

Minutes of the Highways Committee –6th December 2005
Held at The Pavilion, The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell

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

Apologies: Mr R King

322 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor.

323 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 1st November 2005 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment

*Min 319(c) should refer to a **health problem**, not being **frail and elderly***

324 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 319(i) Ownership of Prospect Lane, LFC 48

SGC's Legal Department had advised that this is a publically maintained highway and the Council is responsible for the maintenance. This was noted.

RESOLVED to Recommend:

- The Clerk was asked seek clarification from SGC Streetcare and Public Rights of Way (PROW) (with copies to Cllrs D and P Hockey) as to which department is responsible and request that the lane is cleared.
- The Clerk was asked to request that SGC updates the definitive map to include marking this path, LFC 48.
- That Miss Chidley of SGC PROW be sent a list of outstanding footpath queries (see Min 251, April 2005) and invited to attend the next Highways meeting to discuss this further.

b Min 320(c) Night Bus

RESOLVED to Recommend:

- Cllr D Hockey to attend the JPCC meeting in January when this is to be discussed.

Following a proposal which was carried by 5 votes in favour with 1 against it was

RESOLVED to Recommend:

- That the Council should stand by the original recommendation to place a maximum of £1,000 for the Night Bus (related to usage by parishioners) in the 2006/07 budget.

c Min 320(d) SGC - Ploughing and Cropping Rights of Way Leaflet

SGC had advised: "that the responsibility of the land owner is to not obstruct the way, to maintain any gates and stiles and not to disturb the surface or make a ditch without lawful reason. Little can be done about the mud– it is a natural issue as it has probably occurred regularly and it will be part of the accepted limitations on a public right of way. It may be that under the highways authorities' general powers of improvements something may be done about the drainage on the path subject to landowner approval and finance".

- This was noted. The Highways Committee may recommend specific instances where drainage improvements could be applied.

325 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a LFC 22 from Frampton End Road between the Kissing Gate and the Next Stile towards Iron Acton.

It was reported that the Right of Way here could not be seen because the footpath had been dug up and planted and not reinstated as required by law.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report this to SGC and ask that the footpath be reinstated as required.

b Hedges in Ryecroft Road

It was reported that those outside No 17 had been cut back, but those outside No 23 had not.

- Cllrs agreed to monitor this.

c 1 Conifer Close

The hedge here is overgrowing the Church Road footway.

- The Clerk was asked to ask the resident to cut this back

d Heather Avenue Nameplates

These were reported to still not have been replaced after ten months of requests.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report this to SGC.

e Park Lane from Heather Avenue towards the Railway Bridge

The drainage problems here were reported to be ongoing, causing distress and disruption to road users and pedestrians.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to write to SGC and ask them to look into this as a matter of priority.

f Parking at Woodend Road

It was reported that since the barbers shop had opened the already bad parking problems had become exacerbated. This was noted.

g Church Road Outside the Globe Public House

A large pothole was reported here

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

h Lower Stone Close/Church Road Junction

The street nameplate for Lower Stone Close on the School side of the road was reported to be badly damaged.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

i The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

Information on additional powers for parish and town councils was noted.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to request further information of SGC's request that parish and town councils undertake monitoring of the Street Scene.

326 Correspondence

a SGC Local Transport Capital Programme

RESOLVED to recommend that the Parish Council should push to include in this

- A pedestrian controlled crossing at the Park Lane/Clyde Road junction, noting that this is a safer route to school, and it would improve safety on Park Lane.
- To support the extension of the 30mph speed limit at Perrinpit Road.
- Potentially to widen the pavements to help reduce speed at the narrows in Park Lane.

- The Clerk was asked to remind SGC that speed counts had been recently undertaken in Park Lane and ask for the statistics gathered.

b Proposed New Street Lighting Schemes for Goose Green and Rylestone Close
SGC's notification of these proposed works was noted.

c Priority Rights of Way

Mr Neave had notified that he had investigated paths LFC 23 and LFC 24.

- The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Neave for his response and inform him that the crop planted at LFC23 is winter barley and
- Ensure that this information is passed onto SGC for action.

d Church Road/Badminton Road Junction

- SGC had responded that there were no significant accident records so installing traffic lights here could not be justified. This was noted.

327 Proposal to Merge the Highways and Planning Committees

Cllr Wilson joined the meeting.

The committee noted the following observations:

- The current Chairmen of each committee felt that the work required to chair a combined committee would be very onerous and neither would be prepared to Chair such a committee.
- If the committees were to merge Cllr D Hockey would withdraw to allow Cllr P Hockey to attend.

328 Wessex water Proposed Site Meeting

Cllr D Hockey reported that he had been invited to attend a site meeting to discuss works Wessex Water intended to undertake near to the Globe Public House in Church Road.

- Cllr Hayter agreed to attend and Cllr D Hockey agreed to keep him informed of any further details.

329 Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE PAVILION