

Minutes of the Highways Committee –7th February 2006
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr D Hockey (in the Chair), Mr D Broome, Mr R King, Mr D Manfield and Mr C North.

Also Present: 6 Residents of Barley Close

Apologies: Mr T Clothier, Mr G Hayter and Mr G Filer

341 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor

342 Highways Implications of Proposed Works to the Rising Sun Public House

Mr Burman of 7 Barley Close explained the residents' concerns at the impact the proposed works would have on the already congested parking situation in South View and Ryecroft Road.

Cllr D Hockey explained that he had written to the Planning Officer to request that a site visit be undertaken and asked the Clerk to ensure that the residents were kept informed of the details of the date and time of the site visit. It was noted that it would help the Development Control Committee to appreciate the full extent of the parking problems if it was to visit at a time when the public house was open.

- Cllr D Hockey and the Clerk were asked to draw this to the officer's attention.

The residents of Barley Close left the meeting.

343 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 3rd January 2006 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendments:

- *Min 332(d) should refer to Rose Lane, not Ridgeway*
- *Min 334(b) the first bullet point should read – LFC41 from Bell Road to Newlands Avenue and from Newlands Avenue to meet LFC41 between The Land and Lower Chapel Lane.*
- *Min 334(f) should be entitled – Drainage problems in Park Lane (not Avenue).*

It was noted that a third path was to be added to the list in Min 334(b) ie:

- *LFC48 between School Road and Court Road that is labelled Prospect Lane at both ends.*

344 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 332(f) Riparian Owner of Willow Tree – Rectory Road, near Bridge House

The Environment Agency had responded with information about who is responsible. This was noted.

- The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to the resident of 16 Rectory Road for information.

b Min 333 Overgrowth at the Junction of Rectory Road with Meadow Mead

Westways House, 14 Rectory Road - It was reported that there is a decorative conifer that overhangs the boundary wall to extend more than half of the footway width.

3 Meadow Mead – There was reported to be a leylandii hedge along the whole width of the back garden and at least half a metre across the footway along Rectory Road.

- Cllr North agreed to investigate both reports further and report back to the Clerk.

c Min 334(d) Footpath from Brookside Drive to Church Road

SGC had informed this is publically maintained adopted highway, therefore, there would be no need to seek to add this to the definitive map. This was noted.

d *Min 334(d) Report of Joint Parishes Consultative Committee (JPCC) ref Night Bus*

- Cllr D Hockey had attended this meeting, which had resolved:

“that the Principal Transport Officer should go out to tender on the following options:

- 1 - single decker bus on existing route
- 2 - Diversion – option C (to include Downend)
 - (a) using a single decker bus
 - (b) using a double decker bus
- 3 - Base options on £5, £6 and £7 fares.

The Principal Transport Officer to calculate a reasonable allocation required from Downend and Bromley Heath and Mangotsfield Rural Parish Councils.

Remaining parish and town councils be provided with an indication of the contribution needed, assuming no subsidies are given and assuming a reasonable contribution is included from Downend and Bromley Heath and Mangotsfield Rural Parish Councils.

A special meeting of the JPCC be held on Thursday 16th February 2006 at Dodington Parish Hall, to include Downend and Bromley Heath, Frampton Cotterell and Mangotsfield Rural Parish Councils. Each town or parish council to send two representatives to the meeting.”

Cllr D Hockey clarified that costings were being sought on different fare rates in order to be able to establish how much ticket costs would have to rise to cover costs not covered by the grant.

- Cllr D Hockey had already agreed to attend the next meeting.
- The Clerk was asked to place this on the Parish Council agenda in order to appoint a second representative to attend on the Parish Council’s behalf.

345 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Parking Problems in the vicinity of the Rising Sun

- The Clerk was asked to draw the concerns about the safety problems for traffic and pedestrians caused by parking on Ryecroft Road and South View in the vicinity of the Rising Sun.

b Drain outside 251 Park Lane

This was reported to be dangerous.

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

346 Adding Three Footpaths to the Definitive Map

Cllr Hayter had prepared a draft evidence sheet for each footpath and noted that accurate print copies of the maps to support them.

- The Clerk was asked to invite Ms Chidley to attend earlier for the March meeting in order to check that these were being completed as required.

347 Park Lane/Clyde Road – Advisory Markings

SGC had notified that advisory keep clear markings would be installed. It was noted that this had already been done.

- The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mr Parry for his help in bringing this about.

348 Parking Problems in School Road

A letter had been received from Mr Moseley of School Road expressing his frustration at increasing inconsiderate and illegal parking caused by the school and sports events.

It was noted that the C of E School was drawing up a School Travel Plan which would hopefully help to reduce the number of pupils travelling to the school by vehicle.

- The Clerk was asked to inform Mr Moseley of the School Travel Plan, expressing the Parish Council's hope that this will help to improve matters.
- To copy this to Mr Parry at SGC including the information that the reason that people don't walk to the school is because of fears for their safety, especially in crossing roads, leading them to take their cars, when they perhaps might not.

349 Bird Scaring in the Frome Valley

The local president of the NFU had been in contact with the farmer and at present the bird scaring gunshots had stopped, this was welcomed and noted.

350 Dog Fouling

Mrs Gulliford, of West Ridge had written of her concerns at increased incidences of dog fouling in the parish.

- The Clerk was asked to forward Mrs Gulliford's e-mail to the SGC dog wardens and see if there is anything that can be done to alleviate the problem.

351 Provision of Dropped Kerbs at Various Locations

SGC had notified that the Parish Council's requests had been included on the prioritised list. This was noted.

352 A 4174 Ring Road – Experimental Extension of the Westbound 2+ Lane

SGC had responded that as the bus operators were all private companies, SGC was not in a position to bring pressure to bear on the level of fares being imposed.

353 Speed Limit Sign and Obstructed Footpath, Frampton End Road

Mr Stone had written that he was concerned that the 30mph speed limit sign was still missing, despite previous reminders. Cllr D Hockey had contacted SGC which had informed that this was being looked into, but no confirmation had yet been received.

- The Clerk was asked to check with SGC what stage this had reached.

354 Rose Lane Footpath

SGC had responded that it felt that the Parish Council had indicated that the gate was acceptable as long as it did not obstruct the right of way.

The Clerk was asked to:

- Clarify that the missing sign is at the Rose Lane end of the footpath and apologise for any confusion.
- Respond to SGC that the Parish Council does not understand on what basis the gate can be justifiable as there is a clear impediment to users of the footpath. The gate is a deterrent. If a notice could be placed on the gate stating "public footpath", this may help the situation.

355 Mr Daniels' Attendance at Highways Meeting in April 2006

Mr Daniels had confirmed that he would attend this meeting.

356 Heather Avenue Name Plates

It was reported that there was one nameplate intact at each end of Heather Avenue.

- The Clerk was asked to request that the remains of the other two name plates be removed.

357 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE
(subject to confirmation by the Parish Council)