



## **LISS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Highways, Footpaths and Transport Committee Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### **MEMBERS**

\*Cllr Smith (Chair) \*Cllr Baldwin \*Cllr Budden Cllr James  
\*Cllr Stratford-Tuke, \*Cllr Tordoff \*Cllr Williams

\*Present

Also present were two members of the public.

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

#### **H24/23 Apologies:**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr James.

The Chair announced the very sad news about Cllr Wilson passing away and to paused for a few moments to acknowledge his contribution to Liss Parish Council.

#### **H25/23 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.

#### **H26/23 Approval of minutes of the previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023:**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved as an accurate record, proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Williams with all in favour.

#### **H27/23 Matters arising from previous meeting**

All covered by substantive agenda items.

#### **H28/23 Adjourn to hear from two members of the public**

Two members of the public made the following points:

- The footpaths at Greenfields need attention as residents are having to walk in the road.
- Parts of the village have been resurfaced when other parts have been missed.
- Why had Andlers Wood in Andlers Ash Road had so much work done to the foot crossings where none of the rest of the village had?
- A number of verges and footways in the village are overgrown, including on Hill Brow Road and opposite the Triangle Centre.
- Station Road Car Park, opposite The Larder, is a overgrown.

The Chair acknowledged the issues, reflecting on the roles and responsibilities of Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council, noting that the Parish Council can only seek to influence the responsible authorities. The Chair confirmed that the most efficient way to address a problem is to report it to Hampshire County Council using the online reporting tool: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>.

### **H29/23 Update on the Speed Indicator Devices (“SIDs”) and associated ground sockets:**

- Cllr Tordoff reported that further to Speedwatch’s attendance at the 10<sup>th</sup> July Highways Committee and efforts to promote Speedwatch, they have now recruited two new volunteers.
- Cllr Stratford-Tuke updated the Committee that she has also become a Speed Watch volunteer.
- HCC highways are still to install the sockets and posts in the required locations in order to deploy the SIDs. This is due to other highway work taking priority.
- LPC remains in contact with officers at HCC to get regular updates and it is currently anticipated that the sockets and posts will be installed by March 2024.

### **H30/23 Latest Liss Parish Works Schedule for Hampshire Highways Operations Team:**

The Chair updated the committee on resurfacing works and lining in Forest Road and the junction of Rake Road and Hatch Lane.

### **H31/23: Update on the Lengthsman**

Suggested jobs for the Lengthsman:

- Exploring cutting back the undergrowth on Hill Brow Road by walking the footpath and cutting back overgrowth where possible, if it is within the Lengthsman’s scope.
- Clear the overgrowth in the Station Road Car Park.
- Look at the road signs at the gateways, clean the signs and cut back any overgrowth, especially within the section between the west Liss gateways and the village centre.
- The section of pavement between the Shah Manzil and the Riverside Surgery.

Any further requests should be sent to the Chair and AC.

**Action: Chair to highlight Lengthsman at Full Council – so all Members are aware and can make suggestions for work to Highways Committee.**

**Action: AC to contact Tom the Lengthsman to discuss the list of potential jobs.**

The Chair mentioned that the Annual ROW Surveys, where a number of footpaths in the village would be walked and their state reported. The footpaths would be divvied up amongst the councillors and the routes would be walked around Christmas time.

Cllr Budden mentioned that HCC will only carry out work on one footpath next year so we will need to prioritise.

### **H32/23: Update on projects - school zone, other roads**

The Chair gave an update on the delivery of the school zone scheme.

- The Chair has been liaising with the relevant officers at HCC about traffic calming infrastructure on Hill Brow Road, Forest Road and Andlers Ash Road and double yellow lining outside the Liss Pavilion entrance.
- It was noted that cars are still blocking the road outside the Federation of Liss Infant and Junior Schools and causing chaos for traffic travelling up and down Hill Brow Road. The schools encourage walking whenever possible, or Park and Stride, and there is ample parking available in the village for students who come from further afield.

**Action: The Chair to contact HCC to request they send their enforcement officers over to the school at the end of the school day.**

### **H33/23: Public Transport Update**

Cllr Budden provided the following public transport update.

#### **Railways and Trains**

- The three Liss railway crossings were shut for nine days for the Petersfield to Farncombe Resignalling project and the work was completed ahead of schedule. Cllr Tordoff, who works for Network Rail, reported that the resignalling works were signed off as a great success.
- The ticket office consultation has closed and thousands of responses are currently being processed.

#### **Buses**

- Bus route 38 is guaranteed until April 2024 although having to argue to maintain the 38 bus route going forward.
- £14 million given from the cancellation of HS2 to Hampshire to spend on local bus services.
- East Hampshire - request that we look at the potential of a bus from Liss to Bordon and increase the 38 bus services.
- Consider a bus route from Aldershot to Bordon.
- Consider a Cango bus which would operate an on demand service, when someone wants to go somewhere. Cllr Budden to pursue this with the councillors support.

The Chair reported that Network Rail have started feasibility study for the proposed platform extension.

### **H34/23: Any Other Business**

**H34.1** Cllr Budden reported that the crossing lady is leaving at the end of the term. HCC is reducing its budget for crossing guards and do not think that Liss requires one so will not be funding a replacement crossing guard. Cllr Budden to write to Cllr Oppenheimer to express LPC's concerns and request a meeting with Jillian Myers, Executive Headteacher at the Federation of Liss Infant and Junior Schools.

**Action: Cllr Budden to write a letter to Cllr Oppenheimer regarding the loss of the crossing lady.**  
**Action: Cllr Budden to contact Jillian Myers regarding the loss of the crossing lady.**

**H34.2** Cllr Baldwin mentioned that the visibility is very poor and you cannot see the traffic coming down Hill Brow Road as it is difficult to see round the corner. Wyld Green Lane is also difficult to see if anything is coming.

*The Chair closed the meeting at 20:10*

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Chair

Date:

Next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023