

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 2nd July 2007
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr J Farbrother, (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr A Gollin, Mr W Hendy (part), Mr D Hockey, Mr B King (part), Ms S Kitching and Mr D Manfield.

Also Present: Mr B Thomson (part)

Apologies: Mr W Hendy

4 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal from Cllr D Manfield, seconded by Cllr Gollin it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 4th June 2007 be confirmed and signed.

Following a proposal from Cllr D Broome it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 2nd April 2007 be confirmed and signed.

6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a PC Min 925(a) Harris Barton

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask SGC Street Care to confirm whether the works agreed by Mr Sully (SGC Highways Inspector) are in the programme for the coming year and if there are any problems associated with the drainage.
- To check with Mr Brindley of SGC Public Rights of Way (PROW) if he has placed the footpath on the regular maintenance schedule.

b PC Min 925(f) Kissing Gate at the Centenary Field.

Cllr D Hockey reported that the gate had now been fitted.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write and thank Mr Brindley for sorting this out.

c PC Min 43 Safety Camera Partnership

PC Barraclough had advised that the Safety Camera Partnership web site provided a link whereby concerns could be reported and speed checks on specific areas requested.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask the Safety Camera Partnership to consider taking more notice of or fast tracking requests from Parish Councils as elected representatives, rather than requests from individuals.
- To request further action from PC Barraclough as necessary.
- To note that Park Lane, Beesmoor Road and Church Road are of particular concern and many residents have requested use of the speed gun, which has not been possible in the recent past.

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Cllr King entered the meeting

7 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

- a It was noted that there are potentially many areas of concern with the fast growth of weeds etc following the recent rain and sun.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask SGC for the schedule of footpath maintenance within the parish.
- That Cllr Farbrother should meet with the Parish Path Wardens.
- That Cllrs should take note of any areas of concern and report to the next meeting.

b *Gladstone Lane*

This was reported to be ponding badly. This had been reported to SGC which had advised that it would be installing an extra gully. It was further reported that there is also a problem with the alignment of the paving stones when turning into Gladstone from Woodend Road.

This was noted.

c *Sewage Pipe at Parsonage Bridge, Rectory Road*

The pipe was reported to be damaged. A small hole has appeared in the pipe which is leaking in times of heavy rain.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to report this to Wessex Water as a matter of urgency.

d *Wessex Water Works Outside St Peters Church*

It was reported that as soon as the new system had been switched on there had been an overflow alarm although there had been no significant rain. This had been caused by a blockage. Wessex Water had dealt with the blockage and then realised that when the alarm goes off because of a blockage, it has no way of bypassing the screen system in order to repair it and had spent the last four weeks fixing this.

This was noted.

e *The need to Keep Hedges Retained to the Rear of Boundary Walls*

RESOLVED to recommend

- The Clerk was asked to mention this in the next newsletter asking parishioners with any concerns to report them to the Parish Clerk.

Cllrs Hendy and Thomson entered the meeting

f *Dropped Kerbs*

It was noted that in the last year several dropped kerbs had been installed in the Parish following requests from the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to recommend

- The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mr Baillie (SGC) for his help in getting these installed.

g *Outside the Rising Sun Public House in Ryecroft Road*

It was reported that there is still regularly inconsiderate and dangerous parking here. It was noted that this had been looked at quite recently in connection with a planning application.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask PC Barraclough to keep an eye on the situation here.
- Cllr King agreed to monitor the situation.

8 PC Min 71(d) Joint Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation 2007

RESOLVED to recommend that the Parish Council's response should be:

- That generally the Parish Council likes this.
- The Parish Council looks forward to seeing how these general aspirations are to be executed.
- The Parish Council hopes that as a result of this Improvement Plan the major routes are maintained so that they are fully usable all year round.

9 N50 Night Bus Report

RESOLVED to recommend that the Parish Council's response should be:

- To ascertain when the next meeting is due to take place so that Cllr D Hockey and another Cllr (to be appointed at the Parish Council meeting) can plan to attend.
- To request the route schedule so that Cllrs can gain an understanding of this.

10 Continuation of problems with the Footpath in Robel Avenue

It was noted that the foliage overgrowth had been dealt with.

The specific problem still outstanding is for the footpath outside of No 1 Robel Avenue ongoing.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Parish Council has fully discharged its duty by requesting a suitable repair rather than the temporary one in place at present.

11 Correspondence

a Subsidence on the footpath near the Viaduct on the Frome Valley Walkway

Mr Millard of Park Lane had written of his concerns. This had been reported to SGC which had responded that quotations are currently being sought but that due to the location of the footpath and difficulties accessing the site this may take some time to remedy. This response had been sent on to Mr Millard.

This was noted.

b Damage to Willow Tree to the Rear of 2 Church Close

Mr Achurch of Church Close had raised concerns that a large branch had come down into the field. This had been reported to SGC and Mr Achurch had been informed of this.

This was noted.

c Lane from Upper Chapel Lane to Beesmoor Road

A complaint had been received that householders were cutting back trees and hedges and throwing the debris into the lane, causing an obstruction and had asked that the Parish Council write to residents asking them to dispose of their cuttings properly.

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to talk to residents near here to find out more information.
- The Clerk was asked to put an appeal in the next newsletter about this.

d Overgrowing Hedges

Were reported at 17 Rycroft Road and 37 Bell Road
Cllr Farbrother agreed to check these and report back.

e Gates at 15 Woodend Road

Concerns had been raised that these swing open causing a hazard to people on the footway.

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to check these and report back.
- The Clerk was asked to draw this to PC Barraclough's attention.

f Footpath between Bell Road and Newlands Avenue

This was reported to be strewn with weeds and rubbish.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

g *Reported Proliferation of Potholes in the Parish*

SGC had responded that potholes are prioritised and the more serious, deeper potholes are dealt with within three weeks whereas some of the smaller ones may have to wait sixteen weeks.

This was noted.

h *Speeding Problems in Perrinpit Road*

Mr Weaver had received confirmation from the Inspector Ware that the Police “were consulted on the proposed speed limit extension, informally in October last year and formally in December. The proposal was prompted as a result of a petition from local residents. The proposed extension was promoted by SGC as a means of reducing accidents and resolving the problem of compliance with the existing 30 mph speed limit. As a stand alone solution merely extending the speed limit by us was not considered to be a practical solution”.

And from SGC that “The view of the Constabulary is that initially the issue should be addressed by a joint approach with the local authority particularly aimed at speed reduction by means of road design/calming and or enforcement action in the current restricted area or both. I am informed that this is being addressed”.

This was noted.

i *Changes to Parking Enforcement from Monday 2nd July 2007*

SGC had notified that it would be taking over parking enforcement from the Police and that parking attendants would be employed able to issue fixed penalty notices for a variety of environmental offences.

- This was noted, but it was agreed to monitor this and request statistical information when the scheme has been in operation for a few months.

12 **Task Register 2008/09**

The following requests had been included and the Parish Council’s comments were sought:

45 *Pedestrian refuge on Church Road near the School Road junction.*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To confirm that this is a priority; and to be part of the safer route to the C of E School it needs to have safe facilities to walk there.

46 *Replacement of traffic signals at junction of Church Road/Bristol Road.*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To confirm that this is a priority

47 *To bring the surfacing and lighting of the footpath from Ridings Road to Manor Close, to adoptable standards.*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To confirm that this is a priority

48 *LFC 41 adjacent to 37 The Land to bring the surface to adoptable standard.*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To confirm that this is a priority.

49 *To extend the footway from Poplars Farm to Tara Close in Perrinpit Road.*

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To confirm that this is a priority.

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 7:00PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE