

CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison Meeting with ESCC Highways, September 18th 2017

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan
Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens; Chris Tree

1 *Apologies* County Cllr Jim Sheppard

2-3 *Minutes from the meeting on May 15th 2017 approved and matters arising*

- A275 Beggars Wood junction – sign to be replaced. Rob Stevens explained that there could be a delay between order and replacement [NB the sign has now been replaced]

4 *Information at bus-stops following advice from Bryn Saunders:*

Mark Evans noted the advice to *text the SMS code for your stop to 84268* and asked whether it would be possible to have a list of the SMS codes for each bus-stop in Chailey. Mark Evans to check whether bus company includes code at stop.

Action: Chris Tree to contact Bryn Saunders

3 *South Street – discussion of further measures to deter speeding through 40mph restricted highway* The Parish Council thanked Highways for refreshing and increasing the number of 40mph roundels. The Council asked if there could be additional roundels on the stretch past the Village Shop, and flagged up the persistent problem of motor-cyclists speeding through South Street. It was difficult to note the relevant details; the speed-guns for Speedwatch had been taken for recalibration and not returned. It was agreed that Ian Johnson would again flag up the problem of noise and speed to the Police, with a reminder in the Spring which is when the problem starts.

Mark Evans enquired about a sign being used on A272 to Haywards Heath and agreed to send Ian Johnson a picture for his comment. **Action: Ian Johnson & Ken Jordan**

4 *Warrs Hill Footpath:*

Draft passed direct to Chris Tree who needs to consult with other parties

5 *King's Head junction occupation of roadway by builders developing King's Head site*

Mark Evans reported that this matter had been satisfactorily and swiftly dealt with through Highways Reporting process.

6 *A272 footpath on North side between King's Head junction and Hazeldene Lane*

Residents had complained about this footpath; Rob Stevens reported that it had been sided along the central section to Hazeldene Lane, and that Highways currently had a dedicated Sidings Team.

Mark Evans asked about Highway's policy on repair and re-tarmacking of footpaths; several were showing wear-and-tear. Rob Stevens advised that the Council should notify such areas or paths through the Reporting system, copying to him.

Action: Parish Council

7 *Appropriate signage where Cinder Hill meets the A275 and Oxbottom Lane meets the A272*

Ken Jordan reported that in West Sussex he had seen signs: road unsuitable for **wide** vehicles. He believed this might be more appropriate signage. Ian Johnson explained that there were alternatives, but the present signs had been related to the content and apparent wishes of the Cinder Hill Petition. He would consider alternative wordings.

Action: Ian Johnson

8 *Ownership of a tree at the entrance to Downsview*

Rob Stevens identified the area which did not appear to belong to Highways. Chris Tree offered to request more detailed mapping of the area concerned.

Action: Chris Tree

9 *Gradwell Park (LW17/0697)transport and accessibility: improvement proposed to pavement but no provision agreed to cross A275 at Mill Lane*

Mark Evans referred to the Planning Application currently with Lewes DC. The Transport Assessment (Planning Statement §5.15) stated improvements to the pavement leading to the A275 but made no provision actually to cross the road. This omission had been discussed with the developer who had suggested the Council discuss this direct with Highways. Mark Evans referred to the past history of this project which had developed from a simple pedestrian island to a significantly more expensive road alignment. Ian Johnson suggested the matter should be raised with Transport Development Control (development.control.transport@escc.gov.uk 01273 482254)

Action: Chris Tree agreed to follow up.

10 *Any Other Business*

Ken Jordan drew attention to the dirty Beware Pedestrians sign (A275 opposite Wickham Lane) **Action: Rob Stevens**

11 *Date and Location of next meeting:* Monday, December 11th at 0930 in the Reading Room at Chailey

[Personal record by Mark Evans, not an official minute]