

Minutes of the Highways Committee – 22nd September 2008
Held at The Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mr J Farbrother (Chairman), Mr D Broome, and Mr D Hockey

Apologies: Mr B Hendy, Mr B King, Ms S Kitching, Mr D Manfield and Mrs J Rowan

117 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

118 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

- Cllr D Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

119 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 111 Perrinpit Road

It was agreed to check with the Clerk that a letter had been sent to SGC Highways Department.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ensure this letter is sent if it has not already been done.

b Min 113 Overgrowing Hedges

Cllr Broome reported that the house number previously given to the office didn't seem to exist.

This was noted.

c Min 115 Purchase of Large Map of Parish

It was agreed to check with the Clerk if she has progressed this.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother to contact the Clerk.

CLLR FARBROTHER

120 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Highways Committee Meeting of 7th July 2008 be confirmed and signed.

a PC Min 332(a) Letter from Mr King, ref Bus Shelters on the Bristol Road

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To contact SGC and find out the costs of a bus shelter and whether any funding towards it could be gained from SGC.
- To find out if using the shelter for advertising might help offset costs.
- To add this to the next agenda.

b Min 102(a) Provision of an Extra Litter Bin in Lower Stone Close

It was reported that the Administrative Assistant was now in receipt of the parishioner's name and address that originally requested the bin and that she would progress this.

This was noted

c Min 102(c) Problems on LFC 41 (Old Piggeries)

A reply had been received from Merlin Housing apologising for the delay in getting the fencing fixed and that the repairs would be carried out in the near future.

This was noted.

d Min 110 Traffic Speed in Woodend Road near Brockridge Infants School

The Clerk had contacted PC Barraclough as previously requested.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To ask the Clerk what PC Barraclough's response had been to report it back.

e Min 112 First Bus Notification of Changes from 3rd August 2008

This was noted.

121 Cycling in Frampton Cotterell Parish

Cllr Farbrother reported that he had been cycling and that roads are deteriorating.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother to produce a piece for the next newsletter asking for cyclists views in the parish.
- Cllr Farbrother to check roads in the parish and report back.

ACTION CLLR FARBROTHER

122 Footpaths Maintenance Schedule

It was reported that all footpaths on SGC's maintenance schedule had received their second cut of the year and were now free of stinging nettles and more passable.

This was noted.

123 Graffiti on Nightingale Bridge

It was reported that recent graffiti on the bridge had now been removed by SGC.

This was noted.

124 N50 Night Bus Meeting

It was reported that the next meeting was to be held on Thursday 9th October 2008 at Dodington Parish Hall.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Cllr Farbrother confirmed that he would not be able to attend.
- Cllr D Hockey confirmed that he would be able to attend.

125 Correspondence

a Problems with the Pond at Park Farm

A response had been received from SGC confirming that the pond was cleared last winter and that no further works to the pond were planned.

However the surface of the pathway would receive remedial works where defects are found.

A copy of the letter had been passed to the parishioner who had written to complain about the pond.

This was noted.

b Footway Slurry Seal Programme Works Commencing 16th August 2008

SGC had written to report that the footway surfacing programme for this year would start on 16th August 2008 and would include Thornhays Close and Robel Avenue.

This was noted.

c Public Rights of Way Liaison Group- Notes of 24th July 2008

These were noted.

d Concerns raised in Beesmoor Road

Cllr Farbrother agreed to report these concerns to the next Highways Meeting.

This was noted.

e Proposed Cycle Access

An email including pictures of a proposed cycle access to be installed at the footpath on the Glebe Land had been sent from the Street care Inspector at SGC for approval by the Council.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To thank the Streetcare Inspector indicating that the Parish Council would be happy for the cycle access to be installed and that the fencing should also be re-instated.
- To contact Mr Knowlton who originally brought this to the attention of the Parish Council letting him know SGC's recommendation.

f Confirmation of the meeting with Wessex Water

It was reported that the meeting would take place on Thursday 9th October 2008 at 3.30pm.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To provide the meeting with a ten year resume of problems with Wessex Water and the River Frome.
- That the meeting is minuted.

126 Any Other Business

Cllr Farbrother reported that the area at Park Farm near the play equipment area doesn't drain very well.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- When the weather is more inclement and the problems of drainage are more visible to then raise this problem with SGC's Streetcare Department and request that they investigate it.

127 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 6:30PM TO FINISH BEFORE 7.45PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE.