

LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths & Transport Committee meeting held on 13th January 2014

MEMBERS

H Linsley
*P Payne

*K Budden
*E Thomas

*R Chads
*A Wright

Co-opted members - *Mr C Seymour (WLRA); Mr J Collins (LFRA)

*Present

Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllr Linsley. Mr J Collins.

01/T14 Election of Chairman for the meeting

Following the resignation from Council of Cllr Mann, & with no Member putting themselves forward it was agreed that Cllr Budden take the Chair for the meeting.

02/T14 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

03/T14 – Minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2013

The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 2013, approved at Council on 21st October, were noted. The Clerk reported on the following matters arising from that meeting:

- 18/T13 – Additional street lighting n Farnham Road.

HCC had responded to the LPC request that there was a demonstrable need as follows:

“Unfortunately saying there is a demonstrable need doesn't, in itself, provide the evidence required to demonstrate that need. Guidance on the kind of information needed is given in our policy document which can be downloaded at

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/street-lighting/lighting-policy.htm>.

I'm not sure that a site meeting at this stage is necessary as a little more work is needed first”

The Clerk said that it was now necessary for someone to look at the HCC policy to see if Liss did have a case for additional lighting.

Members suggested that Cllr Linsley, who had raised the issue, be charged with investigating the matter further.

Action: Cllr Linsley

- 27/T13 White lining
A response from HCC to the request to remove centre white lining at 7 sites said that they are happy to look at this & will add the matter to the 14/15 work list for the East Hants traffic management team.
Cllr Tomas requested that his objection to the removal of centre lining on Hill Brow Road be minuted.
- 27/T13 Forest Road
There was no progress from HCC yet & the proposed scheme was still with their engineers department.
HCC had given an undertaking to consult further with LPC & residents when they were in a position to do so.
- 27/T13 TSR
Rogate PC had not taken any further action on the scheme to rent the LPC TSR equipment.
- 27/T13 Speedwatch
There were now 8 volunteers to operate & coordinate a Speedwatch scheme for Liss. The Clerk had spoken to the local PCSO who would take the next steps to get a scheme running; however, this would involve a cost of £500 for LPC.
Members agreed to recommend to Council that this sum be approved.

- 28/T13 Traffic Order in central Liss
The Clerk reported that he had received an email from HCC indicating that the matter had still not been progressed by their legal department.
- 30/T13 ROWs
The Clerk did not know if Mr Mann had walked footpath 501 to rear of St Mary's Church. Cllr Chads reported that residents had filled rutted areas with rubble.

04/T14 – Highways & Pathways

Cllr Chads raised the issue of the poor state of the footpath west of the railway crossing in Station Road where there was no clear path edging. The Clerk said he would take the issue up with HCC Highways.

Action: Clerk

TSR Records – There was no up to date record of TSR statistics to table. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Mann would continue to deploy equipment on behalf of LPC.

05/T14 – Public Transport

It was noted that the railway line had been closed between 23rd December & 5th January due to landslides between Liss & Liphook.

The Chairman reported that the Shipwrights Way Community Rail Partnership was to hold an information spreading event at Liss Railway Station on 18th January from 10am till noon. He added that they had funding available for projects to improve the environment at rail stations by providing benches, flower beds, planters etc. He encouraged Members to attend & think of schemes. It was agreed that the VDG & Liss Horticultural Society be notified of this event.

It was noted that Stagecoach were not yet operating the new bus timetable.

06/T14 - Parking & Traffic issues

The Chairman had received an email from a newly arrived resident expressing concern over the volume of traffic in Station Road & the size of the vehicles. He had responded explaining the recent conditions & the measures that LPC had looked at.

07/T14 - Footpaths/ROWs

Cllr Payne reported concerns that the larger felled timber on the EHDC section of the River Rother Walk had increased the flooding issues when they had been swept into the river & caused blockages at the bridges. The Clerk would report these concerns to EHDC's responsible officer.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Payne also reported continued H & S issues on the bridges where the surface was dangerously slippery. Cllr Chads confirmed these concerns.

