

CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. December 11th 2017

Present Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan

Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens

1. *Apologies* Cty Cllr Jim Sheppard: Chris Tree
2. *Approve Record of meeting on September 18th 2017*
Agreed including §4 Warrs Hill footpath as advised by Chris Tree
3. *Matters arising from previous meeting and not elsewhere on Agenda*
re. §6 Highway's policy on repair of footpaths: Parish Council still to notify areas of concern to Steward. **Action: Parish Council**
4. *Chailey School, Mill Lane – speed restrictions alongside the School*
Ian Johnson advised that a review of that area of Mill Lane was ongoing – he believed there might be a case to improve the static signing, but not to install amber flashing lights. The Parish Council drew attention to the development at Gradwell Park which was obliged to improve the footpath along Mill Lane including outside the School; the Council suggested this might be an occasion to install improved signage as part of the obligation.
The Parish Council also reminded the meeting that the real problem lay at the junction where there was no pedestrian crossing. **Action: Ian Johnson**
5. *Cinder Hill – signage in regard to HGVs*
Cllr Jordan explained that HGVs might approach from Barcombe or Newick and asked for warning signs at earlier access points (e.g. Cornwells Bank). Ian Johnson said this had been considered but it was felt that vehicles would already be committed by this point and unable to turn. The comprehensive HGV survey had recorded only limited traffic from Barcombe and had not registered a problem.
Cllr Jordan also asked how best to register with SatNav programmes that Cinder Hill was not an HGV route. It appears that ESCC notify Ordnance Survey of route restrictions but, given the life and variety of such instruments, it could be many years before a perceivable effect.
Action: Parish Council (to advise whether it wishes to pursue amended wording on the current warning sign).
6. *Junction Beggars Wood Road/A275 – damaged road sign*
This defect had already been flagged up by the Highway Steward (and also that day's damage to a 40mph repeater South of the Reading Room).
7. *South Street – confirmation of action noted re. enforcement of 40mph restriction*
Ian Johnson explained that the Police were struggling to identify appropriate locations for the Enforcement posters, but this was in hand for the New Year.
There followed discussion of the danger and problems (including for the less able) resulting from parking alongside and opposite Chailey Stores (McColls); it was not Highways policy to build out lay-bys and matters concerning parking were now a responsibility of the Parking Team at ESCC; Ian Johnson advised residents to report offensive or thoughtless parking on *Operation Crackdown*. **Action: Parish Council (re Chailey News and website)**
8. *Warrs Hill footpath – update*
Chris Tree had submitted a progress report and it was agreed that, in his and Cllr Sheppard's absence, it would be better to defer discussion to a separate meeting projected for the New Year. **Action: Chris Tree**

9. *Forward planning information – sign cleaning, ditching*

The Parish Council thanked Highways for this information and specifically for cleaning all signs. Ian Johnson reminded the Council that such information would be found on the ESCC website.

10. *Any Other Business*

- *A275 below pylons – mud on road*
referred to Highway Steward Rob Stevens who had already spoken with the contractor and reminded him that it was his responsibility to call in a Sweeper to keep the road clean. This had been agreed.
- *Ditch clearance on Warrs Hill*
In response to a resident's e-mail, Rob Stevens explained that the spoil from clearing a ditch was placed on the verge, and did not infringe the highway. The Parish Council commented that the effect was that lorries when passing other vehicles mounted the spoil and so spread mud across the road.. A copy of the e-mail was passed to Rob Stevens who agreed to investigate. **Action: Rob Stevens**
- *Resiting telephone box to serve as 'library'*
The Parish Council spoke of a project to use the 'Swan' telephone box as a self-service library. It might be that the telephone box could be sited more centrally and the Council asked whether land opposite Mill Lane was in Highways ownership. Ian Johnson advised that the Clerk refer to the Highway Land Information Team at County Hall highwaysearches@eastsussex.gov.uk **Action: Parish Council**
- *St Peter's School: speed restrictions (ref. letter)*
The Council quoted a letter received and asked whether further measures could be introduced to control speed through the crossing, eg. chicanes, camera controls, or video recording (entrance to Haywards Heath). Ian Johnson responded that it was very difficult to introduce traffic-calming on an A-road. The County had completed a review of A and B roads across the County and this limit had not been flagged up as an issue; he urged caution and a knowledge of the regulations in using CCTV. He again advised reporting bad driving (example quoted) on Operation Crackdown. During discussion, Ian Johnson drew attention to a speed-reactive sign which presents the driver with a text, amended during School hours, to warn specifically of the School crossing. He will research the possible cost of changing the 'head' of one of the speed-reactive signs. **Action: Ian Johnson**

11. *Next meeting – date, time, location*

It was agreed that there should be a separate meeting to consider Warrs Hill and that the next SLR therefore could be deferred to Monday April 9th at 0930 in the Reading Room, subject to confirmation by all parties.

[Personal Record by Mark Evans, not an official Minute]