

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 24th January 2011

MEMBERS

*H Linsley	S Halstead	*G Logan
*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 Halstead & Mullenger.
In attendance: Cllr Budden.

01/T11 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

02/T11 – Minutes of Meeting 4th October 2010

20/T10 – Road hazard on Farnham Road – The Clerk reported that nothing had happened on this matter; it was understood that the new Liss Beat Officer had a background in traffic control & it was intended to draw his attention to the matter.

Action: Clerk to meet with new Beat Officer

03/T11 – A3 Ham Barn Roundabout

This matter had been referred to the Committee following an item raised in public participation at Council on 17th January by District Councillor Mrs E Cartwright. The East Hants Conservative Association had issued a survey document to 1800 houses in Liss & Greatham that might be affected by any proposals to alter the Ham barn roundabout made by the Highways Agency. There was a long discussion that centred on the need for LPC to have accurate statistics on traffic movements on the A3 & the main through routes in the village both before & after the opening of the Hindhead Tunnel.

It was agreed that the relevant authorities be requested to provide this information. Historic information relating to traffic speeds taken by HCC in 2008 would also provide useful comparison.

Action: Clerk to contact HCC & HA

04/T11 – Highways and Pathways

Pavement repairs Mill Road - The Clerk explained that a notice of repairs to Mill Road had been received from HCC. It was understood that the works would include the creation of hard standing at the north bound bus stop in Forest Road just beyond the rail crossing.

Grit bins – The Clerk, following requests from residents had compiled a list of sites to be submitted for consideration by HCC's for their 2nd tranche of bins for Liss. These were The Ridings, Longmead, Rotherbank Farm Lane, the junction of Mint & Forest Road, Cardew Road & St Patrick's Lane (top). Mr Grant asked if Briar Wood could be added to this & members agreed.

Action: Clerk to submit list to HCC.

Cllr Wright enquired if the village centre pavements had been cleared of snow during the recent inclement weather. It was agreed that HCC had responded to the conditions well by gritting pavements & clearing the village centre pavements to assist retailers. Mr Grant felt that HCC should buy quad bikes fitted with ploughs for dealing with certain areas.

Action: Clerk to write letter of thanks to HCC.

It was noted that LPC had received delivery of snow clearance shovels from HCC. These were intended for use by community volunteers.

05/T11 Public Transport matters

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

Cllr Budden reported that investigations into the possible rescheduling of the Wednesday service 73 timings were ongoing. This was aimed at making the service available to bus pass users within the revised parameters that are coming into force from 1st April. Cllr Budden said that it was likely that following subsidy reductions Stagecoach would have to make some cuts to the 37 & 38 services in order that they ran economically.

Cllr Budden reported that engineers had been on site at the railway station to investigate the positioning of the down platform shelter that was expected to be installed soon.

06/T11 Parking & Traffic issues

The Clerk reported that following the letter of concern over dangerous parking outside of the schools he had written to the Chief Constable as ordered by Council. A response had been received stating that the matter had been referred to the traffic division for action.

The Clerk added that the new Liss Beat Officer, who was due to start imminently, had a background in traffic control & it was intended to raise this issue along with other parking problems with him.

Cllr P Payne proposed additional bollards on the Hill Brow verge to reduce illegal parking outside the school area.

It was agreed that an article be included in the Village Voice.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Logan

Temporary Speed Signing – The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held with BLPC staff with a view to sharing equipment; however, their Council had voted against this proposal. The Chairman asked Members if they were happy to go ahead with the purchase of one set of equipment by LPC; funds were available for this project.

Cllr McInnes expressed concerns for the safety of children & pensioners & proposed that LPC investigate the possibility of either renting, or sharing with another parish, equipment for SpeedWatch. He also suggested that LPC investigate 20mph limits for the village. The Chairman explained that LPC had been investigating possibilities with HCC over many years.

Cllr Linsley proposed that the purchase of temporary speed signing be put to Council. The motion, seconded by Cllr P Payne was carried on a vote of 6 for with one against.

The Chairman said that he would investigate sites for the location & mounting of the signs for approval by HCC. Any purchase would not happen until consultation & agreement of suitable sites with HCC had taken place.

Traffic orders – The Clerk reported that the HCC proposals for extensions to restrictions in Station Road at seven locations had now been received & were on deposit till 9th February.

