

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 3rd May 2005
Held at The Pavilion, The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr T Clothier, Mr D Broome, Mr G Filer, Mr R King and Mr D Manfield

Apologies: Mr C North

258 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972
None was made

259 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 5th April 2005 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment:

Min 251 (5) should refer to **Lower** Stone Close

260 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 249(a) Requests for Signage at Rose Lane and Other Footpaths

It was noted that at the Rose Lane end of the footpath there is still no sign.

- The Clerk was asked to chase this with SGC again

It was reported that the Frome Valley Walkway sign at Rectory Road pointing towards Nightingale Bridge is missing.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

b Min 249(b) Improvements Requested to the Hillyfields Footpath LFC 34

It was reported that large vehicles are crossing the Hillyfields from Court Road and driving down the footpath leaving very heavy tracks and making the path almost impassable where it is supposed to be a safer route to school.

- The Clerk was asked to pass the concerns about the heavy vehicle to SGC and ask for protection and repair of the safer route to school and to give the gatepost a firm anchorage.

c Min 249(c) Review Response to Parking Issues Outside Coalpit Heath Post Office

Cllr Hayter had met with SGC officers who had witnessed the problems being experienced. A letter of thanks had been sent to the officers confirming what had been discussed and noting that the Parish Council expects problems to increase when the post office expands its business. The SGC officers advised that the junction with Church Lane will be repainted to help persuade drivers to be considerate when they leave their vehicles.

It was noted that litter problems in the area and the bramble patch adjacent to Brookmans continue.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to Mr Brookman explaining that the Parish Council is concerned about parking and litter problems in that area and would like an opportunity for some Cllrs to discuss the matter with him to see if anything can be resolved.

d Min 249(e) Review further Concerns about the Speed Limit on Frampton End Road

SGC had advised that the terminal sign would be placed beyond the last house (The Barn). There will only be one sign. The order is in hand, although there has been a delay. This was noted.

It was reported that access to footpath LFC 22 to Iron Acton is up a steep bank with steps and is very overgrown and difficult to pass

- The Clerk was asked to ask SGC to clear this back so access to the stile is improved

e Min 250(g) Consider how to Tackle Continuing Litter on Streets and Footpaths
It was reported that Mrs Lowe of Woodend Road and a group of ladies from Zion Church had undertaken litter picking on 16th April 2005 as part of the Frome Valley Spring Clean. There efforts had made a real impact and a lot of litter had been collected. The biggest problem they had reported was the amount of broken glass and bottles which were difficult to pick up. This was noted.

- Cllrs were asked to report any further problems with litter to SGC Street Care.

f Min 254 Further Action Concerning Horseriding at Park Farm and the Glebeland
Cllr Hayter reported that when he had walked the Glebe land and Park Farm grass corridor he had not seen any evidence of problems. However, it was reported that complaints had been received, in particular about the grass corridor at Park Farm.

- It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

261 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Ryecroft Road

Concerns were raised at the lack of a footway along parts of Ryecroft Road and it was suggested that something could be done to help control traffic problems outside the Rising Sun.

- Cllrs Hayter and Clothier agreed to discuss this further and report back.

b Footbridge at Rectory Road

It was noted that this had been repaired recently but the fence along one side has been damaged.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC

c Inconsiderate/Illegal Parking around the Village on the Pavements

It was reported that around the village inconsiderate/illegal parking was creating problems for wheelchair users and push chairs which often cannot get past in safety.

- Cllrs agreed to monitor this and note regular infringements.

d Overgrowing Vegetation at 286 Park Lane , 394 Church Road

Vegetation was reported to be growing out across the footway.

- The Clerk was asked to request that the occupants cut this back.

e Church Road Near the Entrance to The Globe

This was reported to be badly worn where the road surface was excavated.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC.

f Missing Street Nameplates

It was reported that those at both ends of Heather Avenue were still not in place.

- The Clerk was asked to report this again.

g Litter Bin outside Woodend Road Post Office.

It was reported that this had been removed, this had first been reported in January.

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

262 Highways Committee Annual Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

This was noted.

263 Registering Public Open Space within the Parish

The Chairman was asked to produce a report for the committee to consider.

264 Condition and Adequacy of Parish Council Notice Boards

It was noted that the notice board at the C of E School is dilapidated and in need of replacement

RESOLVED to recommend

The Clerk was asked to:

- Produce costings for a replacement board for consideration during the budget setting process in October
- Liaise with the school to see if a better location can be identified to site the replacement board which is more user friendly.

265 Parking at the Junction of Footes Lane/Beesmoor Road

A complaint had been received of inconsiderate and dangerous parking and driving in this area and asking for parking restrictions to be put into place.

- The Clerk was asked to forward the letter to SGC and ask the complainant to write to SGC as well. The Clerk had already given a copy of the complaint to PC Barraclough who had agreed to look into this further.

266 Graffiti Removal

SGC had reported problems of racist graffiti along Church Lane to PC Barraclough. SGC had agreed to sort it out This was noted.

267 The Alley Gaters Guide

This was noted.

268 SGC Update on Requested Works

The SGC Inspector had reported that:

- School Road potholes had been done
- Lower Stone Close will be resurfaced this year
- Park Lane and Woodend Road will be resurfaced next year
- Heather Avenue/Park Lane manhole cover will be reported as a defect to Bristol Water.

269 Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2005 AT 7:00 PM AT THE PAVILION