

**Minutes of the Highways Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2007**  
**Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell**

**Present:** Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr A Gollin, Mr R King (*part*), Mr D Manfield and Mr C North.

**Apologies:** Mr D Hockey

**494 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972**

None was made

**495 Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2007 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendments:

- *Min 485 to remove the word “OF”*
- *Min 492(c) to read ... having **PROBABLY** rolled ...*

*Cllr R King entered the meeting.*

**496 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

*a Min 486 Wessex Water Works to install screens near St. Peters Church.*

Wessex Water had responded:

“ The screen is installed within the chamber. The kiosk is due to be installed week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March which will take about one week to install cable ducts etc. There may, however, be a delay installing the power supply to the site because it will go across third party land and Western Power is having problems getting Wayleaves”.

This was noted.

*b Public Rights of Way (PROW) Issues.*

*Cllr D Hockey had met with Mr Brindley of SGC PROW and had discussed the following:*

*i Harris Barton*

Mr Brindley advised that the drainage issues were still waiting for the farmer’s agent to give permission.

Cllr D Hockey advised that where the surface has been raised is a quagmire and impassable and in need of resurfacing to cope with the wet weather – drainage is needed to cope as the crossing point which has been put in has stopped the flow.

Mr Brindley advised that Nightingale Bridge will need to be resurfaced and that the problems are caused because the farmer has put a hard bridleway down the edge of the field where it comes out by the bridge, the hard surface has gone across the ditch. He said he would be talking to the farmer about this as soon as he could, and that he hoped that the path between Park Lane and Park Avenue could be done at the same time. This was noted.

*ii Hovers Lane*

Mr Brindley advised that the farmer had requested installation of a horse friendly barrier and he hoped to ask about the drainage at Harris Barton at the same time.

He further reported that the footpath sign, ditch crossing and kissing gate had all been badly vandalised and that SGC will repair the damage. This was noted.

*iii Min 487 (d) Footpath between Park Lane and Park Avenue*

Mr Brindley agreed that the surfacing here would be made good. This was noted.

iv *Min 476(b) Footpath LFC 55 Rose Lane*

Mr Brindley advised that as the footpath is not actually obstructed, the landowner is not doing anything illegal. The gate is not locked and the vegetation has been cut back. SGC has no statutory right to put up a sign except where a path leaves a metalled road, anything else is up to the landowner and as it is now cleared back this should be obvious. SGC can't fix waymarks to the landowner's property, but the landowner can't lock the gate at any stage. He felt that local people would not be put off from using the path. This was noted.

v *Min 487(c) LFC 14, Footpath from Bristol Road to New Farm*

Mr Brindley advised that the landowner had cooperated with the putting in of a two in one gate and the vegetation has been cleared. Where the path leaves the Bristol Road there is a sign saying "no access" when the gate is shut, but now the works are complete Mr Brindley hoped the owner would change the sign to "no access except for pedestrians" or something similar.

- The committee agreed to monitor this.

vi *Min 487(i) LFC41 Upper Chapel Lane to Lower Chapel Lane*

It was reported that Cllr Hayter had been delighted with the steps but had noted that some of the surface had washed away. Mr Brindley advised that the contractor had been called back to put it right.

He also reported that LFC 41 (from The Land to Upper Chapel Lane) had been improved as an alternative route for disabled persons to use.

c *Min 492(b) Request by a resident of Park Farm for the installation of a new tarmac pathway between Blackberry Drive and the Basket Ball Court.*

Mr Lane (SGC) had responded that the area immediately adjacent to the play area will be hardened up, but that there may not be funds to run a footway across the open space to Blackberry Drive.

The Clerk had referred the resident to SGC Open Spaces which is responsible for this area. This was noted.

d *Min 486(c) To review whether warning signs have been provided for use when Nightingale Bridge is covered by floodwater from the River Frome.*

It was reported that these had now been delivered and were ready for use. This was noted.

e *Min 490 Clearing of Brambles at the Old Piggeries.*

It was reported that this had not yet been done.

- The Clerk was asked to chase this.

f *Min 476(c) Overgrowth obstructing the Causeway*

It was reported that this had now been completed. This was noted.

g *Min 468 Kissing Gate at The Centenary Field*

It was reported that the footbridge had now been installed and that SGC had said that it would install the kissing gate before the end of March.

- The Clerk was asked to check the situation with Mr Dickens.

h *Min 475(f) Parking Obstructing the Footway in the Narrows at Park Lane*

The Clerk requested clarification of precisely which householders to write to.

- The Clerk was asked to check this with Cllr D Hockey
- The Clerk was asked to draw these continuing problems to PC Barraclough's attention.

**497 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways**

*Potholes causing a hazard were reported at:*

- School Road near Crossbow House.
- On the footway outside 102 Ryecroft Road.
- On Woodend Road between Park Lane and Beesmoor Road.

The Clerk was asked to report these to SGC.

**498 Centenary Field Kissing Gate**

It was reported that the old gate on LFC19 had been replaced with a new kissing gate, but that the field had an electric fence across it. As SGC had notified of any intention to replace this gate, and the expected kissing gate on LFC17 had not yet been replaced, the committee wondered if there had been confusion about which gate was due to be replaced.

- The Clerk was asked to check this with SGC.

**499 Path LFC40 Upper Chapel Lane to Mill Close**

This was reported to be very badly littered.

**RESOLVED to recommend:**

- That the Caretaker/Groundsman be asked to clear this.

**500 SGC Response to a Petition request for Concealed Entrance Signs and 30mph Speed limit on Old Gloucester Road**

SGC had under taken a technical report which recommended that warning signs be erected on each approach to the private road leading to Northwoods and following the introduction of the junction improvements in trench Lane, it is intended to carry out further monitoring in respect of vehicle speeds. This was noted.

**501 Request for Installation of a Bus Shelter at Heather Avenue**

A resident had written to request this.

**RESOLVED to recommend:**

- To respond to the resident that this has been suggested in the past, and the Parish Council had consulted with nearby residents about siting a seat or bus shelter at Heather Avenue, but these was rejected because of concerns about young people gathering there.

**502 Request for a Pedestrian Refuge in Church Road near the School Road Junction**

SGC had advised that this request had not been successful in being included in the 2007/08 programme, but that the Parish Council could request this again when the Task register is circulated for comment later this year. This was noted.

**503 Committee Terms of Reference (attached)**

**RESOLVED to recommend:**

- That the committee terms of reference, as amended, be adopted.

**504 Correspondence**

*a Bristol Road Bus Shelter*

A letter of thanks had been received following repairs to water proof and paint the concrete bus shelter on Bristol Road. This was noted.

*b N50 Night Bus*

SGC had confirmed that a grant of £3,000 had been secured for 2007/08 thus making up the funding shortfall. This was noted.

**505 Cllr Hayter**

As Cllr Hayter had indicated he would not be seeking re-election in May, this was his last meeting as Chairman of the Highways Committee.

Cllr R King extended the Parish Council and Highways Committee's thanks to Cllr Hayter for his conscientious and assiduous attention to detail as Chairman of the Highways Committee.

**506 Date of Next Meeting  
TO BE CONFIRMED**