Action: Clerk to liaise with HCC, Cllr Logan & Mr Grant

07/T11 Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk informed the meeting that HCC were not extending the contract of the areas Countryside Access Manager beyond 31st March. The Clerk warned that LPC should be on alert to any drop in services to the parish footpaths.

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

Shipwrights' Way – Cllr P Payne had attended the meeting on 8th December & reported that a lot of information was still needed for the project to progress.

08/T11 AOB

Mr Seymour was concerned that the manhole repairs in Station Road had not yet been carried out.

Cllr P Payne reported that the footpath at the junction of Farnham & Station Roads was full of mud & silt.

Mr Seymour reported that the vehicle causing a hazard in Farnham road (see T02/11 above) was now parking elsewhere but the spaces was now filled by other vehicles.

Mr Seymour asked if it was known when the temporary scheme at the Farnham & Hawkley Roads junction would be actioned.

Mr Grant said that the new Stagecoach buses were wider & this caused problems at a point on Mill Road near the Mill. He felt that the carriageway could be widened at this point.

Cllr Budden reported that a bollard at the Rake & Mill Road junction had been knocked out of position.

Action: The Clerk would report these issues to HCC Highways.

Next meeting: 11th April 2011, 7.30pm

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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 Halstead, Mullenger, M Payne & P Payne & Mr A Grant.

09/T11 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

10/T11 – Minutes of Meeting 11th January 2011

02/T11 – Road hazard on Farnham Road – The Clerk reported that the Liss Beat Officer had said he would be monitoring the situation. Mr Seymour added that the problem had been much reduced recently.

11/T11 – A3 Ham Barn Roundabout

The Clerk reported that HCC Highways Traffic management had responded to a request for traffic counts prior to & after the opening of the Hindhead Tunnel by saying that the Highways Authority would be monitoring traffic & would also be responsible for future schemes that may involve the Ham Barn roundabout.

The Chairman said that the HA regarded Ham barn as a long term project & were not likely to be doing anything in the near future. It was agreed that the local effect could be monitored by residents.

12/T11 – Highways and Pathways

Pavement repairs Mill Road - The Clerk had now received a notice from HCC Highways that works would be carried out in April/may. The delay had been caused because of the need for HCC to liaise with Network Rail for works in proximity to the rail track.

Cllr Linsley requested that HCC be pursued to address the pavement puddling problems at the bus stop near Woodbourne Close.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr Wright asked what the position was on HCC completing the footpath from Forest Road to the Longmoor car park. The Clerk replied that it was on the HAT list of projects but was low priority.

13/T11 Public Transport matters

The HCC Local Transport Plan for 2011-2031 had been published & the Clerk had circulated the email to Members.

Cllr Logan said that she had responded in a personal capacity to the HCC East Hants public transport consultation. It was noted that Cllr Budden was responding on behalf of LPC; comments were due by 31st May.

Village Centre Bus Bay – The Clerk updated Members on the position with the proposal to build a bus pier out at the bus stop & create some limited time parking bays. HCC were now costing the project & funding options would be looked at. LPC had asked EHDC if the project would qualify for use of Developers' Contributions Transport Funds. It was agreed that plans of the design proposal needed to be looked at & approved in principle by LPC.

Members agreed that the proposed scheme be recommended in principle to Council.

14/T11 Parking & Traffic issues

The Clerk reported that in the near future the Liss beat officer would have access to the use of a speed gun & would be targeting specific areas in the village. In the past such equipment had only been available to traffic enforcement officers but there had been a change of police policy.

Cllr Linsley asked if HCC & police could be asked for their opinion on the total removal of centre white lines in Station Road as such action had been taken on a stretch of the A31.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Cllr Logan reported that a resident of Rake Road had suffered injury when avoiding speeding vehicles at a narrow stretch of the road. It was agreed that HCC be asked if a 30mph speed restriction could be applied to the whole Rake Road, Wyld Green Lane & Warren Road.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Temporary Speed Signing – The Chairman reported that he had compiled a list of suitable location for the installation of equipment & these were reviewed by the committee.

After discussion it was agreed that these site proposals be put to HCC for approval.

Cllr Mc Innes drew attention to the inconsistencies in the various police forces application of penalties for speeding offences.

