

Minutes of the Highways Committee –1st November 2005
Held at The Pavilion, The Park, School Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr D Hockey (in the Chair), Mr D Broome (part), Mr T Clothier, Mr G Filer, Mr R King, Mr D Manfield and Mr C North.

Apologies: Mr G Hayter

316 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor.

317 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 4th October 2005 be confirmed and signed subject to the following amendment

Min 310 should read LEGAL not ILLEGAL

318 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 309 (d) Loose curb outside of The Royal British Legion, Ryecroft Road.

RESOLVED to Recommend:

- The Clerk report this to SGC urgently

b Repairs to concrete Bus Shelter at Bristol Road

RESOLVED to Recommend:

- When the roof is fixed that the shelter be painted inside in a colour that is not too light.

319 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a It was reported that the “Sunnyside” nameplate at the Clyde Road entrance has gone. Also the nameplates at both ends of Heather Avenue.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report these to SGC.

b Silver Birch

It was reported that a silver birch tree is lifting the tarmac in Beaufort Road

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report this to SGC.

c 1 Mount Close

The hedge here is overgrowing the footpath.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk report this to SGC pointing out that the resident may be elderly and frail.

d 17 Ryecroft Road

It was reported that the hedge here is overgrowing the road forcing traffic to drive into it in order to pass.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to write to the occupants asking for the hedge to be cut back.

e 23 Ryecroft Road

It was reported that the holly bush here is overgrowing into the road opposite the Royal British Legion.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to write to the occupants asking for the bush to be cut back.

f 244,246 and 248 Park Lane

It was reported that hedges protruding from these properties are in need of cutting back.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to write to the occupants asking for the hedges to be cut back.

g It was reported that cars and lorries in Meadow View were blocking dropped kerbs and pavements.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report this to PC Barraclough.

h Park Lane Narrows and Clyde Road Junction

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to chase SGC requesting that the line (promised in its recent meeting with the Parish Council) be painted on the road near the crossing point.

i Bus Stop just up from The Hat Factory

It was reported that cars are being parked here blocking the bus stop.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to report this to PC Barraclough and ask what steps need to be taken to stop vehicles from parking on the bus stop.
- The clerk writes to Mark Shearman at SGC asking whether the bus stop should be marked.

j Maintenance of Prospect Lane

The committee understood that this has always been an adopted highway. Barriers and signs had been put up, which must have been placed there by order and for an order to be put in place the highway must have been adopted.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to check all previous correspondence first.
- Then to write to SGC and ask them to refer this to its legal department for clarification.

k 16 Rectory Road

The resident had reported that the willow tree overhanging the turning circle was not in his property but on the riverbank.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk checks with SGC and the Environment Agency and try to ascertain who is responsible for its upkeep.

320 Correspondence

a Request for Parking Control at the Church Road end of Western Avenue

SGC had informed Mr Pursey, that his request had been put on the list for SGC's next traffic review. This was noted.

b An e-mail had been received from Mr Neave, Footpath Secretary of the Ramblers' Association in South Gloucestershire, offering help to the Parish Council in nominating two footpaths that are blocked or severely obstructed.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Footpaths LFC 23 and 24 be forwarded as the first two nominated footpaths.
- To place the footpath along Tynings Lane, Perrinpit Road ending at Northwoods in reserve.

c SGC had informed the Parish Council that a request had been received from Downend and Bromley Heath Parish Council offering its willingness to contribute to the Night Bus if it can be diverted along Bromley Heath Road, Cleeve Hill and Badminton Road (or alternatively via Quakers Road and Fouracre Road rather than Cleeve Hill) and that this had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Joint Parishes Consultative Committee (JPCC).

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask the Clerk to the JPCC why this was under discussion at committee meeting that excludes Frampton Cotterell Parish Council, which already contributes to the Night Bus.
- To request from SGC a breakdown of how many users get off the bus in each individual parish.

d SGC Leaflet: A Parish Council's Guide to Public Rights of Way

It was noted that this stated the landowner's responsibilities towards a right of way, but did not indicate if this included a duty to keep a path passable in times of bad weather such as if it was knee deep in mud.

- The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from SGC

321 Date of Next Meeting

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2005 AT 7:00 PM AT THE PAVILION