

Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting minutes held on Friday 3rd February 2023, 11:30 am at Sparkes Pavilion

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

1. **To receive and accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).
There were no apologies.
2. **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

There were no disclosures of interest.

To consider granting any dispensations.
There was not requirement to grant any dispensations.

Reminder - Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.
3. **Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.**

There were no members of the public.
4. **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 of the business to be transacted.'

There was no requirement to pass this resolution.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting** to be considered for approval and signed as a true record – The Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting held Friday 25th November 2022.
6. **Matters for discussion.**
 - a To consider for approval the terms of reference for the committee.
Resolved that the terms of reference were adopted as presented.
 - b To discuss the identified projects and agree any actions required.
 - a. Traffic Calming – 20 is plenty – new moderns speed indicators. Laser speed gun for the speedwatch team.
20 is Plenty.
JC explained that residents were concerned about the speed of traffic in the

village as shown by responses to the neighbourhood plan survey. GP asked how much it would cost to put up 20 is plenty signs. The clerk explained that highways own the verges and could charge a licence fee for each sign that is put up or remove them or ask us to remove them. Highways won't allow a red circle and it would be a voluntary speed limit. So Ninfield would need a design and weatherproof materials. JC suggested correx. The clerk explained that signs could go on land owned by NPC and in any private gardens if people were happy to allow it. The clerk suggested getting a list together of where the signs could go. We would need a design. JC offered to ask his son. The clerk explained it would be worth trying to get the white line reinstated in the middle of the A269 between Standard Hill and where it starts again near the mini roundabout. (an item for the SLR agenda). The PC should aim to get speed data before the 20mph signs go up and afterwards to see if it makes any difference. GP asked the clerk to organise to borrow the black cat radar equipment.

New moderns speed indicators.

The clerk was asked to check with ESCC road Safety whether they would be prepared to change the speed indicator signs to ones that tell the driver what speed they are travelling at the clerk suggested that it could also be discussed at an SLR meeting.

Laser speed gun for the speedwatch team.

The clerk suggested that she apply to the Safer Sussex Road Partnership for a grant.

All agreed.

- b. Consider alterations to the bus stop in Lower Street.
JC suggested that the clerk check with the bus company to ascertain the policy for stopping.
Resolved that this is not feasible.
- c. Wildflower Verges - Area of the entrance into Coombe Lane from the A269.
The clerk reported that the cut would be done next week and then the seeding would be done. The protection of some of the verges with chestnut posts to be discussed at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to get some prices.
- d. Street Furniture
There was a discussion about the state of some of the finger posts. The clerk was asked to try and get some quotes and also enquire about on ongoing maintenance contract. The clerk was asked to put an agenda item about bins with lids for the village on the next appropriate agenda.
- e. Drains, Potholes & Hedges
It was noted that the hedges had been cut back well as far as possible. There was a discussion about how bad the potholes are in East Sussex. Cllrs commented that they seem to be worse than elsewhere in the country.

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f. Twittens

It was noted that the twittens had been cleared.

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To agree a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place Friday 24th March 2023 at 11.30am