

## Draft subject to amendment or correction

### CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Elizabeth Berry; Nick Belcher  
Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens; Chris Tree; Kat Ford  
County Councillor Jim Sheppard

1. *Apologies:* Ken Jordan.
2. *Matters arising from previous meeting and not elsewhere on Agenda*  
*Speedwatch:* Mark Evans noted that Chailey now had a Speedwatch, asking Nick Belcher to report the actions of the Chailey Road Safety Group. The Group working with the Police had established Speedwatch and operated on eight occasions, noting in all six motorists exceeding the limit along South Street including one using a mobile while driving. The Group expects the operation to remind motorists to observe limits within Chailey. **For information**
3. *Warrs Hill pedestrian pathway: report proposals and advice on design and cost*  
*[Mark Evans noted that all three Councillors present lived adjacent to this project]*  
Chris Tree reported that he was proposing a crossing facility from the tarmac footway at the junction of Warrs Hill and the A275 to reach the paved footpath which leads South to the King's Head crossroad. There was already a dropped kerb and the Traffic Survey had recorded average speed of 39mph (N) and 40mph (S). A pedestrian island was proposed but it would be necessary to widen the road to permit adequate passage either side, which would mean re-adjustment of utilities. Lighting was to be decided. Elizabeth Berry reminded Chris Tree that the Parish Council needed soon to know the approximate cost of this work since it affected financing of the Mill Lane project.  
Chris Tree anticipated a Road Safety Audit early in the New Year and would ask the designer to e-mail the draft plan to the Council for their comment. **Action: Chris Tree**
4. *Mill Lane / A275: update, feasibility study requested and payment agreed: timing for Traffic Survey*  
*[Chailey to table resident's design proposal]*  
The Parish Council had commissioned and paid for a Feasibility Study. The initial design work had been delayed pending completion of a Traffic Survey and this had in turn been delayed by major roadwork at the Junction. Discussion followed as to whether traffic had returned to a more normal/typical flow and it was decided to respond to Nick Mitchell to request two surveys for November and before the School holidays. The Survey results would enable the designers to start work. The Council tabled a design proposal by a resident who lives at the junction. **Action: Parish Council**
5. *Progress on Case 349468 – request for dropped kerb along footpath Chailey Heritage - King's Head; and including siding*  
Kat Ford confirmed that this request had been approved as to feasibility, and passed for detailed work. Rob Stevens agreed to check any further need for siding, especially between the 30mph limit signs and Chailey Heritage **Action: Kat Ford and Rob Stevens**
6. *Footpath continuity – possibility of linking footpaths along South Street (East side) with West side* *[ref. Jo Reed's response of August; further information on benchmarking requested] and also indicative cost of a crossing]*  
Nick Belcher explained the background to this proposal which had developed from discussion at the Chailey Road Safety Group: the footpath to Chailey Green on the side of Chailey Stores ends at Markstakes Lane where it is necessary to cross the A275 to regain a footpath to Chailey Green. Crossing at this point is difficult since both pedestrian and driver views are restricted by the bend of the A275 – in June there had been an accident at this point. An application had been made to Highways to instal a mirror (see above) but Ian Johnson reiterated that a mirror would not help. Discussion included the possibility of

extending the footpath on the Western side to link to the Pump House bus shelter and measures to instal a pedestrian island, notwithstanding that the Parish Council's priority is the crossing at Mill Lane. Such a crossing was not a priority and Ian Johnson confirmed that assessment of such works is exactly the same across the County. It was open to the Parish Council to engage a feasibility study (£500) to advise on the feasibility and cost of competing extensions.  
**Action: Parish Council**

7. *Any Other Business:*

*Case 00377032 – reinstatement of faded 30mph roundels on highway:*

It was confirmed that the Highway Steward had recommended refreshing the roundels. The Parish Council took the opportunity to express concern that no reply had been received in regard to the end-time of current roadworks at this location which were causing lengthy traffic jams at peak times. Kat Ford advised that, in such cases rather than

'customerservicemanager' complete information on roadworks was available on

[www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)

**For information**

*Banner to offer safety advice to motorists:* Nick Belcher exposed a banner which the Chailey Road Safety Group wished to display, and sought advice on the applicable regulations. There was some uncertainty about the applicable regulation and whether the Parish Council would need to make a licensing application; it was agreed that the Traffic Enforcement Team would be asked to advise.  
**Action: Kat Ford**

*Grit bins at the summit of Warrs Hill:* Elizabeth Berry reported that she had been told the Grit bin (which was empty) was cracked and would be replaced. In fact, the bin had since been filled with what appeared to be sand. With winter approaching she requested action to arranger for this and adjacent bins, on a dangerous slope when icy, to be appropriately checked.  
**Action: Kat Ford**

8. *Next meeting – date, time, location* It was agreed to meet next **on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 10.30AM** in the Reading Room at Chailey Green.

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