

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 3rd December 2007
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr D Hockey, (in the Chair), Mr D Broome, Mr W Hendy, Mr B King, Ms S Kitching, Mr D Manfield and Mrs J Rowan.

Apologies: Mr J Farbrother and Mr A Gollin.

45 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

46 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor.

47 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 5th November 2007 be confirmed and signed.

48 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 39(a) Perrinpit Road.

The proposed footway extension had been considered by the Frome Vale Area Forum and left as an item for the executive member to consider out of his budget.

RESOLVED under the Chairmen's Committee arrangement:

- The Clerk to let Mr Weaver know immediately that he needs to communicate with the SGC Executive member (Cllr Allinson) to bring to his attention the priority need for this footway extension.

b Min 39(b) Speed Check on Park Lane.

It was reported that the device had been turned around to face in the right direction.

SGC had copied the Parish Council into a letter of response to a resident of Park Lane who had complained about vehicle speed. SGC indicated that it is unable to recommend traffic calming on Park Lane at the present time.

This was noted.

c Min 39(c) Results of the Speed Checks on Beesmoor Road.

Cllr Farbrother had contacted SGC and requested further statistics which had been sent to Cllr Farbrother and Cllrs D and P Hockey, but not the Clerk, so had not been circulated to the committee for consideration.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To return to the system where the Clerk is the point of contact with SGC on the Council's behalf.

Cllr Kitching entered the meeting.

d Min 40(e) Litter Outside the Shops in Lower Stone Close.

It was noted that the proprietor of one of the shops had offered to pay half the cost of installing a litter bin earlier this year, and SGC had agreed to look into it, but nothing further had been heard.

RESOLVED to recommend:

To check with SGC that it realises that the proprietor has offered to pay half of the cost and seek an update.

e Min 40(f) Broken Fence at the Glebe Land.

The Highways Inspector had not been able to find where the fence was damaged. The committee noted that it was so completely flattened that the Inspector may not realise that the fence had been there in the first place.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To explain this to the Highways Inspector and ask her to check it again.

f Min 43(c) Letter from Safecam.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Farbrother had contacted Safecam and the call had been returned advising him to read the policy details on the company's web site and to re-contact if he had any further questions.

This was noted.

49 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Potholes in School Road.

It was reported that these had been very bad, but had recently been repaired.

This was noted.

b Wall at 100 Woodend Road.

It had been reported that the wall here was collapsing by the footpath. Cllr Broome had checked this and could not see any problem.

This was noted

c Parking near the Dentist in Park Lane.

It was reported that obstructive parking was beginning to be a problem here.

- The Clerk was asked to refer this to PC Barraclough.

d Concerns at Inconsiderate/Obstructive Parking around the Parish.

- Cllrs were advised to refer queries to PC Barraclough when he attends a Parish Council meeting.

e Parking at the Junction of Church Road and Western Avenue.

Cllr P Hockey had reported problems here to SGC. SGC had proposed advisory keep clear markings as a potential low cost solution which does not require a traffic order

- The Clerk was asked to circulate the details to Cllrs (*attached*).

f Woodend Road Speed.

A complaint had been received at excessive speed of cars going past Brockeridge Infants School.

- The Clerk was asked to draw this to PC Barraclough's attention.

g PROW from Beesmoor Road to Upper Chapel Lane.

It had been reported that the fence between the footpath and bridleway had been broken.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr King agreed to check and report back.

50 Land Adjacent to 153 Church Road

SGC had responded that the footpath is not on the routine litter picking schedule for the area, but is litter-picked on a response basis if requested.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To await PC Barraclough's report before taking this further.

51 Temporary Closure of Upper Chapel Lane.

SGC had notified that Upper Chapel Lane would be closed for up to five days from 1st December 2007.

This was noted.

52 Joint Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

This can be accessed at www.rowip.org.uk or a copy is available from the office.

This was noted.

53 Procedure for Handling Green Recycling Bags.

It was reported that in windy weather these bags had been left to fly around the road rather than being pinned down.

- The Clerk was asked to ask SGC for clarification of the expected procedure.

54 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2008 AT 6:30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE