

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

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr N Hodges, Mr R King and Mr C North.

Apologies: Mr G Filer, Mr D Hockey and Mr D Manfield

405 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

None was made

406 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes the Highways Committee meeting of 5th June 2006 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment:

Min 400 *Bullet point 1 should include “and the Police”*

407 Min 397 **Footpaths for the definitive Map**

- The Clerk was asked to check that the correct version of the letter summarising this had been sent.

408 Min 400 **Parking Problems near the C of E School in Rectory Road**

It was reported that problems of dangerous/inconsiderate parking in Rectory Road which are related to travel to and from the school should be included in the School Travel Plan.

Pedestrian Central Refuge – Church Road

A letter of response had been received from SGC stating that this request would be put forward for possible inclusion in the Traffic Management Task Register, but that it should also be included in the C of E School’s Travel Plan.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the above two points are passed onto the school explaining that the Parish Council has proposed the central refuge, in order to gauge the school’s opinion.

409 Reports from Volunteer Path Wardens

The Footpath between Nightingale Bridge and Rectory Road

This was reported to be overgrown and almost impassable.

- The Clerk was asked to request details of the Frome Valley Walkway at this point from SGC to ascertain who is responsible for maintaining which parts.

Bristol Road, LFC13, Access to New Farm

It was reported that there is a sign on the gate across the public footpath here stating “Private Access, Beware of the Dogs” and the path wardens had been frightened to walk along the path having read the sign.

- The Clerk was asked to draw this to SGC’s attention

410 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a The Well House, 124 Woodend Road

It was reported that there is overhanging vegetation here which is obstructing the footpath.

- The Clerk was asked to request that the owner cuts this back.

b 59 and 63 Park Lane

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c Between 71 and 87 Park Lane

It was reported that vehicles were parking here and damaging the verges.

- The Clerk was asked to draw this to SGC’s attention.

Cllr Broome Declared an Interest in the next item:

411 Correct Spelling of Beesmoor Road

A query had been received that “Beesmoor” may not be the correct spelling, instead being “Beesmore”.

- The Clerk was asked to respond that “Beesmoor” is historically correct and the Parish Council would not like to consider any attempt to change it.

412 Disabled Access to the River Frome.

At a recent Frome Vale Area Forum meeting Cllrs had been advised that there would be an opportunity for local people to participate in a public consultation about feasible projects.

Following a proposal from Cllr Hayter, seconded by Cllr King it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Parish Council would like to see the Frome Valley Walkway from Black Rocks on towards the aluminium footbridge surfaced with a material suitable for wheelchairs so that disabled people in the parish can access the Frome Valley Walkway.

413 Quality of Water in the River Frome

It was reported that a parishioner had seen large fish in the river near Black Rocks which had been moving freely but were now much more sluggish. The parishioner had raised concerns that the quality of the water may be poor and interfering with the health of fish living in it. The parishioner had further offered to take part in a working party to help clear the banks and make it suitable for fishing.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write and suggest that the parishioner should raise these concerns with the River Authority.

414 Willow Tree Obstructing the River

This was reported near to Cog Mill, but between the river and the Bristol Road, so it was unclear whose land it was.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to the River Authority.

415 Temporary Closure of Woodend Road

SGC had notified that Woodend Road from Badminton Road to South View would be closed for resurfacing from 31st July 2006 for 6 days.

- Although these works were welcomed, the Clerk was asked to check that local residents and businesses will still have access while the works are undertaken.

416 Bird Scaring

It had been reported that these were once again in use and complaints had been received. These had been referred to the local National Farmers Union representative. This was noted.

417 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE