

**Minutes of the Highways Committee –3<sup>rd</sup> January 2006**  
**Held at The Pavilion, The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell**

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

**Apologies:** Mr G Filer

**330 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972**

None was made

**331 Confirmation of Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be confirmed and signed.

*Cllr D Hockey entered the meeting*

**332 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

*a Min 325(b) Hedges in Ryecroft Road*

It was reported that this had all been done. This was noted.

*b Min 328 Wessex Water Site Meeting*

Cllrs Hayter and D Hockey had attended the meeting with Wessex Water and reported that the works would take place during February and March 2006 and would require Church Road to be closed to traffic in one direction during this time. Cllr Hayter had requested that appropriate priority be given to traffic in the morning and evening rush hours. This was noted.

*c Min 327 Future of the Highways Committee*

Following a proposal from Cllr Clothier, seconded by Cllr Broome: and carried by 5 votes in favour with 2 abstentions it was:

**RESOLVED** to recommend:

- In view of the Disability Discrimination Act of 1996, the Highways Committee meetings should move to a venue which appropriately complies with its requirements until the Pavilion can be appropriately adapted.
- To ask the Parish Council to agree an appropriate meeting place.

*d Min 310(b) (of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005) Rose Lane Footpath*

Despite numerous requests to SGC, the gate remained in place. The Council believes that this may have been installed illegally across footpath LFC 55 since it was added to the definitive map, and there is no agricultural reason for it to be there.

- The Clerk was asked to reiterate to SGC that the gate should be removed and to request again that a sign be installed at the Ridgeway end of the path.

*e Min 325(c) Overgrowth at 1 Conifer Close*

The residents had queried who had reported that overgrowth.

- The Clerk was asked to respond that it had been reported by a Parish Councillor

*f Overgrowing Willow Tree Near Bridge House, Rectory Road*

SGC had responded that the tree was the responsibility of the riparian landowner.

- The Clerk was asked to try and discover who the riparian landowner is.

**333 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways**

*a Overgrowth of Hedges at Sunnyside*

- Cllr Clothier agreed to confirm where the actual problems were and report back to the next meeting.

*b Ryecroft Road*

Ryecroft Road was reported to be in a bad state, breaking up with potholes in the vicinity of Ryecroft House and Ryecroft Court.

There was also a raised chamber in the footway here which needed to be rebedded.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

*c Street Signs*

It was noted that several street signs had now been missing for a considerable time

- The Clerk was asked to point these out to SGC

*d Overgrowth Obstructing the Highway in Rectory Road near Meadow Mead*

This was reported to still be a problem.

- Cllr Hayter agreed to confirm

*e Woodend Road from NISA to Coalpit Heath Post Office*

The road was reported to be in a very bad state of repair, full of potholes and the road surface is breaking up

- The Clerk was asked to report this again to SGC.

**334 Correspondence**

*a SGC – Formal Consultation: A4174 Ring Road – Experimental Extension of the Westbound 2+ Lane*

**RESOLVED** to recommend that the Parish Council's response should be:

- Frampton Cotterell Parish Council considers it was logical to extend by a further 340 metres the 2+ lane back to the A432 Badminton Road and will reconsider within the 6 month experimental period.
- Since one purpose of the 2+ lane is to promote a mode shift from car to bus, it considers bus fares into Bristol are too expensive and feels First Bus was not justified in imposing two fare increases during the past year.
- The Parish Council would ask SGC to negotiate with First Bus for fares to match what families can reasonably afford.

*b To Consider the Procedure for Recording Footpaths on the Definitive Map*

SGC had notified that it advised that the Parish Council should be taking steps to gather evidence and apply to have paths not recorded on the Definitive Map added to it. It was agreed to begin this process with the following paths:

- LFC41 from Newlands Avenue to Bell Road and from The Land to Lower Chapel Lane.
- LFC50 from Woodend Road to Willow Way.
- The Clerk was asked to put a piece in the next Newsletter explaining this process and why it is important to the future of the footpaths and asking if anyone who has historically used these paths would give evidence to support of the application to have them added to the Definitive Map

*c Prospect Lane*

No response had been received.

- The Clerk was asked chase PROW and Streetcare for a definitive answer following the advice received from the Legal Department.

*d Rectory Road from Brookside Drive to Church Road*

It was reported that there should have been a Highways agreement about the footpath when the houses in Brookside Drive were built.

- The Clerk was asked to request that SGC checks this out.

*e Night Bus*

Cllr D Hockey agreed to attend the Joint Parishes Consultative Committee meeting to discuss this on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

*f Drainage Problems in Park Lane*

SGC had responded that:

“A scheme for the Heather Avenue end was designed and permission was sought from Wessex Water to connect into their system in Heather Avenue. Unfortunately they have refused permission to do so and we now need to contact them to find a way forward. The rail bridge to Nightingale Close scheme consisted of the installation of a number of strategically placed gullies that were to discharge to soakaways. The percolation tests that were carried out, to test for their suitability, showed that the ground is not particularly suitable for soakaways. After some consideration of the system, and the fact that it would cost in the region of £250,000 to install a piped system along to Nightingale Close to discharge, it has been decided that the soakaway option will be pursued firstly by further investigating the ground percolation at a greater depth.

As there are budgetary constraints the scheme will go out to tender in the new financial year and will be awarded so long as the tender is in line with the budget although the situation would have to be reassessed if the tender were to come in above budget.” This was noted.

*g Prioritised Footpaths*

SGC had responded that paths LFC 23 (Off Hovers Lane, Bridleway, LFC 21) and LFC 24 (Off Mill Lane) were being investigated. This was noted.

**335 Attendance at Future Meetings**

Both Mrs Chidley (PROW) and Mr Daniels (Streetcare) of SGC had agreed to attend the March Highways meeting.

- The Clerk was asked to arrange for Mr Daniels to attend the April meeting.

**336 Installation of A432 Kendleshire Bus Lane**

SGC had advised that:

- The proposal to prohibit right turns in and out of Cuckoo Lane would be dropped following objections.
- Two way traffic flows will be maintained during the morning and evening peak hours.
- The works have commenced and are expected to last until April 2006.
- The footway on the east side of Badminton Road will be closed from the end of January and the southbound bus stop will be closed for the duration.

This was noted.

**337 Access to Tree Works by Network Rail**

SGC had notified that:

- Site entrances 1,2 and 3 will be from Badminton Road and to entrance 4 from the A432 via Henfield Road and into Ram Hill.
- Traffic signalling will only be in use during off peak hours.

This was noted.

**338 Problems at the Golden Lion PH, Beesmoor Road**

Parishioners had reported problems on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and were concerned that the pub may be operating outside the terms of its licence.

- The Clerk was asked to request that SGC keeps the Parish Council informed of any developments with this.

**339 Bird-Scaring Gunshots in the Frome Valley**

Complaints had been received that these had been going off consistently since the summer, every day of the week, and were scaring dogs and causing a noise nuisance.

- The Clerk was asked to draw this to PC Barraclough's attention and enquire if Winterbourne Parish Council had received similar complaints.

**340 Date of Next Meeting**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7:00 PM VENUE TO BE ADVISED**