

CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison Meeting with ESCC Highways, May 15th 2017

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan
Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens; Chris Tree

Apologies County Cllr Jim Sheppard

1 Minutes from the meeting on February 13th 2017 and matters arising

- *South Street (final para)* Mark Evans explained that the Parish Council had discussed the project to provide a pedestrian refuge at Mill Lane; several Councillors were not convinced that there was sufficient pedestrian traffic to justify proceeding and Councillors would therefore monitor the crossing at peak times.
- *Bus information:* Mark Evans asked whether there had been progress in providing real-time information by mobile telephone to village stops.
[Since the meeting, Chris Tree has forwarded relevant information from Bryn Saunders which the Parish Council will follow up] **Action: Parish Council**

2 Warrs Hill Footpath: Councillors present expressed residents' disappointment that this project had again been deferred, but thanked Chris Tree for attending to clarify and explain the problems now encountered.

Chris Tree admitted that the challenges have turned out to be more complicated than anticipated: ESCC and their contractor CH2M have formally to acquire land beyond the Highway boundary; drainage and the pond at the lower end of the road pose particular issues; thereafter the greater part of the proposed footway is manageable and the ecologist has no issue with the first set of trees to be removed; however, there is concern at the point where the path will pass behind trees; surveys of reptiles and flora will be required.

Chris Tree was to meet with Matt Reid, Works Manager (CH2M) and designer Stuart Beale after the meeting, and anticipates ecological surveys as early as June, and that hedging will be cleared before the nesting season (2018) with construction to start in summer 2018. He hopes that we have been presented with a worst-case scenario and will update in August.

The Parish Council drew Chris Tree's attention to the regular Surveys of Red House Common undertaken by Chailey Commons Society which include reptiles and could be a useful guide to the ecologist; equally, he should contact the East Sussex Ranger for her advice; the Council also emphasised the need to erect stout fencing before any hedging was taken down; the Council noted that Chris Tree would contact Mike Berry, Chair of New Heritage Management committee, after the meeting to brief him.

Action: Parish Council to communicate with Chris Tree and to alert Chailey Commons Society

3 South Street – update on treatments to deter speeding Ian Johnson confirmed that an order had been placed to renew and add to the 40mph roundels along South Street during the next months.

Mark Evans thanked Ian Johnson for contacting relevant authorities who had responded; firstly, the Police who had explained that they could not justify installation of a speed camera along this stretch of road; and secondly, Highways to explain that a fixed Speed indicator could not be justified, but went on to explain the modalities for a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) including the need to apply for a permit or licence.

Mark Evans confirmed that the Clerk had already spoken with Rotherfield about their experience with a mobile VAS. This had been in general good; it was not believed to have reduced speeding, but to have had a significant effect on public morale.

The Parish Council had yet to discuss the information received and, in response to a question, Ian Johnson clarified the details needed to make a licence application (e.g. insurance; proposed locations; temporary = number of days; operator(s)).

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Action: Parish

Cllr Jordan asked for any follow-up from the Police to a previous complaint about motor-cyclists speeding on Sunday.

Action: Ian Johnson

4 King's Head junction A272/A275 – state of white-lining at this junction A response to this complaint had referred to "a slight fading of the road markings" and had come from an officer from Wealden.

In the event, Rob Stevens confirmed that he had noted the area for renewal of the white-lining, but explained that this might be delayed – the area in question would need to be closed off for the work to be done and so an appropriately quiet time would have to be found. **Action: Rob Stevens**

5 A275 Beggars Wood junction – direction sign on approach from the South to be replaced Rob Stevens confirmed that this matter was already in hand. **Action: Rob Stevens**

6 Any Other Business

- *Cinder Hill: visibility on approach to Coppards Bridge* Ken Jordan referred to the poor visibility on the approach to Coppards Bridge, esp. from the East. He had personal experience and asked whether a warning sign could be installed. Ian Johnson thought this problem had been considered in response to part of the Cinder Hill Group's report three years ago. At that time measurements of the road widths met Government guidelines in terms of 'taper'. He would review the Report and establish whether the matter had in fact been considered. **Action: Ian Johnson**
- *St Peter's Primary School (40mph zone)* Mark Evans, in the absence of Cllr Sheppard asked about the possibility of installing 20mph warning lamps, lit only at arrival and dispersal times, on the approaches to St Peter's Primary School. Ian Johnson thought such lamps had been installed at Hurst Green; he would check their effectiveness, but felt the School crossing was already controlled by traffic lights. **Action: Ian Johnson**
In regard to the working of the VAS (40mph) Mark Evans was advised to report any failure to Customer Services.

7 Date and time of next meeting **Monday September 18th at 0930 in Chailey Reading**
Room TO BE CONFIRMED

[Personal record by Mark Evans, not an official minute]