The Clerk would ask EHDC & HCC Shipwrights Way officers to investigate.

Action: Clerk

The Chairman reported that Members of the Grounds Committee would be visiting the LPC section of the Riverside Railway walk to assess actions required following the recent flood & storm damage at 9am on 14th January.

The Clerk reported that his request to HCC for an additional street light on footpath 502 at NCPF had received a response indicating that the existing lights were EHDC & that LPC should approach them. The Clerk suggested that the installation of two PIR lights on the garage could aid illumination on the drive & Members agreed. Cllr Payne would convey this information to the NCPF Trust meeting & suggest they consider a PIR on the pavilion.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Payne

08/T14 – Highways recommendations from the Village plan

Cllr Wright reviewed the Highways issues that villagers had raised in the Village plan questionnaire & after discussion the following actions were agreed:

Courtesy Crossings – Request HCC Highways to investigate signing, surface materials, visibility etc in order to improve safety for users

Schools – Advise HCC Highways that measures implemented so far had not resulted in speed reductions and ask HCC Highways to install flashing signage to warn of schools & consider pinch points in the vicinity.

Village Centre – To raise concerns with HCC Highways over safety of students crossing Hill Brow Road in the vicinity of Lower Mead when getting off & on school buses.

30 MPH speed limits – HCC to be requested to extend the 30mph restrictions to the country lanes around the village in order to improve safety for walkers & horse riders.

It was agreed that a complete road safety assessment of Liss needed to be carried out. The Clerk would report all these issues to HCC & supply them with a copy of the Village plan. It was noted that the SDNP could be interested in such a measure.

Action: Clerk

Lower Mead, Tesco's frontage – Area Wise to be asked if they could take measures to reduce the risk to pedestrians when the surfaces were icy.

Action: Clerk

09/T14 - AOB

Cllr Payne asked when the alterations to the Ham Barn Roundabout would be completed & was informed it was expected to finish in mid February.

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Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllrs Chads & Payne, Mr J Collins.

10/T14 Election of Chairman

Cllr Linsley, nominated by Cllr Budden & seconded by Cllr Wright was unanimously elected as Chairman.

11/T14 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

12/T14 – Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2014, approved at Council on 20th January, were noted. The following matters arising from that meeting were discussed:

- 18/T13 – Additional street lighting in Farnham Road.

The Chairman reported that he had not yet followed up on this investigation.

Action: Cllr Linsley

- 28/T13 Traffic Order in central Liss

The Clerk reported that the legal work on the designation had been completed. It was agreed that the Clerk should press HCC & the local County Councillor to press for an urgent implementation of the lining, signage & enforcement.

Action: Clerk

- 04/14 Railway crossing, Station Road

Following the cancellation of the scheduled meeting for 10th February with HCC officers due to severe weather it was agreed to reschedule this item.

Action: Clerk

- 07/14 Footpaths

Cllr Wright suggested, & Members agreed, that it would be beneficial for Councillors to schedule a walk of all parish footpaths to establish faults & then press HCC for action. This could be done in the summer.

Action: Clerk

- 08/14 Highways recommendations from the VDS

It was agreed that HCC be asked to carry out the audit of the village highways safety issues as agreed. The Clerk would contact HCC to arrange.

Action: Clerk

13/T14 – Highways & Pathways

Cllr Budden raised concerns over yet another manhole showing signs of collapsing in Rake Road. The matter would be reported to HCC.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Kendall asked about the status & condition of courtesy crossings. After discussion it was agreed to add this to the list of matters to be discussed with HCC when they came for the requested highways audit visit.

Cllr Budden asked about the status of the unadopted Limes Close where there were large potholes. The Clerk had received a response from HCC indicating that even if residents were willing to pay for its adoption as a maintainable highway it would not be likely to happen; there were too many technical issues that did not meet Highways requirements.

