

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 8 June 2009
held at the Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr D Hockey (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mr D Broome, Mr W Hendy, Mr R King, Ms S Kitching and Mrs J Rowan

Apologies: Mr D Manfield

174 Evacuation procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

175 Declaration of interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.
- Cllr Mrs Rowan declared her interest as a member of Frampton and District Twinning Association and took no part in the discussion or voting on the issue of the Twinning sign.

176 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee meetings on 20 April and 11 May 2009 be confirmed and signed.

177 Review of Terms of Reference

The Committee undertook their annual consideration of the terms of reference. Following a proposal Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rowan, it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Terms of Reference be approved as submitted

178 Matters arising from the Minutes

a Min 167 Bus shelters on the Bristol Road

Cllr D Hockey reported the outcome of his meeting, along with Cllr Farbrother, with Dorrel Ferguson from South Gloucestershire Council and their subsequent discussions. Members were pleased to hear of SGC's proposals to install three new shelters, with facilities to provide real-time travel information, in place of the old and dilapidated ones on Bristol Road. Mr Ferguson had advised the Council that plans would be supplied when available and also that notice of the dates of installation would be given. Cllr R King expressed his delight at this report, particularly as the existing shelters presented a poor impression of Frampton Cotterell.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Council's best thanks be offered to SGC for the provision, maintenance and cleaning of these shelters
- The Deputy Clerk be requested to see that this matter be reported in the next issue of the Council's newsletter together with a call for residents' views on possible locations for further new shelters should funding become available

b Replacement of Twinning Sign

The Deputy Clerk reported the quotation of £102.17 from South Gloucestershire Council for the supply and erection of the above sign. In view SGC's timescale for undertaking this work, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Hendy and

RESOLVED

- That a Chairmen's decision be agreed in order that SGC can carry out these works at an early date

c Tree growth between The Land and Lower Chapel Lane

Referring to Minute 168, the Deputy Clerk reported that work to cut back tree growth at the above location was last undertaken by J R Treecare on the Parish Council's behalf. The Chairman proposed that the work now required should be carried out at the end of the nesting season (ie in August) and that the affected resident at 35 The Land should be advised when work was scheduled to commence.

RESOLVED to recommend that:

- The Deputy Clerk be requested to seek a quotation from J R Treecare to carry out these works, to the same specification as previously, in August 2009 and report back
- That the resident of 35 The Land be advised of these works at the appropriate time

d The "Cycling City" project

The Deputy Clerk reported that, in the absence of Cllr Farbrother, he had no further information on the above project. The Chairman pointed out that an exhibition about the project was to be held at Westerleigh Village Hall on Thursday 11 June 2009.

The report was noted.

179 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Request for signage on Gladstone Lane

The Committee considered the contents of a letter from Kirsty Couch of 17 Ryecroft Road to SGC regarding access problems and damage to walls at the above location consequent upon the temporary closure of a section of Woodend Road. In response, SGC proposed to erect a sign stating "Unsuitable for wide vehicles". Members felt that an "Access only" sign might be more appropriate; they also sought clarification about the enforceability of these measures and the responsibilities of the utility company in such cases.

RESOLVED to recommend that:

- The Clerk be asked to check the position regarding enforceability, the responsibilities of the utility company and the scope for revising the wording on the sign proposed by SGC and report back to Council on 22 June 2009

b Overhanging foliage on School Road

The Deputy Clerk reported the receipt of a complaint regarding overhanging foliage at the above location. Cllr D Hockey agreed to make a site visit and report back.

ACTION CLLR D HOCKEY

180 Correspondence

a Letter from James and Debbie Millar, residents of Clyde Road

The Chairman reported upon the above letter seeking advice on planning permission, road safety and grants issues.

RESOLVED:

That the Millars be advised to direct their enquiries towards SGC's Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment Directorate

b E-mail re the Piggeries

The Deputy Clerk sought the Committee's guidance regarding potholes which have been reported at the above location. The Chairman advised that it would be necessary to identify specifically the land affected and to determine whether it was designated as highway or right of way.

RESOLVED to recommend that:

- The Deputy Clerk be asked to visit the site, take photographs as necessary and report back.

c E-mail re Link between LWE1 and LWE2

The Chairman reported on an e-mail received from SGC on the above issue, which was also to be considered by Iron Acton Parish Council in the near future in response to a request from a Frampton Cotterell parishioner. Members noted with disappointment that the initiative had stalled.

The report was noted

181 Date of next meeting

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2009 (IF REQUIRED) OTHERWISE 28 SEPTEMBER 2009