

HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 26th August at 7.00pm AT THE STEYNING CENTRE

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Present: Councillors Alexander (Chairman), Muncey, Barling and Bowell. Mrs Sue Booth (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Members of the public: Seven

Minutes: Rebecca Luckin

Questions from the floor:

1. Q – At the last Finance & Community meeting, urinals were discussed with regard to s106 funds – why can't Parish Council move forward with the project?
A – Cllr Barling – s106 has to be spent on specific projects ie Highway projects, any money that HDC has collected is for Community Facilities and there may not be enough for a urinals project. We understand there may be a need, but the toilets have only recently been refurbished. A quote will be sought, the Clerk will speak with HDC since they own the building.
2. Q –Pigeon droppings are making the pavements look unsightly? Can they be steamed cleaned?
A – We can ask HDC to clean the pavements around the bus stop and outside the newsagents.
3. Q – In January 2014, with regard to works on unclassified roads, there was going to be a list circulated and put on the website. I am concerned regarding Newham Lane where the road cambers and puddles collect, pedestrians get soaked.
A – Cllr Barling – as WSCC County Councillor concerned with the Better Roads Programme, there may be help for Steyning in the second tranche. WSCC is dealing with many issues and the budget is stretched. Cali Sparkes, Community Officer for WSCC, will be asked to visit the area and report back.
4. Q – Regarding a new lamp post in South Ash – scalplings have been put down but with top soil and seeding only on some posts.
A – The Clerk will notify SSE and ask them to remedy the problem.

5. Q – Regarding 30mph signs on Clays Hill, I am concerned that drivers will not know they are in a limit.
A – Cllr Barling - signs can only be placed at the entry to the speed limit, which in this case is the south side of the Bramber roundabout. WSCC will not place signs along or on the road within a limit area. Many officers have visited and will not place signs since it is contrary to national policy. Any further signs will invalidate the limit. It is illogical and disappointing but nothing further can be done.
6. Q – I am concerned regarding a red painted shop front.
A – That is a matter for the Planning Committee.
7. Q – The Parish Council has objected to the colour red, should it be a policy in a conservation area that street furniture should be painted green?
A – Clerk – street / traffic direction signs are standard colours.

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES** - were received and accepted from Cllrs Lloyd and Muggeridge.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were none.
3. **MINUTES** – it was **proposed** by Cllr Muncey and **seconded** by Cllr Bowell that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2014 should be **agreed** as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 4 **MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS**
- 4.1 The Clerk confirmed that the High Street toilets had been deep cleaned, new air fresheners installed, two new locks had been fitted and taps tightened. They are cleaned twice daily during summer months and monitored weekly. Cllr Alexander confirmed that she had monitored and was satisfied.
- 4.2 Update regarding signs in the town – Cllr Alexander had met with Cllr Barling and advised that the long term car park sign opposite the Health Centre may need repositioning to direct traffic to Fletcher’s Croft car park. Suggestions have been submitted to WSCC.
- 4.3 Update regarding the poem stone in Mouse Lane – Cllr Alexander confirmed that vegetation is being kept cleared and the poem is visible.
- 4.4 Lighting of footbridge between Goring Road and Kings Barn Villas – a new light has been installed at the Kings Barn Villa. Two new lights are to be installed at the Goring Road end. Sussex Wildlife will be contacted to ensure that bat friendly lighting allows for a flight corridor across the A283. Cllr Muncey suggested solar lighting units but much of the bridge is in the shade.
- 4.5 Cllr Alexander reported that bin monitoring had taken place throughout the summer, but unfortunately one bin had been stolen from the High Street. The theft will be reported to the Police and to HDC and will need to be replaced at cost.
5. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**
- 5.1 Update regarding drainage issues in Dog Lane - The Clerk will apply for Operation Watershed funds (with the support of Cllr Barling) in order for works to proceed. Some erosion had occurred on the bank at Mouse Lane, and we need to identify which areas are a priority. The road is an ancient track and should be preserved, but surface water drains from nearby fields causing problems. Sandbags have been used at Charlton Cottages to strengthen walls.
- 5.2 To discuss cleaning of roads and gullies. Cllr Bowell raised concern that roads should be swept and gullies cleared prior to leaves falling. It would be helpful if WSCC and HDC could co-ordinate actions. Many parked cars prevent roads from being swept. Cllr Muncey expressed concern regarding a

regular problem with flooding by the Leisure Centre. Silt and rubble has built up in Newham Lane. The Clerk will discuss problems with Cali Sparkes and ask for works to be co-ordinated for maximum benefit.

- 5.3 Discussion regarding the need for a bollard in Charlton Street. It had been reported that Co-op lorries were damaging property in the road. A WSCC Highway Engineer had been asked to suggest a solution. Cllr Barling will monitor the response. The Co-op has been asked to provide a banksman.
- 5.4 Cllr Alexander reported that Ferring Nurseries had been undertaking watering of the flower containers throughout the summer. The water butt will be used for winter plants and spring bulbs. Flower containers in Steyning have looked beautiful throughout the summer, thanks to Steyning In Bloom and local residents and businesses.
- 5.5 Proposal from the Visitor and Tourism group regarding signage north of Steyning (circulated). Mr Martin Leigh-Pollitt was concerned that a brown tourist sign had been removed, and was seeking to have a replacement sign provided. Cllr Barling supported the proposal in principle since the object of improved signage was to attract visitors to Steyning. A copy of the proposal will be provided to WSCC for a costing.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 6.1 Following a query by Cllr Muncey, Cllr Bowell **proposed** and Cllr Muncey **seconded** that the report of Payments and Receipts for May, June and July 2014 be **agreed**.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 The Clerk advised that Mouse Lane would be closed to through traffic on Monday 1st September to allow for repairs to the carriageway. Access will be maintained for residents and emergency vehicles.
- 7.2 The Visitor and Tourism Group advised that they would be placing lamp post banners to advertise the Steyning & District Food Festival. Banners will be placed in accordance with conditions for temporary use from 6th September for one month.
- 7.3 Cllr Barling advised that the Penn's Court TRO would be supported at the next CLC meeting.

8. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – none for this meeting.

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 9.1 Cllr Muncey asked for dog fouling marking to be added as item for the next agenda, Cllr Muncey will make investigations and preparation in the meantime.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 23rd September at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 19.46pm

Signed: Date: 23rd September
Chairman