

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 25th January 2010

MEMBERS

*H Linsley	S Halstead	*G Logan
L Mann	*R Mullenger	*M Payne
P Payne	* S Rees	

Co-opted members - *Mr C Seymour (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs L Mann, P Payne & S Halstead.
In attendance: Cllr K Budden.

In the Absence of Cllr Mann, Members agreed that Cllr Logan take the chair.

01/T10 – Declarations of interest.

Cllr Mullenger declared a prejudicial interest in matters relating to the HCC footpath at NCPF arising from his position as a trustee on that body.

02/T10 – Minutes of Meeting 5th October 2009

28/T09 HCC Rights of Way, waymarking scheme.

The Clerk had obtained details from HCC. The scheme required an individual from parish councils or rambling associations to undertake to waymark footpaths as well as detail on maps exact locations of existing signage. These individuals would have to sign an agreement with HCC. It was felt that the services of the Walking To Health group might be appropriate for such a task.

28/T09 Loose manhole covers in Station Road.

Mr Seymour reported that HCC Highways had carried out some repairs; however, it was felt that the work was a temporary measure only & would lead to a recurrence of the problem.

31/T09 AOB, hedges on Hill Brow Road

The Clerk reported that HCC Highways had visited the area & was understood to have issued letters requiring landowners to cut the overhanging hedges.

Village Centre enhancement

Cllr Mullenger reported that a meeting with Area wise had been held & they had expressed support for the planned enhancements.

Forest Road traffic calming

Mr Grant asked if HCC Traffic management had responded to the request for extending the 30 mph restricted limit to beyond the car park entrance at Longmoor. The Clerk replied that no response had been received but the officer would be chased up.

03/T10 – Highways and Pathways

It was noted that the village centre paving project was now complete & LPC had paid the agreed contribution of £12500.

It was explained that there were currently no plans to extend the works as the majority of funding had come from the HCC Village Initiatives programme & future funding could not be expected.

With respect to the possibility of the Highways Agency carrying out engineering works on the Ham Barn roundabout, the Clerk reported that no report from consultants had been received yet.

The Clerk reported that comments had been submitted to HCC Highways Traffic Manager in response to the consultation they had received from Enterprise Mouchel's proposals for emergency diversionary routes from the A3 via Liss village centre. LPC had objected to the proposal & suggested alternative routes as well as objecting to the proposal for permanent signage.

Following the report received from the County Councillor at the January council meeting Members were reminded that LPC should submit a list of prioritised road works to HCC Highways in order that the aims of the Parish were understood.

Members were requested to submit lists of project & maintenance work for consideration. Works to be considered would include Mill Road pavement, completion of footpath from Forest Road to Longmoor car park, Riverside Close footpath drainage, footpath at top of Hill Brow Road above Plantation Road, the need to co-ordinate HCC & EHDC at seasonal drain clearing & leaf blowing time & the need for safer standing at the Forest Road bus stop just beyond the Mint Road junction..

04/T10 Public Transport matters

It was noted that Cllr Budden had completed the HCC consultation document on bus service provision.

Mr Seymour complained about the length of time that crossing closures took at the Station Road level crossing.

Mr Grant updated Members on the progress on the railway station upgrades. The raising of the up-line platform was complete & a disabled access ramp was due to be installed on the up-line side. Railings would be replaced by bow top fencing & new lights would also be installed.

Cllr Budden raised concerns over buses leaving stops ahead of scheduled times. The Clerk would follow this up with Stagecoach.

05/T10 Parking & Traffic issues

The Clerk informed the meeting that the public consultation period for the traffic order relating to changes at the junction of Station & Western Roads had now expired; he was aware that three complaints had been lodged by residents from Western Road & the owners of the Madhuban restaurant.

Members discussed the parking problems exacerbated by the removal of the traffic warden by the Police Authority. It was agreed that EHDC & the Police needed to come to agreement over the responsibility for parking enforcement but it was understood that this would be a lengthy process.