15/T11 Footpaths/ROWs

It was agreed that the Clerk approach HCC ROW to establish when the first footpath cutting would occur.

16/T11 AOB

Some items had been put forward by Cllr Halstead:

Liss Junior School wished to have an Olympic symbol erected on the Ham barn roundabout for the period of the games. It was agreed to furnish LJS with contact details for the Highways Agency.

The state of Hill Brow Road & the many potholes was debated. It was agreed to draw these to the attention of HCC Highways.

Liss Junior School had expressed a desire to attend a Council meeting to make representations on parking issues outside the school.

It was agreed that they be invited to a council meeting & that the Liss beat officer & the County Councillor should attend.

Action: The Clerk to correspond with parties.

The Clerk reported that HCC had now divided its Road Safety Councils & that LPC was in the Southern Council.

Cllr Wright informed the meeting that the Village plan was being re-launched in accordance with additional requirements from EHDC. The proposed June exhibition would need to cover such items as transport & Ham barn roundabout. It was felt by the VDG that LPC Members assistance & support was required.

Mr Seymour asked if HCC could be asked to remove the temporary signage at the Plestor.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

Next meeting: 11th July 2011, 7.30pm

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 24th October 2011

MEMBERS

H Linsley	*K Budden	R Chads
G Logan	*L Mann (Chairman)	P Payne
*E Thomas	P Thompson	*A Wright

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

*Present

Apologies: Cllrs Chads, Linsley, Logan, Payne & Thompson.

26/T11 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

27/T11 – Minutes of Meeting 11th July 2011

The minutes of the meeting of 11th July, approved at Council on 18th July, were noted.

28/T11 – Matters arising

Cllr Budden raised the issue of the missing bus stop on Hill Brow Road. It was agreed that the Clerk chase the matter up with HCC.
Action: The Clerk to contact HCC.

29/T11 – Highways and Pathways

The Clerk informed the meeting that a notice of road closure for Hill Brow Road repairs had been received. The notice covered two weeks in November or December followed by a two day closure in 2012.

Mr Grant reiterated his disappointment over the HCC actions to resurface Rake Road ahead of Forest Road.

Cllr Wright felt that there was a need for LPC to review & prioritise road works & communicate these to HCC. In discussion it was agreed that there was such a need & that the results of the VDG questionnaire would be useful for identifying problem areas. It was also agreed that the County Councillor be invited to attend any review.

Mr Grant said that the kerbing work between Wyld Green Lane & Forest Road as well as the creation of a new bus passenger set down point had been completed & that thanks should be expressed to the local HCC Highways Officer for a job well done.

Mr Grant informed the meeting that Highways Agency consultants were in the process of surveying the A3 Ham barn Roundabout.

30/T11 Public Transport matters

Cllr Budden reported that the HCC review of bus services had not had any effect on Liss services apart from losing one 738 service to Bordon in the evening. He felt that Liss would have to lobby hard in future to ensure services were maintained.

Cllr Budden said that HCC had a new transport self help scheme that was aimed at small communities. HCC would provide a mini bus & the user would pay for all running costs. Cllr Budden asked if LPC should register an interest & Members agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had written to SW Trains enclosing a log of electrical interferences caused by trains; a response was awaited.

31/T11 Parking & Traffic issues

The Clerk said that HCC had now completed the license for the operation by LPC of TSR equipment & Members agreed that LPC proceed with the purchase of the equipment.

The proposals for the bus bay alteration in Hill Brow Road were discussed & it was agreed to investigate the possibility of using developers transport contributions funds.

Action: The Clerk to contact HCC & EHDC.

Mr Seymour raised concerns about the traffic congestion caused by parking in the village centre in Station Road, especially at times immediately after rail barrier closures.

The Chairman replied that these short time parking bays had been installed at the insistence of village traders.

32/T11 Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk updated the meeting on the progress that Cllr Logan had made on the widening of the narrow footbridge on footpath 5.

Cllr Budden reported that the allotment hedge between Rake Road & Inwood Road was overgrown.

Action: The Clerk to contact grounds staff.

Cllr Budden raised concerns over trip hazards caused by failing drain covers on the driveway at NCPF. It was agreed to have remedial work costed.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with contractor.

33/T11 AOB

The Clerk informed the meeting that several requests for grit bins had been received & passed to HCC.

Next meeting: 23rd January 2012, 7.30pm