

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 2nd January 2007
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr A Gollin, Mr R King, Mr D Manfield and Mr C North.

Apologies: Mr B King

464 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

None was made

465 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal from Cllr Hayter, seconded by Cllr North it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes the Highways Committee Meeting of 4th December 2006 be confirmed and signed.

466 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 461(f) Plan for Internal Painting and Installation of a Bench Seat for Passengers at the Bristol Road Concrete Bus Shelter

It was reported that anti-graffiti paint would cost £108 per tin and a cleaning solution would also need to be purchased at an additional cost.

Following a proposal from Cllr North, seconded by Cllr Manfield it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the shelter is painted with two coats of masonry paint in a concrete grey colour, which will be repainted when necessary.
- That there would be no need to carry out a risk assessment before the Handyman carries out this work.
- That no plans should be made to install a bench seat here for the foreseeable future.

b Min 461(b) Site Visit at Upper Chapel Lane

This had been arranged for 2:00pm on Thursday 11th January 2007, but Cllr D Hockey was unable to attend.

- Cllr North agreed to attend with Cllr Hayter.

467 Current Problems with Road, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Cars Parked on Pavements

It was reported that the number of cars parking on and obstructing footways around the parish was increasing.

RESOLVED to recommend to:

- Seek advice from PC Barraclough as to how he views the situation.
- Ask the Highways Authority if it has any specific rules governing these situations.
- Seek PC Barraclough's advice about the car still being inconsiderately parked all week in Ryecroft Road near the Church Road junction.

Cllr Broome entered the meeting.

b General State of Roads and Pavements

It was reported that the general state of repair of the roads and footways across the parish was still not satisfactory even though it was understood that this was because of a lack of resources at SGC.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To pass these concerns onto SGC.

c Refuse and Recycling Bins

It was reported that often bins are being left obstructing the footways for several days after being emptied.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Gollin to investigate and report any specific instances to the next meeting.
- The Clerk was asked to draw attention to this problem in the next Newsletter.

d Potholes in Perrinpit Road near the junction with Old Gloucester Road

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

e Flooding Problems in Perrinpit Road and Old Gloucester Road

Flooding was reported to be causing concern and creating a hazard.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC and ask if the drains could be cleared again, or works undertaken to relieve the problems in order to reduce the risk of accidents.

468 Installation of New Kissing Gate at the Centenary Field

SGC had responded that, subject to the farmer installing the new footbridge; works to install the new kissing gate and move the existing gate to the adjacent field would be undertaken by 27th March 2007. The total cost to the Parish Council would be £254.98. This was noted.

469 Works to Ease Drainage Problems at Harris Barton

It was noted that Mr Sully (SGC) had advised in October 2006 that these works could be undertaken with the permission of the farmer.

- The Clerk was asked enquire how this was progressing.

470 Land at The Hammerhead, The Ridge

The Land Registry had advised that to search for more details would require the submission of a plan and fee.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That this enquiry should be abandoned.

471 Signs being Obstructed by Overgrowing Vegetation

It was reported that there were increasing incidences of this occurring around South Gloucestershire, and that also many signs were so dirty as to be unreadable.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Manfield to confirm precise locations to the next meeting.

472 Date of Next Meeting

TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllr Hayter informed the meeting that he would not be seeking re-election in May 2007.