The Clerk reported that he had made contact with the Police sergeant responsible for speeding; this was now based out of Cosham. It was understood that the police would compile information & then decide on the necessary action.

06/T10 Footpaths/ROWS

Cllr Mullenger had received a detailed report on Liss footpaths compiled by Petersfield Ramblers. It was agreed that the information identifying necessary works would be passed to HCC Rights of Way.

Cllr Mullenger had attended an HCC ROW community action programme meeting that was aimed at improving the network of footpaths, a follow up meeting would be taking place.

It was agreed that all LPC footpaths needed to be walked & it was felt that this should be done in the Spring.

07/T10 AOB

The Clerk raised the issue of the BT adopt a call box scheme & the concerns raised by Mr Hines about the state of the box at West Liss recreation ground. After discussion it was agreed that BT should be requested to supply information of other local councils that had adopted boxes.

With regard to the Council appointment of a working group to discuss possible emergency procedures for bad weather conditions it was noted that Members should submit suggestions for location of grit bins. It was understood that EHDC would be holding presentations for parishes on the topic of emergency procedures.

Next meeting: 26th April 2010, 7.30pm

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P Payne	S Rees	*A Wright

Co-opted members - *Mr C Seymour (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs L Mann, P Payne & S Halstead.

08/T10 – Declarations of interest.

There were no declaration of interests.

09/T10 – Minutes of Meeting 25th January 2010

02/T10 & 28/T09 Loose manhole covers in Station Road.

It was noted that HCC Highways had placed a works order to rectify the faulty repair work done .

02/T10 Forest Road traffic calming

The Clerk reported that HCC Highways officer had now proposed several dates for a meeting to discuss this & other traffic related issues in the village. The Clerk proposed that 21st May was the most suitable date.

A3 Ham Barn roundabout

The Clerk reported that he had received no response from the Highways agency & that now the email address was failing. The Chairman said he could supply alternative contact details.

03/T10 – Highways prioritisation

The Chairman had compiled a list of works & this had been submitted to HCC Highways via the County Councillor.

Grit Bins

Following decision at Council the Clerk had compiled a list of required bins & submitted it, along with a location map, to the Leader of HCC. A total of ten bins had been requested.

BT call box adoption

The Clerk reported that BT were compiling a list of other parishes who had entered the scheme; when received those parishes would be consulted as to reason & use. LAHS had submitted a note encouraging the move.

02T/10 7 28/T09 Rights of Way waymarking

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress on this matter.

10/T10 – Highways and Pathways

After discussion it was agreed that HCC Highways needed to resurface all roads in the area following the severe damage caused by icy conditions.

Mr Seymour raised the matter of adopting a 20mph control for the village centre. The Chairman reminded him that HCC had stated that Liss did not meet the criteria & in effect it was not policeable.

Mr Grant raised the matter of the need to complete the footpath to the gate on the Longmoor ranges from Forest Road. They had installed kerbing but not infilled the path section. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the next HAT meeting & also chased up with HCC Highways.

Cllr Logan informed the meeting that HCC were to top dress Pruetts Lane & Stodham Lane.

Cllr Wright said that urgent repairs were needed in Warren Road.

Cllr M Payne said that bollards were damaged in Station road opposite the Bluebell pub. The Clerk had already reported this to HCC.

Cllr M Payne asked what was happening with bollards at the entrance to Hawkley Road. The Clerk explained that they were to calculate the best siting for permanent bollards; the action was at the request of residents in the cottages at the entrance of Hawkley Road.

11/T10 Public Transport matters

It was noted that HCC were in the process of renewing the service 73 contract; also that the new service 37 buses were now in commission.

Mr Grant reported that Network rail's work to upgrade the railway station was still ongoing. As well as new fencing, platform, toilet disabled access & lighting improvements they would be installing a passenger shelter on the down line.

12/T10 Parking & Traffic issues

It was agreed that the meeting with HCC Highways would be used to discuss the ongoing issues.

