

**Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting minutes held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March 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

- 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024
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**Resolved** that the minutes of the previous meeting held Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 be signed as a true record.

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**Matters for discussion.**

a **To discuss the following the traffic calming project and agree any actions required.**

KW agreed to get the bin stickers distributed in Lower Street..

There are two speed watch volunteers in Manchester Rd who are keen to help with the 20 is plenty in Manchester Road, possibly our new cllrs can also help. The day set up to collect resident views was poorly attended due to appalling weather conditions.

It was suggested that the idea could be officially launched at the annual meeting. JL suggested the possibility of being at the Memorial Hall on one of the village market days.

The clerk explained that there needs to be some consultation with residents to ask if they agree with the idea of 20 is plenty in Manchester Road and Lower Street, but also to find out if they feel there should be any other traffic calming measures considered. Its really important for the process otherwise the police and ESCC won't take it seriously when it comes to being asked for their support.

JC suggested a short questionnaire using survey monkey could be run in tandem.

JC agreed to design something suitable for the events and asked the clerk to print copies.

JC reported that David Swailes is trying to organise a road safety session with the school.

b **To discuss the protection of the verges and agree any actions required.**

It was agreed that short chestnut posts should be purchased for the verge at Standard Hill.

There was a discussion about the verge in Church Lane. The quote received was for the wrong verge and so far has not been updated.

**To agree a date for the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be agreed following the annual meeting of the parish council.