

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 3rd April 2006
Held at The Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr T Clothier, Mr G Filer, Mr D Hockey (part), Mr D Manfield and Mr C North.

Also Present: Mr Daniels, Senior Community Spaces Officer for SGC.
Mrs Collier; Mr Humphreys.

Apologies: Mr R King

368 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

None was made

369 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes the Highways Committee meeting of 7th March 2006 be confirmed and signed.

370 Mr Daniels, Senior Community Spaces Officer for SGC.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Daniels to the meeting.

Mr Daniels presented information on the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act and its implications for Parish Councils and explained that it was now possible to nominate dog control areas. These could be set up to supersede existing by-laws.

Cllr D Hockey entered the meeting and declared an interest as a South Gloucestershire Councillor

The Chairman thanked Mr Daniels for an informative presentation

Mr Daniels left the meeting

371 Provision of Dog Litter Bins

Mrs Collier and Mr Humphreys had attended the meeting to request the provision of dog litter bins at the Hillyfields at Nightingale Lane.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask Mr Daniels to attend a site meeting to look at where dog and litter bins could be sited and whether SGC would be able to provide and/or empty them and report back.

Mrs Collier and Mr Humphreys left the meeting.

372 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 361 To Progress a Meeting with Mrs Chidley (PROW)

Mrs Chidley had arranged to meet Cllrs to discuss PROW issues and how to gather evidence to assist with adding paths to the definitive list.

- It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Hayter, D Hockey and North and to ensure all Cllrs were invited to attend.

b Min 362 N50 Night Bus

Cllr Hayter had attended the meeting to discuss this. Pledges from all the Councils involved had amounted to sufficient funds to secure the bus for the next year (2006/07). The fare will remain at £4 and application for grant funding for 2007/08 will be sought from Community Action. To this end a meeting will be held in September 2006 to allow councils to be informed before setting their budgets

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ratify the proposals and support the 2006/07 Night Bus as agreed with a donation of £1,000.
 - To recommend that the meeting in September considers raising fares for the next year, and the cost of a taxi journey over the same routes should be checked and taken into consideration.

 - To continue to request accurate records of how many from each parish are using the bus. (Cllr D Hockey agreed to volunteer to help in this by travelling on the bus on one weekend).
- c Min 362(d) Speed Restriction Signs in Frampton End Road*
These had now been replaced. This was noted.
- d Min 353 Replacement of 30mph Speed Signs, Frampton End Road*
SGC had advised that these should be installed “within a few weeks”.
- This was noted.

373 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Potholes/Road Surface Breaking Up

The Clerk was asked to report the following potholes to SGC:

- School Road, Court Road and Watleys End Road.
- The Ridge.
- Beesmoor Road (Near Vicarage Road)
- Wayside Close
- Lower Chapel Lane.
- Woodend Road (near the Post Office).
- Heather Avenue.
- Between St Saviours Rise and Blackberry Drive.
- Park Lane (Near the junction with heather Avenue) – sewer is breaking up.
- The pavement at the junction of Beesmoor Road and Heather Avenue.

b Dropped Kerbs at Lower Chapel Lane/Woodend Road

These were reported to be damaged

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

c Junction Beesmoor Road/Woodend Road

It was reported that there was glass on the pavement.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

d Opposite No 6 Heather Avenue

It was reported that the fencing to Park Farm had been smashed.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

e Rectory Road, at the site of the Wessex Water Works recently undertaken

The tarmac was reported to be breaking up on the pavement, where the reinstatement had been done.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

374 Request for a Central Refuge on Church Road near its Junction with School Road

Following a proposal from Cllr Hayter which was carried with 5 votes in favour with 1 against it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

To request that a central refuge be considered on the following grounds:

- The crossing is part of a safer route to school.
- It would have a calming influence on driver’s speeds.
- It would give a safer crossing for those alighting at the bus stop.
- It would give safer access to the public footpath at the top of the Centenary Field.

375 Replacement Notice Board at the C of E School, Rectory Road

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

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To seek quotations for a replacement board.
- Cllrs Manfield and North (being on the governing body of the C of E School) to seek permission from the governing body to relocate the board nearer to the gate.

376 School Road

SGC had advised in response to a request from a parishioner that it would be “unlikely to promote a waiting restriction scheme in School Road at the present time”. This was noted.

377 The Triangle opposite the Rising Sun Public House, Ryecroft Road

SGC had advised in August 2005 that it “proposed to erect a “Road Narrows on Both Sides” sign on the approach to the narrow section of the road ...”, but sought the Parish Council’s agreement before proceeding.

The Parish Council had responded that it did not feel that such a sign would help the situation.

SGC had now responded that it is “reluctant to install advisory “Keep Clear” markings in the vicinity of the triangle as removing parking may result in higher vehicle speeds along Ryecroft Road and South View ... restricting the parking in one location would possibly result in moving the parking problem to a different location”.

- The Clerk was asked to respond noting SGC’s comments and to seek clarification that SGC does not plan to install a “Road Narrows on Both Sides” sign in the vicinity.

378 Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE

PLEASE NOTE DATE/DAY