Mr Seymour raised concerns over the hazard caused by a resident parking on the blind bend at Farnham road. The Chairman said that he had visited the site with police officers when the matter was first raised & the police said no action was necessary.

It was noted that EHDC were in the process of taking over civil enforcement from the police but this would be an eighteen month process; in the meantime they would possibly fund a police traffic warden.

There was no updated information on the moveable speed repeater signs.

13/T10 Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a list of priority maintenance works to HCC ROW.

Cllr Wright had received concerns from a resident over the damaged gate & fencing on footpath 7 & the loose barbed wire along the side of the path. It was agreed that all footpaths should be walked as soon as possible & faults reported to HCC.

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the Leader of EHDC to discuss the proposed Shipwrights' Way cycleway & footpath from Alice Holt to Hayling Island. The maps would be circulated so that issues of concern could be fed back to EHDC & the consultants.

07/T10 AOB

The Clerk reported that no action had yet been taken over the agreed review of snow & ice emergency procedures.

Next meeting: 12th July 2010, 7.30pm

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MEMBERS

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*L Mann (Chairman)	*R Mullenger	M Payne
P Payne	*A Wright	

Co-opted members - Mr C Seymour (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs P Payne & M Payne, Mr C Seymour.

15/T10 – Election of Chairman

Cllr Mann, nominated by Cllr Mullenger & seconded by Cllr Logan, was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

16/T10 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

17/T10 – Minutes of Meeting 26th April 2010

Roundabout at Farnham Road/Flexcombe junction.

Cllr Mullenger asked what progress had been on the planning application to adopt this roundabout.

Cllr Halstead explained that LPC had maintained its objection in principle to the application.

Cllr Logan said that EHDC had not yet issued a decision but it was likely to be approved as the applicant would now install much smaller advertising boards & mow a 1.5m strip round the perimeter with the centre being retained as a wild flower bed.

It was noted that HCC Highways had placed a works order to rectify the faulty repair work done .

A3 Ham Barn roundabout - 09/T10

The Chairman reported that he had made contact with the Highways Agency who had indicated that a plan was near to completion following consultation with relevant third parties.

There was concern that LPC had not heard anything or been involved at any stage.

It was agreed that Cllr Logan would pursue the matter via EHDC. The Clerk would contact the County Councillor & HCC Highways.

18/T10 – Highways and Pathways

Cllr Wright, commenting on the many road closures necessary for repairs, asked if there was a works programme available from HCC that could be published to assist local residents.

It was agreed in discussion that HCC Highways were not constant in their manner of posting notices. The Clerk was asked to contact HCC Highways to see if such a list could be supplied.

Mr Grant reported that HCC Highways were to resurface the footpath from the Mint Road crossing to Wyld Green lane installing drop kerbs.

Cllr Logan reported that Mill Road had some bad areas that were not included in the HCC Highways works markings.

The Chairman added that the manhole cover in Station Road, adjacent to Bishearne Gardens, was in need of re-setting. It was acknowledged that HCC could not work on some manholes that were under the jurisdiction of service suppliers.

19/T10 Public Transport matters

It was noted that the change of contractor for bus service 73 had gone well.

A consultation from HCC on the Local Transport Plan 3 had been received by email with the response papers; however the on line information was not on their website yet.

It was agreed that Cllr Budden be requested to prepare a response before the deadline of 29th September.

It was noted that there had been some vandalism at the railway station & that BT Police were investigating.

20/T10 Parking & Traffic issues

It was reported that the police had resumed traffic warden duties in Petersfield under agreement with EHDC; however, no action was being taken in Liss.

Copies of the amended HCC Highways plans for parking restrictions at Station Road & Western Road had been received. HCC's letter explained that some proposals agreed with LPC were not achievable for traffic safety reasons.

Copies of the HCC Highways proposals for extending the 30mph restriction at Forest Road to beyond the entrance to the Longmoor enclosure had been received & were in accordance with LPC wishes.

It was agreed that the feasibility of buying moveable 30mph warning signage would be dependent on budget restrictions.

Cllr Linsley commented that the parking of a lorry on the bend at Farnham Road was causing some risk to drivers. It was noted that the police had looked at the problem previously but decided no action was necessary. The Clerk would contact the police traffic unit in Cosham to request that they reappraise the situation.

21/T10 Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk reported that, following receipt of the footpath reports from Councillors, he had submitted a list of necessary works To HCC ROW.

Mr Grant was thanked for getting a speedy resolution to the vandalism at Rose Bridge.

Cllr Logan reported that EHDC would be replacing both of the remaining bridges on the Riverside Walk in the autumn; however, it was understood that the design would not be as shown to LPC.

Cllr Mullenger reported that he would be attending the next Countryside Access Forum where ideas for improvements were requested.

Cllr Mullenger said that there would be a meeting on 21st July to discuss the next phase of the Riverside Walk enhancement; all were welcome to attend.

Mr Grant asked what progress was being made on the adoption of the Riverside to Newfield Road footpath; the Clerk replied that it had stalled due to an inability to establish an owner.

22/T10 AOB

Cllr Halstead requested that a meeting be arranged with HCC's roads officer to discuss surplus signage & other issues.

Cllr Halstead asked if residents to stir grit bins had been arranged. This would be investigated.

Cllr Halstead explained that it was necessary to contact telecoms services to discuss the possible installation of colonnades at the Lower Mead site & obtain any necessary permissions.

Next meeting: 4th October 2010, 7.30pm

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MEMBERS

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*L Mann (Chairman)	*R Mullenger	*N McInnes
M Payne	P Payne	*A Wright

Co-opted members - Mr C Seymour (WLRA); *Mr A Grant (LFRA)

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs Logan, P Payne & M Payne.
In attendance: Cllr Budden.

23/T10 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

24/T10 – Minutes of Meeting 12th July 2010

17/T10 – A3 Ham Barn Roundabout – It was noted that HCC Highways had indicated that there were no plans at present for works to the roundabout. It was agreed that when & if any project came forward then LPC would need to be closely involved as there was a possible impact on routes through the village.

17/T10 – Roundabout at Flexcombe/Farnham road junction. It was noted that EHDC had approved the planning application for the installation of advertising signage on the roundabout. The signage was reduced in size from the original application; the roundabout was to be planted with wild flower & shrub seed.

Meeting with HCC Highways East Officer – Cllr Halstead reported that a meeting had been held to pursue the removal of excess & misleading signage at the Hillbrow/London Road junction & the misleading school patrol sign on Hill Brow Road. Cllr Halstead expressed frustration at the length of time taken to carry out these requests; this was partly due to the transfer of responsibilities to the PFI operators.

Action: Clerk to follow up with HCC Highways

20/T10 – Road hazard on Farnham Road – The Chairman asked if the police had taken any action & the Clerk said that he had no knowledge of any action.

25/T10 – Highways and Pathways

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from HCC stating that 6 grit bins were to be installed in Liss. This compared with a request for 10 bins & there were also discrepancies in the proposed locations. After discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to HCC asking why they had decided on different locations to the ones that LPC had requested as these were based on local knowledge of the areas in need.

Action: Clerk to register LPC concerns.

The Clerk reported that HCC Highways had submitted a schedule of works under their Operation Restore programme. The only work scheduled for Liss was the resurfacing of Duckmead lane & this had already been carried out.

Cllr McInnes raised concerns over the state of pavements in Andlers Ash Road that he felt were not fit for purpose. He had accompanied a HCC Highways officer to inspect the pavements but felt that HCC were unlikely to sanction the expenditure; nevertheless, Cllr McInnes felt that LPC should keep these concerns on record & ensure that HCC Highways were aware of the matter. He added that there were also concerns with flooding on the carriageway at the Andlers Ash/Hilliers end & additionally that the pavements in Andlers Ash needed a sweep to remove surface dressing material that had been blown or washed off the road. Cllr McInnes also raised concerns over residents in Andlers Ash Road parking on the pavement; this forced pedestrians to use the carriageway putting themselves at risk from moving traffic. This parking was an offence under the Road Traffic Act & police had a duty to take action.