14/T14 – Public Transport

Cllr Budden would attend the HCC transport meeting on 23rd April.

Cllr Budden updated Members with regard to the current HCC survey of subsidised bus services. He said that EHDC Cabinet were to receive a motion calling on HCC to retain rural bus services. HCC were proposing some reductions in the provisions for bus pass users that would bring the conditions more in line with the statutory requirements & EHDC were pressing for retention of the existing provisions. EHDC were looking at the funding of the cost of this & it was likely that parishes would be asked to contribute.

Cllr Budden reported that the Liss grant application to the East Hants rail partnership was likely to be successful & this would provide some additional fixtures at the station.

Cllr Budden had met with a representative of SW Trains who had looked positively on the suggestion of an additional ticket machine on the up side of the station.

15/T14 - Parking & Traffic issues

The Chairman reported on the recent meeting with representatives of the police & from a residents' association in Petersfield that discussed the set up of a Speedwatch scheme for Liss.

It was agreed that Liss needed more volunteers to successfully operate a scheme & that localised groups, such as residents associations needed. It was noted that Mr John Milman had agreed to be the co-ordinator for the scheme.

The Clerk was asked to establish where such a scheme operated successfully in a settlement equivalent in size to Liss.

Action: Clerk

16/T14 - Footpaths/ROWs

This matter had been covered in 12/T14.

17/T14 - AOB

There was no other business.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.09 hrs

Next meeting: 14th July 2014

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Clerk: R Bowery

Apologies: Cllrs Kendall & Payne.

18/T14 Election of Chairman

Cllr Linsley, nominated by Cllr Hargreaves & seconded by Cllr Chads was unanimously elected as Chairman for the Council year.

19/T14 – Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

20/T14 – Minutes of the meeting of 14th April 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 14th April 2014, approved at Council on 22nd April, were noted. The following matters arising from that meeting were discussed:

- 18/T13 & 12/T14 – Additional street-lighting in Farnham Road.
The Chairman reported that he had not yet followed up on this investigation. He would contact HCC's officer to establish if additional lighting was possible or if Liss being in the national Park placed a restriction on lighting.

Action: Cllr Linsley
- 28/T13 & 12/T14 Traffic Order in central Liss
The Clerk reported that HCC's traffic management officer had indicated that the work was to be done in the summer & that at the same time the re-marking of faded yellow lines in the village centre & at the junction of station Road/western Road would be done.
- 04/14 & 12/T14 Railway crossing, Station Road
Cllrs Budden & Chads had met with HCC officers & had received a positive suggestion for addressing pavement issues from the railway crossing to Riverside Close. The Clerk was asked to ascertain HCC's progress.

Action: Clerk
- 07/T14 & 12/T14 Footpaths
It was agreed that the Clerk would issue fault report forms & a schedule of walks to be carried out by all LPC Councillors.

Action: Clerk
- 08/T14 & 12/T14 Highways recommendations from the VDS
HCC's traffic management officer had met with Councillors in Liss on 20th May & details of his responses to Liss proposals had been circulated. These were discussed under the various agenda headings. The Clerk was asked to contact HCC to establish some timings.

Action: Clerk

- 13/T14 – Damaged manhole cover rake Road

The Clerk reported that HCC had resolved the issue.

- 15/T14 – Speedwatch inquiry to Hants Constabulary

The Clerk reported that Hants Constabulary had failed to respond to the request for information on other schemes in operation.

21/T14 – Highways & Pathways

Hill Brow Road

The Clerk reported that HCC's traffic manager had suggested that LPC contact the schools in order to progress road safety measures outside the schools under the Schools Access Team scheme, After discussion it was agreed that LPC inform HCC that the Access scheme was considered a totally different matter to road safety issues.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact HCC to press for 20mph flashing signs to address speeding outside the schools & point out that Liss schools were the only ones in the area that did not have such signage. LPC would stress that road safety was considered as paramount importance by LPC & suggest that HCC departments liaise closely.

