

**Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting minutes held on Friday
12th July 2024, 11:30 am at Sparkes Pavilion**

Cllrs Present:

G Pharo (GP), (Chair), J Cheshire (JC), J Langley (JL), K Williamson (KW)

Present: Mrs J Scarff Proper Officer & RFO.

There were no members of the public (MOP's)

1. To elect a chair for the committee

GP was nominated, accepted. All agreed.

2. To elect a vice chair for the committee

JC was nominated, he accepted. All agreed

3. To receive and accept apologies and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).

There were no apologies

4. Disclosure of Interests - In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct

No interests disclosed

To consider granting any dispensations.

No dispensations requested

Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk immediately.

5. Public Questions - In accordance with standing orders **ten minutes** are available for the Public to express a view or ask a question on **relevant matters on the following agenda**. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe the rest of the meeting.

There were no MOP's

6. Exclusion of the Public - To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed.

'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature or other special reason (to be specified) of the business to be transacted.'

No requirement

7. Minutes of previous meeting to be considered for approval and signed as a true record.

Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting held Friday 15th March 2024.

Resolved: The chair was authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

8. Business to be transacted.

It was noted that the committees TOR would be ratified at the full council meeting.

a To receive an update on the traffic calming project and agree any actions required.

The clerk suggested that the survey be available at the Methodist Hall at the referendum if allowed. JC offered to draft questions for a questionnaire to be circulated. The clerk suggested offering a prize draw for all the entrants as an incentive. GP offered to try and get some vouchers.

GP asked about the black cat, the clerk explained she is waiting for some updated training to use the radar.

The clerk reported that she had been advised to change the requested speed radar gun on the grant application form in order to n=move this forward. **ALL Agreed.**

JC reported that the speedwatch group are struggling for volunteers.

b To receive an update on the protection of the verges project and agree any actions required.

The clerk reported that she has the quote for the posts to protect areas. It was agreed that if needed the committee would ask Steve Rose Fencing if they could put the posts in the ground. The clerk was asked if she could get a price from him. The clerk reported that protecting verges was also a project that other PC's were supporting.

There was a discussion about parking on the pavements in the village that are already narrow and prevent people passing if they have pushchairs, mobility scooters and wheelchairs. All cars can be reported to operation crackdown. GP suggested that a message is put on the PC website and in the village shop in order to alert people.

The clerk explained that a taxi company would park on the pavement at the same time every week in Lower Street. It was their break before collecting children from the special school. She explained to them that they were blocking the pavement for vulnerable users and they agreed not to park there in future.

The committee agreed it would be useful to have some leaflets that could be tucked under the windscreen wipers of cars blocking the pavements and publicise the reporting to operation crackdown.

c To discuss the wild flower verges project and agree any actions required.

The clerk had sent out all the details regarding the wildflower verge project and had also started adding the verges to Parish online. The clerk reported that there is obvious frustration as since the start of the project there is no discernible progress and that individuals in the village had reportedly mown the areas with their tractors.

It was agreed to try and organise a meeting with a local resident who has experience of wildflower verges. GP to organise.

d To discuss work required to fingerposts in the village and agree any actions required.

Resolved, the committee will ask for the budget to be delegated in order to start

the maintenance required. The clerk was asked to have the quote updated.

e To discuss the grounds maintenance project with a view to reporting a recommendation to full council.

Resolved: The committee would request the delegated authority to review the grounds maintenance project and obtain quotes for presentation at full council in time for budget setting.

9. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Friday 30th August 2024 1130am at Sparkes Pavilion.