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CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. April 9th 2018

Present: Parish Cllr Mark Evans
Cty Cllr Jim Sheppard
Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens

1. *Apologies*: Chris Tree: Parish Cllr Ken Jordan
2. *Approve Record of meeting on December 11th 2017*
Agreed.
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**
St Peter's School: speed restrictions: Mark Evans reported that a parent would be researching comparable speed limitations.
Ian Johnson reported that the DoT had reduced the number of texts permissible on speed-reactive signs, and there would be no advantage to changing the existing 'head'. Mark Evans asked about placing the sign at the top of the hill, giving a driver more time to react; and moving the Stop line further from the actual crossing: moving the sign would take it close to or outside the 40mph limit, and negate its reminder function; the placing of the Stop line is subject to regulation. **For information**
Chailey School, Mill Lane – speed restrictions alongside the School
Ian Johnson had flagged up the Parish Council's request for a crossing at Mill Lane/A275 during a recent consideration of the Gradwell Park project. **For information**
4. *South Street – enforcement/advisory notices for 40mph*
Ian Johnson explained that the Police had struggled to identify appropriate locations for the Enforcement posters. Mark Evans commented that there only appeared to be two, and one was effectively hidden in the hedge. Ian Johnson had been told this was the best the Police could do, given limitations on their signing. However, it was agreed that there had been no recent complaints by residents, and that we should postpone further action (possible use of ESCC warning signs). **For information**
5. *Warrs Hill footpath – update*
Chris Tree had sent a separate note to say that the meeting of County and District legal teams had not yet happened. For the time being the project was in abeyance, pending legal discussion on the status of Common land and any intention to build out. Mark Evans and Cllr Sheppard expressed their concern at further delay, and it was agreed Cllr Sheppard would follow up [this has now happened] **Action: Cllr Sheppard**
6. *Mill Lane/A275 pedestrian crossing*
Mark Evans reported that the Parish Council had applied to Lewes DC for funds from their (competitive) central Infrastructure Levy to complement Chailey's own receipts, basing their application on the design and costs advised by Highways (Sarah Valentine: 15.10.15). Ian Johnson reminded the Council that projects are subject to a selection process each autumn by a cross-member panel; and that Community Match did not always make up 50% of the project cost. He also advised that the Council might consider (several years having passed) investing £500 in a feasibility study by Highways. This would be a sensible precaution; in response to Mark Evans, he added that he thought one might also request on the same terms a feasibility study on the Chailey Link path (King's Head/Chailey Green) **Action: Parish Council**

7. *St Peter's School – possible adjustment to speed-restrictive signs*

This item was considered under **Matters Arising** above

8. *Any Other Business*

- *A275/Markstakes Lane*: the direction sign has still not been attached. Rob Stevens said that he believed the sign was in order, but he would check **Action: Rob Stevens**
- *A275/Cinder Hill*: there should be an *unsuitable for HGVs* on the other (RH) side. Ian Johnson advised that the single sign was normal. Only if there was a formal restriction would a second sign be required. **For information**
- *East Chiltington village sign*; the latest placement is well within Chailey boundaries! Sign should be where existing signs to Pouchlands are placed. Ian Johnson commented that the land in front of Pouchlands is private, and the only relevant strip of land already houses the pillar-box. In response to Mark Evans, Ian Johnson advised that the sign is meant to reflect a settlement – it is not a boundary-marker. **For information**
- *Edge of common opposite King's Head*: Mark Evans reported that the developer had agreed to make up this edge, following consultation with the Ranger and the Commons Society. **For information**
- *St Peter's School – 40mph reactive sign is defective*: **Action: Rob Stevens**
- *A275 raised pavement from Brickworks wall heading North has crept seriously forward and should be sided*: Rob Stevens will inspect and advise **Action: Rob Stevens**
- *Fletching Lane (Lane End Common)*: the road surface is seriously defective along the Northern edge in particular: there is a persistent pothole/defective repair at the exit onto the A275. Rob Stevens agreed that this was an ongoing problem. He will check and advise. **Action: Rob Stevens**

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

Reflecting changes to Highways' reporting system and the effectiveness of the Highway Steward, it was proposed to meet next after the summer on Monday September 10th at 0930 in the Reading Room, subject to confirmation by all parties.

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