

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 1st October 2007
Held at The Brockeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr J Farbrother, (Chairman), Mr D Broome, Mr A Gollin, Mr D Hockey, Mr B King, Ms S Kitching (part) and Mr D Manfield.

24 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

25 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

None was made.

26 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 3rd September 2007 be confirmed and signed.

27 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 18(d) 2 Church Close

Cllrs D and P Hockey had raised this issue at a meeting with Steve Webb MP and senior regional people from the Environment Agency (EA) and reported that:

“The representatives we met insist that tree maintenance and debris in the river are the responsibility of the adjacent land owners not the EA and therefore they now have no resources to deal with them. They do take responsibility to remove blockages causing flooding but only where it would cause significant damage to property or life. They had provided a copy of the publication on the issue "Living on the Edge".

Cllr P Hockey had put a copy through the resident’s letterbox with a note explaining the situation and suggested that if he knows who the landowner is but would be unhappy to contact him, that he should inform the Parish Council”.

The resident had written with details of the landowners and a request that this is looked into further as “the long and short term consequences of nothing being done are not acceptable and asks that the question of accountability be resolved and turned into action to rectify the problems”.

The committee noted that the obstruction in the river is part of a growing tree.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk to forward a copy of the resident’s letter to the EA and ask them what they are going to do about this.

b i Min 21 Obstructed footpaths around the Parish

The correspondent has responded that the pavements causing concern are at:

- Park Lane
- Lower Chapel Lane
- Heather avenue
- Beesmoor Road (Council House side)
- Beesmoor Road (Park Farm side overhanging branches)

Cars on pavements:

- Lower Chapel Lane
 - Park Lane (primarily in and around the narrows)
- Beesmoor Road (to a smaller extent)

RESOLVED to recommend

Cllr Farbrother agreed to check these locations and report back to the next highways meeting.

Cllr Kitching entered the meeting.

- The Clerk was asked to pass on the Parish Council's thanks to SGC for the quality of the recent footpath clearance

ii From Badminton Road into Bell Road

It was reported that people come along the pavement and into the road where the pavement ends and a vehicle is often parked right there, so that pedestrians are forced into the road.. Needs either the hedge cut back or the pavement continued.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to contact the property owner and ask them to cut the hedge back.

iii The Clerk was asked to report the following to PC Barraclough

- Where Bridge Way comes into Park Lane large cars are being parked obstructing the road.
- A vehicle parking every Friday at the end of Ryecroft Road so that pedestrians and especially school children have to walk around it into the road. It was reported that there had been a lot of near misses here.

iv Vehicles Parking for the Rising Sun Public House

It was reported that dangerous, illegal and obstructive parking was continuing to occur here, often when the car park is not full.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to speak to the landlord of the Rising Sun to suggest that encouragement to the regulars to use the car park instead of Ryecroft Road would be much appreciated.
- Cllr Farbrother also agreed to monitor this and take photographs and it was agreed that the Parish Council should only seek to impose a solution if that approach is unsuccessful.

c Min 22 Speed Visor Signs

SGC had advised that "a Speed Visor sign is to be erected on Beesmoor Road, west of Vicarage Road between 19th September and 17th October 2007. A copy of the speed reading will be sent to the Parish Council. Church Road east of Lower Stone Close facing west bound traffic; and Park Lane north of Clyde Road, facing southbound traffic are programmed for October/November."

This was noted

28 Current Problems with Roads, Footpaths and Bridleways

a Overgrowing Trees at Park Row

A resident of Park Row had complained about hedges/trees overgrowing from the new development in the rectory grounds. She was not sure who the hedges/trees belonged to even though they run along the property of 4 Park Row and thought that they may be communal. She reported the branches are overhanging the narrow road into Park Row, scratching residents' cars. She had arranged for her son to cut them back,. But asked that this be sorted out for the future.

a RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to check and report back to the next Highways Committee meeting.

b Park Lane opposite the Dentist

It was reported that the lines have been painted and are working perfectly, but now people are parking on the verges and obstructing the footway and residences on the other side of the road.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to PC Barraclough and arrange a meeting with Cllr Farbrother to discuss this further and seek clarification of the legal status of the verges.

29 New Development off Woodend Road

The developer had suggested that this be named “On the Spot” because that is what the area was known as locally.

Mr Hayter had agreed that this is the “spot” where people had met historically, and that it is historically accurate, but felt that the road name should be “The Spot” (omitting the “on”), which would concur with other local road names such as “The Land” and “The Causeway”.

RESOLVED to recommend

- That the road be named “The Spot”.

30 To recommend a Budget for 2008/09

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the Highways Budget be set at the same as last year unless any Cllrs bring amendments to next meeting.
- Cllr Farbrother to check Seats Adjoining Highways and report back.

The current budget is:

Notice Boards	Licence	5	
	Maintenance		100
Footpaths Maintenance		100	
Old Piggeries Maintenance			500
Highways seats		150	
Sundries	1 x Dog Bin		250
Bus Shelter	Replace and Refurbish	1,500	
Total			2,605

31 Correspondence

a Request for Nameplates at each end of The Land

This request has been received from a resident who says it will help visitors to the area who are having difficulties finding the road. He notes that the Parish Council requested this early this year and asks that we chase the request.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- The Clerk was asked to chase this with SGC.

b Impending Road Traffic Orders

None of those advised were within Frampton Cotterell parish.

This was noted.

32 Public Rights of Way Notification of Works Requested and Prioritised

A copy of this is available in the Office.

This was noted.

33 Perrinpit Road

It was reported that the extension to the 30mph limit was now in place, and that there had been yet another accident there.

This was noted.

34 Parking Problems at 19 Lower Stone Close

It was reported that problems were being experienced here with parents parking obstructively when taking/collecting their children from the school. It had been suggested that white lines might be a solution.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother agreed to speak to PC Barraclough about this and report back to the next Highways Committee meeting.

35 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2007 AT 6:30PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE