

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 5th June 2006
Held at The Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome (part), Mr G Filer, Mr D Hockey, Mr N Hodges and Mr C North.

Apologies: Mr R King

395 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor

396 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes the Highways Committee meeting of 2nd May and 8th May 2006 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendments:

Min 382(f) should be deleted.

Min 386 3rd Bullet point should say across The Land in Woodend Road

Min 376(b) should read “damaged” instead of “missing”

397 SGC – Definitive Map

Cllrs Hayter, D Hockey and North had met with Mrs Chidley of Public Rights of Way (PROW) and Mr Brindley, SGC Footpaths Officer to discuss issues about footpaths and followed this with a site visit where Mr Brindley took photographs.

RESOLVED to recommend:

That a letter be sent to Mrs Chidley as follows:

- Thanking Mrs Chidley and Mr Brindley for meeting with Cllrs on 22nd May 2006.
- Awaiting the results of Mrs Chidley’s investigations and guidance about how the Parish Council needs to act to resolve anomalies.
- The Parish Council presented evidence that three footpaths LFC48 Prospect Lane between Court Road and School Road; LFC 50 Willow Way to Woodend Road; and LFC 49 Church Road to Lower Stone Close are recorded on the Northavon Map but omitted from the Definitive Map for South Gloucestershire. Mrs Chidley acknowledged that each one is adopted and recorded on other levels of mapping on SGC’s adopted Highways list.
The Parish Council needs confirmation in writing that these are adopted Highways and a map indicating their location
- Mrs Chidley acknowledged that the footpaths accessing two ends of Brookside Drive to Rectory Road and to Church Road are recorded on this other level of mapping and promised to ascertain their status and which Department has responsibility for the horse-pathway across the Glebe Land.
- Two further footpaths from Newlands Avenue lie across SGC Housing land, one towards Bell Road and the other to intersect LFC41 (The Land to Lower Chapel Lane). These have been in public use for 40 years since the council housing estate was built. Mrs Chidley promised to ascertain which Department has responsibility for maintenance and whether the Parish Council should take steps to get these paths recorded on the Definitive Map.
- Mr Brindley agreed to investigate obstructions along two footpaths across private land - LFC13 and LFC19 - and report the outcome in due course and the Parish Council expressed its thanks to him for this.

398 Volunteer Path Wardens

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Parish Council should formally appoint Mrs Leech and Mr Underhill as Parish Path Wardens.
- To arrange for the Path Wardens to have a badge or letter of authority to carry.
- To forward their details to SGC PROW and ask the best way to take this forward.
- To ask SGC to advise of any steps that need to be taken in relation to insurance, provision of equipment, risk management and to define intended responsibilities/expectations.

399 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Potholes/Road Surface Breaking Up

- The committee noted that although potholes are being patched up in the parish, the standard of work is not sufficient to ensure a long-term solution.

b Dropped Kerbs at Lower Chapel Lane

It was reported that these had been repaired. This was noted.

c Outside 236 Park Lane

A badly installed stop cock was causing a hazard in the footway

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

d Traffic Speeds along the Old Gloucester Road

This was reported to be a serious problem.

- The Clerk was asked to request that SGC draws up a scheme to impose a speed limit along the old Gloucester Road within the parish.

400 Provision of Parking Control Markings near the C of E School

Cllr Hayter had visited the area at school time and observed that about 80 cars were parking there on a dry day and noted that this would number rise considerably on a wet day. Photographs had been given to the Parish Council showing instances where inconsiderate or illegal parking would mean it was dangerous for a child travelling to school to attempt to cross the road.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the photographs should be forwarded to SGC and their help sought to find a way to alleviate the problems.
- To ask SGC to liaise with the school to take forward its travel plan, which should help to overcome this problem.
- To send copies to the Head Teacher, SGC Education Department and the School Travel Plan Officer.

401 Drainage Problems in Park Lane

Cllr D Hockey reported that work would start in the early summer to put in gullies to take water from the road into the soakaways. This was noted.

402 Park Lane Footways

It was noted that these previously reported problems persisted and that it was difficult for children travelling to school to traverse the narrow section of Park Lane safely.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To seek SGC's advice on the installation of a suitable width footpath so that children can travel safely to school.

403 Requested Dropped Kerbs

SGC had advised that dropped kerbs would be installed this year at:

- The junction of Lower Stone Close/Church Road
- Outside the entrance to the Bockeridge Centre
- In the vicinity of the elderly persons bungalows in Woodend Road

Requests for dropped kerbs at Sunnyside/Clyde Road, across Lower Stone Close/Upper Stone Close and across Lower Stone Close/The Causeway have been added to the list for consideration in 2007/08. This was noted.

404 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 3RD JULY 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE