

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 6th November 2006
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr G Hayter (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr G Filer, Mr D Hockey and Mr C North.

Also Present Mr B King, Barley Close (*part*)

Apologies: Mr R King and Mr D Manfield

449 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

Cllr D Hockey is a South Gloucestershire Councillor

450 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal from Cllr Filer, seconded by Cllr Broome it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes the Highways Committee Meeting of 2nd October 2006 be confirmed and signed.

451 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 439 Management of all shrubs at the 'Old Piggeries'

It had been suggested by the Tree Officer that the shrubs be cut to a height of 7 feet over two years.

Following a proposal by Cllr Filer seconded by Cllr Hayter it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the shrubs be cut in one go to a height of 6 feet/2 metres.
- To obtain quotations for this work.

Mr King entered the meeting

b Progression with Footpaths Registration

Footpath from Newlands Avenue to Bell Road

Cllr D Hockey explained that:

- SGC is looking at transferring responsibility of the Council's housing stock to the Housing Association.
- Garages belonging to these houses once stood on the land and will also be transferred.
- That this part of the footpath will also be transferred and therefore cannot be adopted.

c Prospect Lane

Following a proposal by Cllr D Hockey seconded by Cllr Hayter it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write formally to SGC stating that the highway part of this land has been maintained by SGC in the past and pointing out that it is on the 1881 ordinance survey and outside of the curtilage.
- To request SGC formally adopt this area as a highway.
- To accompany the letter with photographs of the existing 'No Cycling' sign and the barrier it is attached to including the Northavon sign.

d Consideration of the maintenance of brambles at The Hammerhead, The Ridge

Following a proposal by Cllr D Hockey, seconded Cllr Hayter

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To make enquiries with Land Registry as to who owns the land here.

452 Current Problems with Road, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Min 422 Footway at Robel Avenue

Cllr D Hockey reported that:

- The footway here was repaired immediately with left over tarmac from various other jobs.
- He had raised the possibility with Street Care of making good this area with a continual surface.
- Since that request the parishioner who originally complained about the footway was happy with the existing result.
- SGC's aim is to add all footways in Robel Avenue to the maintenance schedule for next year.

This was noted.

b Park Lane Recent Drainage Works

Cllr D Hockey reported:

- That the residents of Park Lane were thrilled with the recent works.
- That the culvert made in pennant store in Rectory Road has collapsed in places.
- That SGC had written to various residents where the drains run across private properties explaining riparian ownership.
- Residents are not very happy about this and he has promised that he will meet with all the residents to discuss the matter.

This was noted.

c Overgrowing Vegetation in Church Lane, Coalpit Heath

Following a proposal by Cllr North seconded by Cllr Hayter it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To refer to SGC parishioners complaints.
- In future to suggest parishioners complain directly to SGC.

d Dial House

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to the occupier and request the conifer and blackberry brambles be cut back.

e 50 Lower Chapel Lane

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to the occupier and request the overgrowing vegetation is cut back.

f 41 Woodend Road

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to SGC requesting the conifer trees are cut back in line with the boundary

g Rose Lane Footpath

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to SGC requesting the overgrowing vegetation is cut back.
- To include photographs in support of this.

h Footpath between Lower Chapel Lane and Upper Chapel Lane

It had been reported that the footpath was very steep and slippery and that it lacks drainage.

Following a proposal by Cllr D Hockey seconded by Cllr Hayter it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To request PROW to meet with Cllrs to investigate the access of the footpath and what could be done to improve the gradient and drainage here.

453 New Parish Council Notice Board near the C of E School in Rectory Road

Following a proposal by Cllr North, seconded by Cllr Filer with four votes in favour and one abstention it was

RESOLVED:

- To accept quotation from Excel Arien Ltd.
- To request the Handyman to install the notice board when it arrives.

454 Consultation on Proposed Speed Limit Improvements for Perrinpit Road

Following a proposal by Cllr Filer seconded by Cllr Hayter it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To respond that the Parish Council feels this is a very good idea and supports the suggestions made.
- That SGC considers installing 'rumble strips' approaching the corner with the stone building and the sharp corner at the furthest end where quite often cars end up in the hedge.
- That Cllr Hayter discusses this with the resident there.

455 Consultation on Proposed Bus Stop Improvements in Beesmoor road and Heather Avenue

Following a proposal by Cllr Hayter seconded by Cllr North it was

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To respond that the Parish Council supports the proposals.

456 Joint Parishes Consultative Committee

It was reported that Cllrs D Hockey and Hayter would attend the next meeting. When the figures of usage for this area are known the Highways Committee will then recommend a subsidy for inclusion into its budget for next year.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To report to the next meeting that future meetings should be clerked in relation to usage of the Night Bus.

457 Problems with litter

a Recent Complaint

Problems with litter along Woodend Road had been reported. It was noted that due to insurance restrictions the Parish Council had resolved not to request parishioners to litter pick on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To write to Mrs Lowe, Woodend Road and thank her for her concerns.

b Letter from Steve Webb MP

The letter accompanied a letter from a parishioner with regard to repairs needed to the bus shelter on Bristol Road. The Committee noted that repairs had been made to the shelter.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr North to check the shelter to ensure it is not leaking.
- To report the findings to Mr Webb.

458 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE