

**HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 7.30pm, 17th February 2015
AT THE STEYNING CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs Alexander, Bowell, Barling and Muggridge.

Members of the public: Three

Clerk: Rebecca Luckin

Questions from the floor:

- 1 Q – The hedge at Horhsam Road, Cllr Barling was looking into the matter, birds will be nesting soon. It is dangerous for children?
A – Cllr Barling - I believe it has been cut. Southern Transit Bus Co has asked for overhanging branches to be cut also. The WSCC Officers will deal with it immediately.
- 2 Q – HDC car parking charges, any progress?
A – Not at the moment. HDC are investigating the possibility of introducing parking fees. Steyning Parish Council are against the idea. HDC will undertake a survey.
- 3 Q – The High Street urinals? The Partnership could be asked?
A – The item is on the agenda. If the Parish Council draw up plans, the Partnership could help with funding.
- 4 Q – Regarding 5.3 of last minutes, Cllr Alexander provided a response, should it have gone through the Clerk?
A – I only advised of what had been discussed and agreed in the past. They are historic issues that have previously been addressed and the response had been documented. The Clerk has passed the letter to the Chair of H&L for a response, since she did not have the historical knowledge to address the concerns expressed.

Meeting commenced at 7.50pm.

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and accepted from Cllr Muncey, Lloyd, and Willet.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** – there were none.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Cllr Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Bowell that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2014 be accepted as a true record and signed. **Agreed.**
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND ACTIONS** - the Clerk confirmed that:
 - 4.1 Mouse Lane proposed drainage scheme update. A meeting would be taking place with representatives of WSCC, Wiston Estate, Steyning Parish Council and residents of Mouse Lane to discuss the options regarding management of flood water in Mouse Lane.

- 4.2 Update on lighting of the twitten between Goring Road and King's Barn Villas. Cllr Muncey had investigated the option of using a 'starpath' product at a cost of £75 per square metre. Cambridge City Council provided a positive recommendation. Councillors discussed options and agreed that the item would remain on the agenda. Comment had been invited via the parish newsletter.
- 4.3 The Steyning Downland Scheme volunteers had undertaken significant work to the Newham Lane Footpath #2289/1 to improve the path and prevent gravel from being washed down Newham Lane. The Clerk will draft a letter of thanks to volunteers.
- 4.4 Since the last meeting, a s278 Minor Works notification had been received regarding alterations to existing vehicular access and footway at Britons Croft, Charlton Street.
- 4.5 The litter bin that had been removed from the High Street and left in Fletcher's Croft has now been reinstated and fixed in position.
- 4.6 Tim Boxall, WSCC, had confirmed that gullies in Tanyard Lane and Horsham Road, opposite the Leisure Centre, have been jetted and surveyed. Any works identified will be placed on the repairs programme.
- 4.7 Drainage improvement works in Dog Lane have been completed, funded by an Operation Watershed grant.
- 4.8 The PCC has agreed to meet the cost of an access protection line outside the church lych gate. A stand-alone light will be provided by the church steps that are currently in darkness.
- 4.9 Following concern expressed by a member of the public, HDC has inspected the Newman's Gardens car park and will reinstate directional arrows, to ensure that the one way system operates safely.

5. HIGHWAYS / PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

- 5.1 High Street Toilets (The Clerk confirmed that £2,000 is currently held in reserve for Town Improvements, with £1,500 allocated in the 2015 / 16 budget). Cllr Alexander will draft plans and proposals in order that HDC can be approached prior to the next meeting.
- 5.2 Upper Beeding / Steyning Footpath. Concern had been raised regarding Footpath #2731, following works to a nearby bridge. Councillors discussed difficulties experienced by children on the route to school. Cllr Barling will look into the matter.
- 5.3 Councillors had received a note of concerns from a member of the public and discussed:
 - 20mph Speed limit in Steyning - Councillors had discussed previously, but without much public support. The proposal was not supported by traffic data at the time. Lack of enforcement would be an issue. The Chanctonbury Local Committee will not be able to progress a project if there is no resident support.
 - Pelican crossing in Tanyard Lane and Shooting Field – Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed that there was no historical evidence to suggest that a crossing was required.
 - Speed bumps in Roman Road – a 30mph speed limit is in place. Officers will not support a proposal where there has been no accident. Nearby residents would have concerns. Primary School posters may help.
 - Overgrown hedging in Cripps Lane – currently cut annually by a contractor.
 - Traffic management in Castle Lane – Councillors expressed concern regarding a proposal that may generate increased traffic in other roads in Steyning. A current weight restriction is not always observed.
 - Twitten from football club to primary school – Cllr Alexander has asked HDC clear the litter, in order that WSCC Wardens can clear the vegetation. The Clerk will respond to the member of the public.
- 5.4 Councillors discussed the 'Adopt a street' scheme introduced by HDC in a bid to encourage volunteers to undertake litter picking in the district. HDC will clear twittens and encourage residents to adopt a street, with equipment and training provided. Feedback will be encouraged. Volunteers are welcome. Councillors will ask the schools to remind students not to drop litter.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 Highways & Lighting Income & Expenditure Reports for December 2014 and January 2015. Cllr Alexander **proposed, seconded** by Cllr Barling that the reports be accepted. **Agreed.**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 DEFRA notice to inform that they are working to help local people take action to improve flooding. An online survey can be completed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/westsussexfloodingsurvey

- 7.2 **Cllr Barling reported that** the Bostal and Newham Lane have been ‘patched’ and will be surfaced dressed in summer 2015. A proposal to add a length of footpath to a path in King’s Barn Lane, following a 10 year access agreement, is recommended for approval by WSCC.
- 8. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY** – none for this meeting.
- 9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday 24th March 2015.

The meeting closed at 20.31pm.

Signed: Date: 24th March 2015
Chairman

Action List H&L 17.02.15

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