

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2014 AT 7.30 PM AT THE STEYNING CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr. Alexander(Chairman)
Cllrs. Bowell, Barling, Lloyd, & Muncey .
3 Members of the public were present
The Clerk was in attendance

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 There were no apologies for absence from Councillor Hopkinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Councillors' interests.

3. MINUTES

3.1 It was **proposed** by Cllr Alexander and **seconded** by Cllr Lloyd that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th February be Agreed and signed by the Chairman. This was **Agreed**.

4. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS

4.1 Dropped kerbs – Cllr Alexander reported. Goring Road now has dropped kerbs at Castle Lane junction and Jarvis Lane junction. Suggested that each councillor map their area for dropped kerbs. The clerk to send this request out to councillors and to ask for information by Easter.

4.2 Urinals High Street – ongoing issue.

4.3 Devolved Works – ongoing issue.

4.4 Water butt for High Street – now installed. Committee expressed thanks to Ian Alexander and Cllr Alexander for doing this work.

4.5 Alterations to and removal of signs – WSCC have been contacted, awaiting response.

4.6 SiD device/speed gun – Bramber and Upper Beeding a meeting still to be arranged with Bramber and Upper Beeding to discuss this issue further.

4.8 Locations for flower containers – Cllr Alexander reported there had been a walkabout and a list draw up of suitable locations, need to meet with SiB to go around with them. The suggested locations are: outside the vet, Lloyds bank, Spencer Hart and Fire Station.

4.9 WSCC has been contacted regarding lighting of footbridge Roman Road/Goring Road – this has been passed to the street lighting team - response from WSCC is that it may be possible but may need planning permission and SDNP consultation but this is apparently a bat corridor and bats roost in the trees there. Bats are protected under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, section 40 and against the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. We would need to assess the impact of lighting and a survey would be required, if bats were found to be present this may prevent the

project from proceeding. There are no recorded accidents or reported crimes in the area so the perception of crime or risk is not supported by evidence. There is very little Section 106 funding from WSCC available for this type of work, and a lot of section 106 funding has already been committed for other schemes. WSCC are unlikely to be able to pay for this work even if a survey proved positive. Concern still to address safety issues for people using this path. To consult Sussex Wild Life Trust and investigate what type of lighting may be available or suitable for a sensitive area where bats may be present, and to see if they may be able to conduct a survey for little or no cost.

- 4.10 Operation Watershed, works at Dog Lane – Landbuild have been contacted but have not given a firm start date yet.
- 4.11 The Lamppost testing has been done.
- 4.12 All councillors have now received their maps and monitoring forms to monitor highway areas. To ask for first reports by Easter.
- 4.13 The list of unclassified roads identified so far has been sent to Cllr Barling. There are still a couple of areas to be done.
- 4.14 The lease for the High Street toilets has been signed.
- 4.15 The tender from Mr. D. Flynn has been agreed and accepted.
- 4.16 The two grit bins in the wrong location have been moved.
- 4.17 Cllr Alexander has drafted a letter to send to all traders in the High Street regarding keeping their frontage clean and misuse of litter bins.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The chairman suspended the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

- I live in Mouse Lane on the 'S' bend, wonder if there is a possibility of speed bumps or similar being installed. We recently had our cat run over. There is daily speeding down the lane and it is very dangerous, particularly with children.
- Dropped kerbs been going on for 2 years and a resident has done a map. He would help with some mapping if asked.
- On list of roads is Newham Lane there for attention.
- Bostal Road have the potholes been done over the Bostal towards Worthing.

Not sure but they seem to have stopped on top of Hill. It is due to be inspected again by Highway Officer.

- Path up to school light not working and hedge over growing.

The light has been reported to HDC. Hedge will be reported to school.

The chairman re-convened the meeting.

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 6.1 An email has been received with a proposal for Yarn Bombing as part of the Steyning Festival. This involves knitting colourful covers for trees, lampposts, street structures etc. There is no harm to the structures and the knitting can be easily removed. This creates a colourful, fun and unique decoration around the Town. They would be there during the period of the festival and removed within 1 week of the end of the festival. The festival would be responsible for ensuring no damage to structure or covering of signs. This was **proposed** by Cllr Alexander, **seconded** by Cllr Muncey. This was **Agreed**.

6.2 Cllr Alexander had attended a meeting regarding Mouse Lane flooding issues. Whilst this is not a parish council responsibility Cllr Alexander reported there had been a meeting with representatives from the residents from Wiston, WSCC Highways, Parish Council. Main points were traffic calming and drainage problems. The road is adopted by WSCC and they have responsibility for the road. Wiston Estate has responsibility for most of the surrounding land.

There are a series of problems.

Flooding – the Tanyard stream is maintained by Environment Agency from Mill down to river at back of Coppice Cottages. Mouse Lane is a watercourse and practically the water cannot be stopped. The water has created damage to the road surface which the Highways Officer will mark up for attention. Further re-surfacing may be possible for the future. WSCC have a drainage engineer and **Cllr Barling will arrange** for him to come out and inspect with an officer from the Environment Agency, Andrew Walker.

We should look at things we can do or assist with. Wiston Estates should clear out their ditches. WSCC to clear out culvert which has become silted and needs digging out and maybe a bigger culvert could be dug running from the top of the lane.

Stones coming off the pathway behind the horse field need to be dealt with.

To consider tarmacking the turning circle which residents use to turn their cars. This is a Wiston Estate area of responsibility and is their land.

Could put in a bid to Operation Watershed for a proper engineering report from consultants for the area.

WSCC have said this project was too big for Operation Watershed and is not a parish responsibility but they could look at other options.

Cllr Barling to prioritise where he can for an inspection by the drainage Engineer, and to involve Wiston Estates and residents if possible.

Speeding - Speed humps, these need to be lit and signed and would require a power supply which may be too costly. Need an evidence base, speed data and accident data, traffic volumes and a high level of community support. It is unlikely that this would demonstrate a need or would meet national criteria. The cost could be in the region of £100k - £200k.

To ask WSCC to look at pinch points or road markings or some alternative.

Speeding traffic is the main issue for residents and something needs to be done for safety reasons.

Cllr Barling to take this issue up to try and get some resolution to get traffic to slow down on the approach to the housing.

To take up with HDC the speed of the refuse vehicles in the road.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

7.1 A list of income and expenditure February 2014 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was **proposed** by Cllr. Lloyd and **seconded** by Cllr Bowell to agree the expenditure as shown for the period. This was **Agreed**.

There were no petty cash payments in February 2014.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1** An email from WSCC regarding parking an exhibition vehicle in the car park in April for one day to give information to local residents about street lighting. The clerk to arrange a date.
- 8.2** An email from a resident regarding a proposal to install a device in the Bus Shelter to warn bus drivers that there are passengers waiting on the opposite side of the road.
The clerk to contact the Bus Company with the proposal.
- 8.3** Environment Agency meeting with Bramber. Now have maps and understanding of their area of responsibility for streams and rivers. Outflows into rivers are clear.
HDC road sweeping vehicle visited last week. Parked cars have been a problem.
- 8.4** Chamber of Trade Chairman has resigned and this could have an effect for the May Fair and Christmas shopping.
- 8.5** Cllr Muncey mentioned the tarmac at the start of the horseshoe and at end of Newham Lane which has become eroded and now difficult to access the horseshoe. This is a Downland Scheme area and should be reported to them. Cllr Muncey to email.

9. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Committee were asked if there were any additional items to add to this list.

- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.30 pm
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 p.m.