 Shipwrights Way Bridges - Cllr Budden noted that EHDC had commissioned an assessment of the bridges along the Riverside Walk and were awaiting the report.

50.3 Lych Gate - Cllr Dodds informed the committee that SDNP funds had been used and repairs had been completed on Lych Gate.

50.4 Pavements outside Tesco – Cllr Wilson addressed his concerns over the muddy puddles forming on the pavement between Tesco and Boots which were unsightly. Cllr Wilson agreed to discuss with Tesco **Action: Cllr Wilson**

50.5 Liss Forest – Cllr Baldwin noted her concern over the road resurfacing in Liss Forest and the concerns she has heard from residents over the puddles gathering and lower pavements creating problems. The committee thought this should be covered as part of the SDNPA Pilot Project covered earlier.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15

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Chairman

Next meeting: 27th April 2020