Action: Clerk

Station Road Courtesy Crossing

It was agreed that HCC be requested to supply details of their promised traffic survey.

Action: Clerk

Gateway signage to village

The following sites were considered the most appropriate for the village:

- Farnham Road northbound near existing 30 mph sign.
- Farnham Road southbound near existing 30 mph signage.
- Andlers Ash Road near Princes Bridge.
- Forest Road near to Longmoor car park.
- Hill Brow Road near to London Road junction.

The Clerk would contact HCC to establish exact locations that were acceptable to Highways; signs would be consistent with the VDS aims & the preferred wording was "Welcome to the Parish of Liss".

Action: Clerk

Hill Brow Road/London Road junction signage

The Clerk would ask HCC for details of the proposed signage to be installed this summer.

Action: Clerk

Forest Road scheme

The Clerk reported that the scheme was still being finalised by the HCC engineers department. The Highways officer had repeated his undertaking to come & present/consult with both LPC & local residents before implementation.

Forest Road bus shelter

It was agreed that the Clerk approach the Ward Councillor to press for reinstatement of the EHDC bus shelter before the onset of winter.

Action: Clerk

Reeds Lane landslide

The Clerk reported that Highways had put the scheme to resolve the issue into the hands of HCC Legal who were dealing with the land owner.

Street Lighting

A schedule of proposed replacement lighting had been received & circulated.

The Clerk was in contact with HCC to ensure that village centre lights would not be dimmed if they affected the operation of LPC's CCTV cameras.

22/T14 – Public Transport

Cllr Budden reported that the special summer service being run by Stagecoach appeared to be a great success & that he had found out that there were other similar district services being funded by the SDNP. He felt that the Park's publicity was not particularly good. He added that Stagecoach was seeking a 5 year funding guarantee & that the Park would be looking to towns & parishes to contribute.

Cllr Budden reported that the Liss grant application to the East Hants rail partnership had been successful apart from the signage. He would be meeting with SW Trains to finalise details in the next week or so. He added that the long promised up-line ticket machine was also to be installed soon. One issue to be resolved was the watering of plants in the planters on platforms.

Cllr Chads asked if the temporary bridge at the Stodham Lane railway crossing was in place as she had tried to access it & the footpath was closed off. The Clerk would get information from Network Rail.

Action: Clerk

23/T14 - Parking & Traffic issues

The Chairman reported that the proposed Speedwatch scheme was floundering from lack of volunteers & the failure of the proposed co-ordinator to register his details with the Police.

A letter had been received from the Hants Police Commissioner suggesting that groups approach the Commissioner for a £1000 grant towards a scheme.

It was agreed to write to the Commissioner requesting a visit from a suitably qualified police traffic officer.

It was also agreed that the local PCSO be chased to supply details of schemes operating in other local areas.

Action: Clerk

The most recent TSR report was tabled for discussion. It was agreed that the Clerk approach the suppliers of the equipment to establish if calibration of the machinery was necessary.

Action: Clerk

24/T14 - Footpaths/ROWs

The Clerk reported that a request to HCC ROW to have a footpath trimmed had been refused with the suggestion that LPC get volunteers to carry out the work or pay a private contractor.

Action: Clerk

25/T14 - AOB

Cllr Budden reported that EHDC were creating an additional culvert from Ten Acre Field to alleviate flood issues in Woodbourne Close.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from LFRA for additional speed reminder signage on Forest Road. HCC had responded that it was not permissible under street lit schemes.

Cllr Thomas expressed concern that nearly all road signage in the area was overgrown by vegetation. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Leader of HCC, with copies to the portfolio holder & the local County Councillor, requesting that this work be carried out as a matter of urgency & point out the potential legal liability that existed in the event of serious accidents.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 hrs

Next meeting: 3rd November 2014