The Chairman said that LPC were aware of these issues & had visited the site with police & carried out a letter drop to residents requesting them to cease such illegal parking. Additionally LPC were aware that the majority of pavements in Liss were in poor order

Cllr Mullenger said that it must not be assumed that HCC would not have any budget available for maintenance works.

Action: Clerk to ensure that HCC Highways & County Councillor aware of concerns

Members then agreed a period of adjournment to receive comments from Cllr Budden.

Cllr Budden asked if LPC would agree to the removal of the BT call box in Liss Forest that was in poor repair & unused.

The meeting was reconvened & Members discussed the suggestion together with the possible removal of the BT call box at West Liss recreation ground. It was decided that LPC would not want to inherit a maintenance legacy from BT's offer for LPC to adopt

the call boxes. It was agreed that LAHS should be approached to see if they were willing to adopt the boxes; if they were not then BT would be requested to remove them.

Action: Clerk to contact LAHS.

The draft plans for the extension of the 30mph restriction in Forest Road were discussed. It was understood that LPC would be consulted on the final detail of the scheme when the traffic order had been passed.

Mr Grant asked what progress had been achieved on the completion of the footpath from Liss Forest to the Longmoor car park & reminded Members that the kerbing had been installed some time ago but the pavement surface not installed.

Cllr Halstead reminded Members that there was a HAT meeting on 12th October & that this would be an opportunity to raise the matter & also what had happened to the prioritised works list that LPC had supplied..

Action: Clerk to contact HCC traffic management.

26/T10 Public Transport matters

Members agreed a period of adjournment to receive reports from Cllr Budden.

Cllr Budden had completed the HCC consultation on their public transport strategy. He felt that it was mainly urbancentric & failed to address rural problems. He recognised that their operations restore & resilience were important but felt that greater use of mini bus link schemes to link with the network would provide greater continuity. He also felt that the 25 year strategy was excessive as much could change in that timescale.

Cllr Budden reported that he was still chasing Network Rail for the provision of a shelter on the down-line side at the railway station.

Cllr Budden reported that there were some problems with the 37 bus service. Usage had increased on the Alton service but the Havant to Liss Forest service had timetable problems that created later & later services. He felt that the addition of 5 minutes to the schedule could overcome these problems.

The Chairman asked Cllr Budden if there was any chance of Network Rail installing a ticket machine on the up-line side & Cllr Budden said that he understood that new style machines that accepted on-line bookings & took prepayments were being rolled out.

The meeting was then reconvened.

The Clerk reported that he had received concerns relating to the bus pass scheme being taken over by HCC. Cllr Linsley said that HCC were currently consulting on the scheme but it was likely that the benefits would be less than the old EHDC scheme.

27/T10 Parking & Traffic issues

Cllr Mullenger informed the meeting that HCC had installed traffic monitoring equipment in Hawkley Road.

The Chairman asked Members if the purchase of a temporary speed limit reminder sign should be put forward to the LPC budget process. The cost of the sign & bracket was £2710; if additional posts were needed then a cost of £611 per post would arise but it was hoped that existing road sign posts could be utilised HCC carried out the redeployments then an annual cost of £1210 for 5 locations would arise. It was also possible that a neighbouring parish might like to participate in sharing the purchase.

Following discussion Members were asked to vote on the proposal & with a split vote the Chairman used his casting vote to carry the proposal that the project be included in the budget process.

Action: Clerk to include in budget & canvas other Councils to share cost.

28/T10 Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk reported that the HCC rights of way officer responsible for Liss & surrounding areas had left the post & that HCC would not be replacing him.

29/T10 AOB

Cllr Wright informed the meeting that EHDC would be progressing the Shipwrights Way scheme in sections but the Liss section would be delayed due to technical issue. The financing of the project had been secured.

Next meeting: 24th January 2011, 7.30pm