



LISS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths and Transport Committee Monday 10th July 2023

MEMBERS

*Cllr Smith (Chair) *Cllr Baldwin *Cllr Budden *Cllr James
*Cllr Tordoff *Cllr Williams Cllr Wilson

*Present

Also present was Cllr Stratford-Tuke and Mike Spencer, Speedwatch Chair

This meeting was clerked by Rebecca Lawrence, Assistant Clerk ("AC").

H11/23 Election of Chair:

Resolved: Cllr Smith was duly elected as Chair of the Highways Committee for the ensuing Council year. Proposed by Cllr Budden and seconded by Cllr Williams, with all in favour.

H12/23 Apologies:

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Wilson.

H13/23 Declarations of interests:

Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest, which they may have in any item of business, no later than when that item is reached. In addition, when discussing an item which is related to a charity that councillors must ensure any decision made be in accordance with the Charities governing documents, rather than for the benefit of Liss Parish Council as a whole.

H14/23 Adjourn to hear from Mike Spencer, Speedwatch Chair:

Mike Spencer, Speedwatch Chair gave an update on Speedwatch as follows:

- Speedwatch was formed in 2019 and it initially attracted a large amount of interest from volunteers at the start, however he has received little interest recently and he is keen to recruit more volunteers.
- He thanked Liss Parish Council for their support in the past for helping to publicise and raise awareness for Speedwatch.
- Speeding still remains a very big issue and training the local community and correct siting and installation of SID devices is very important to try and combat driving too fast.
- Any ways that Liss Parish Council could help support them in recruiting volunteers would be welcome.

The Chair thanked Mike Spencer and asked that the Parish Council's thanks be passed to all members of Speedwatch who volunteer for the benefit of Liss. The Chair reflected that it is a challenge to recruit volunteers in Liss and more widely: it is not a problem unique to Speedwatch.

Cllr Williams mentioned that not all organisations use social media and suggested emailing out a flyer to the LPC list of community contacts. Cllr Williams also mentioned that the changes proposed within the Village Centre Redesign project might be big enough to attract volunteers. Mike Spencer to liaise with Cllr Williams.

Cllr Stratford-Tuke asked whether there was a particular area of Liss that was worse. Mike Spencer replied that Hill Brow due to the school being nearby but the other arterial roads coming out of Liss such as Andlers Ash Road, Farnham Road, Liss Forest and Station Road.

The Chair offered to put his contact at Petersfield Shine Radio in touch with Mike Spencer and said that LPC would support Speedwatch in raising its profile and recruiting volunteers.

H15/23 Update on the Speed Indicator Devices (“SIDs”) and associated ground sockets:

Cllr Tordoff gave an update on the Speed Indicator Devices:

The two new SIDs approved by LPC were due to arrive shortly. The Highways Safety Team at Hampshire County Council had looked at and confirmed the sites for the SIDs, ground sockets and temporary posts to enable them to be moved to different sites around the village. The SIDs can be either North facing or South facing, enabling the SID to be there for 6 weeks rather than just 3 weeks as the SID can be sited on either side of the road. To meet carbon neutral goals, the SIDs are solar powered. The SIDs have Bluetooth technology enabling them to collect data which can be used to analyse key hot spots, peak flow and key behaviours. The arrival of the SIDs should spark interest. Training will be undertaken by Cllr Tordoff, relevant LPC staff, Speedwatch and other interested parties.

Action: AC/Cllr Tordoff to develop guidance for using SID, operational plan for moving between locations.

Cllr Tordoff has sent a spreadsheet to AC to liaise with Ian Janes (HCC) to arrange for the 10 ground sockets and 5 temporary posts to be put in place.

Action: AC to liaise with Ian Janes.

Committee Members/Speedwatch to provide any further suggested locations for ground sockets/temporary posts to be explored with Hampshire County Council.

Action: All Members/Speedwatch.

Members discussed whether the two new, plus the existing SID would be sufficient.

Cllrs Williams and Budden asked Cllr James if he could assist in LPC securing a loan of the 10 EHDC average speed cameras. Cllr James to keep us informed as to how they might be obtained.

Action: AC/Chair to look into the scheme.

H16/23 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th February 2023:

Resolved: That the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 27th February 2023 be approved as an accurate record, proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Budden with all in favour.

H17/23 Matters arising from the previous meeting:

H15/22 Feasibility of moving Ten Acre Field footpath 141/5/4 to allow a safer exit onto Forest Road.

No further progress has been made in identifying the owner of the field.

Riverside Walk – LPC owned section.

The Chair updated that there was no update on the work with Hampshire Countryside Services (South East Access Team) to explore improvements to the LPC section of the Riverside Walk.

Action: AC to follow up with Megan Cledwyn and Sam Baker at HCC.

H18/23 Adjournment for public participation:

The chair noted that there were no members of public present.

H19/23 Latest Liss Parish Works Schedule for Hampshire Highways Operations Team:

Committee members noted the report produced by Lisa Davis, Principal Engineer, Highways North.

Members had a brief discussion on Highways issues on the list and how to report them.

H20/23: Update on the Lengthsman

The Chair gave an overview of the Parish Lengthsman’s duties and Members reviewed the Lengthsman’s Worksheet for 2023/24. Any further requests should be sent to the Chair and AC.

It was noted that Members would again be walking the public rights of way to identify areas that need addressing.

Cllr Williams noted that there was an ongoing dialogue with HCC regarding remedial works required by HCC at the entrance to Princes Bridge allotment site.

H21/23: Update on projects - school zone, other roads

The Chair gave an update on the delivery of the school zone scheme. The existing street furniture has been removed and replaced with more sympathetic road furniture. Cats eyes and lines removed from the middle of the road.

It was noted that the Chair was liaising with Joe Folland (HCC) about traffic calming infrastructure on Hill Brow Road, Forest Road and Andlers Ash Road and double yellow lining outside the Liss Pavilion entrance – as agreed at the previous committee meeting. HCC are developing proposals which will be shared with the Committee for comments, with the possibility of going to public consultation later in the year.

Members noted the need to consider proposals for the remaining Section 106 funds.

H22/23: Public Transport Update

Cllr Budden provided the following update:

- Stagecoach’s bus route 38 – funding for the service had now been secured until April 2024. The next funding round will open in November 2023 to establish funding for the 2024/25 financial year.
- Bordon’s future transport links – along with representatives from Stagecoach and the Hills to Harbour Rail Partnership, very early discussions have commenced regarding how Bordon’s transport links can be improved pending the forthcoming new town centre.
- Liss Station - unfortunately, no funding has been awarded from EHDC for the platform extension.
- Liss Station – consultation has opened on proposal to see ticket office to close in May 2024. Cllr Budden would draft a response to this consultation on behalf of LPC. A statement would be issued in due course, it was not known at this point what use the building would be put to.

H23/23: Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:20

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Chair

Date:

Next meeting: 30th October 2023