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CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. July 1st 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan; Elizabeth Berry

Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens; Sam Betts

1. *Apologies:* Chris Tree
2. *Approve Record of meeting on March 25th 2019*
Circulated and agreed.
3. *Matters arising from previous meeting and not elsewhere on Agenda*
Signing defibrillators Ken Jordan had noted elsewhere at the entrances to villages a sign to indicate the location of defibrillators. He reminded Highways that Corinne Black had agreed to advise as to such signage and/or other permissions. **Action: Corinne Black**
4. *Warrs Hill pedestrian pathway: report proposals and advice on design and cost*
Chris Tree was unable to attend but had responded to say that he would e-mail a report by the end of the week or early in w/b July 8th. Mark Evans repeated that it was important to the Parish Council to know the eventual cost of this project since, as had been reiterated at previous meetings, it was hoped the \$106 monies would also contribute to the cost of Mill Lane crossing, next on the agenda. **Action: Chris Tree**
5. *Mill Lane / A275: update, feasibility study requested and payment agreed* The Parish Council reported that the Clerk had spoken with Ruby Brittle and subsequently committed payment of £500 for a Feasibility Study. This had been acknowledged, and the Council asked about timetable and any subsequent action needed. Ian Johnson confirmed that the Design Team were aware and looking out previous planning work on this junction; he suggested that it might be necessary to arrange for Speed and Volume data at the junction. He also advised that Community Match applications from across the County were considered once a year (February – to be checked) and added, in relation to finance, that the Scheme offered matching grants of variable sums up to a maximum of 50%. After discussion the Parish Council decided to contact Ruby Brittle for further advice, specifically in relation to the once-a-year deadline. **Action: Parish Council**
6. *South Street/A275: report on last week's residents' meeting: Speedwatch*
Mark Evans reported on a recent meeting of Chailey residents to discuss setting up a pressure group on Highways matters. Items 6-9 on the Agenda related to discussions at that meeting.
It had been strongly suggested that *Speedwatch* be revived, and the Parish Council asked about the current status of this programme. Ian Johnson believed Sussex Police retained their interest and that there was still an Officer dedicated to it. He would send the relevant e-mail contact. **Action: Ian Johnson**
7. *Cost and availability of a sophisticated Speed Indicator Device*
Ian Johnson referred to the possibility of loaning a device (contact Graham Beatty) but said that the Parish Council could also purchase – Rotherfield, Danehill and Maresfield had done so and were pleased. Ian Johnson stated that the village has to have a speeding problem for purchase (approx. £3,500) to be authorised, and the eventual locations have to be structurally safe and appropriate. The device becomes the Parish Council's responsibility
He confirmed that South Street does not qualify for a static camera, and referred to various measures already taken to limit motorists' speed, including Police signing. **For information**
8. *Footpath continuity – possibility of linking footpaths along South Street (East side) with West side* The Parish Council drew attention to the fact that it was necessary to cross the A275

twice in the course of walking from South Street to St Peter's Primary, and asked about less formal pedestrian crossings. Ian Johnson confirmed that there was no 'less formal' crossing which did not involve the design and road safety considerations of, for example, the pedestrian refuge. **For information**

9. *Guardrail to protect pedestrians on the raised footpath to Chailey Stores.*
Discussion led to the conclusion that, to make space for such a rail, the footway would need to be widened and widening the footway could obviate the need for the rail.
Rob Stevens agreed to arrange for the footway to be severely sided. **Action: Rob Stevens**
10. *Any Other Business*
Siding A272 Westwards from the King's Head Mark Evans took the opportunity to thank Highways for the excellent siding which had been undertaken between the Heritage and the King's Head. **For information**
Chailey School: Ian Johnson stated that the placement of the solar-powered School warning sign recently erected in Mill Lane would be adjusted by the School's building contractor and, subsequent to building completion, replaced. **For information**
Mark Evans reminded Highways of the concatenation of major building projects along Mill Lane: Gradwell Park; Greenacres; Chailey School rebuild. Rob Stevens, our Highway Steward, confirmed he had already visited the Lane on several occasions and spoken with the contractors in regard to management of their lorries. **For information.**
Speed and volume of traffic in response to an enquiry relating to the King's Head crossroads, Ian Johnson said that a Parish Council could commission a Survey on a pay-basis (£400+), by contacting Penelope Bentley at ESCC. **For information**
11. *Next meeting – date, time, location* **It was agreed to meet on Monday October 21st at 1030 in Chailey Parish Office (the Reading Room).** This would be the first meeting of the new Highways' Year.

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