

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 2nd October 2006
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

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

Apologies: Mr D Manfield

437 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

None was made

438 Confirmation of Minutes

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

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

439 Min 426 To Recommend a Management Plan for the Trees at The Old Piggeries

A suggestion of a three-year management plan had been received from a local tree surgeon. Concerns were expressed that these were shrubs, not trees and therefore should not be thinned.

RESOLVED:

- Cllrs Hayter and North to arrange to meet at the site and invite other Cllrs to attend, and report back to the next meeting.

440 Min 429 Report of Site Meeting at Harris Barton

Cllrs Hayter and D Hockey had met with Mr Sulley (*Highways Inspector*) and Mr Brindley (*Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer*) to see the damage the recent heavy rain had done to the newly resurfaced path.

- Mr Sulley had agreed to investigate stopping the run-off water from Harris Barton going down the path and was looking into using the drainage ditch in the field, but would first need consent from the farmer.
- Mr Brindley had notified that the PROW team leader is happy to have the resurfacing works done and was looking into channelling the water to the side of the path to avoid further damage.

This was welcomed.

441 Min 430 Bristol Road Bus Shelter

A proposal by Cllr Hayter to recommend that the Parish Council seeks to replace the concrete bus shelter with a more modern one, was not seconded.

RESOLVED:

- To consider putting monies in the budget for 2007/08
- Not to recommending replacing any bus shelters this year.

442 MIN 435 Registration of Footpaths onto the Definitive Map

Mr Brindley (PROW) had written:

- LFC48 Prospect Lane is not recorded as being adopted.
- LFC50 Willow Way to Woodend Road is adopted.
- LFC49 Church Road to Lower stone Close is adopted

The paths that are adopted highways will not be recorded on the definitive map as public rights of way as they are already recorded as highways.

- The horse pathway across the Glebe Land is the responsibility of SGC Community Spaces department.
- The housing department had agreed to add the two footpaths from Newlands Avenue to the definitive map.
- He would shortly be instructing a contractor about paths LFC13 and LFC 19.

These were noted.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to enquire why a previous council had erected a “no cycling” sign at Prospect Lane if this is not an adopted highway.

443 Mins 408/428/434 Safety issues for Inclusion in School Travel Plans

The Clerk was asked to check with the C of E School in Rectory Road that the following issues had been taken into consideration within its Travel Plan:

- A pedestrian refuge in Church Road near the junction with school Road.
- Inconsiderate/Illegal Parking in Rectory Road and adjoining roads with vehicles blocking dropped kerbs.
- The need for assistance crossing Park Lane at the Junction with Clyde Road/Rectory Road.
- The narrowness of the footpath at Park Lane narrows.

444 Budget 2007/08

RESOLVED:

To recommend the following expenditure budget for 2007/08 to the Finance and General Purposes committee:

	£
Notice Board licence	5
Notice Board Maintenance	100
Footpaths Maintenance	200
Old Piggeries Maintenance	500
Highway Seats	150
Sundries	250
Replacement and Refurbishment of Bus Shelters	4,500
Total	5,705

445 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Overgrowth Obstructing the Footpath

The Clerk was asked to request that the owners cut this back at the following locations:

- 231 Park Lane
- 41 Woodend Road (*subject to confirmation by Cllr Hayter*)

b 114-130 Bristol Road

The kerbstones fronting these properties were reported to be dilapidated.

- The Clerk was asked to request that SGC repairs the kerbstones and resurfaces the footway.

c White Lines at Church Road end of Lower Stone Close

The line on the school side of the road was reported to extend further than that on the other side.

- The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from SGC as to why this should be.

d The Boundary of the Hammerhead at The Ridge/Adams Land

It was reported that this was overgrown and an eyesore.

- Cllrs were asked to go and look at this and report back to the next meeting.

e The Frome Valley Walkway Sign at Rectory Road towards Nightingale Bridge

It was reported that this had not been replaced since being reported over a year ago.

- The Clerk was asked to draw this to SGC's attention.

446 Replacement Notice Board at the C of E School

The School had agreed that a replacement board could be sited further forwards towards the fence, which would mean it could be accessed from outside the fence, making it much easier to use.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Parish Council should proceed to get this done.

447 Path Warden's Risk Assessments

SGC had responded that risk assessments would be needed for the paths the wardens would be walking.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Clerk should respond to SGC that as the Parish Path Wardens were appointed on the advice of SGC and were walking only the footpaths marked on the SGC definitive map, in which case, what insurance cover does SGC have in place to cover the path wardens for doing the job that SGC asked them to do?

448 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE