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CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. November 10th 2022

Present Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan; Elizabeth Berry.
Mike Berry (New Heritage Management Cttee)
Officers: Chris Tree; Corinne Black; Louie Teijeiro

1. *Apologies:* Ian Johnson; Cty Cllr Mathew Milligan; Debbie King (Clerk to Chailey PC)
2. *Approve Record of meeting on May 4th 2022*
Approved.
3. *Matters arising from previous meeting and not elsewhere on Agenda*
 - §7 Cllr Berry reported that CPC had now reached an agreement to move the telephone-box from Highways land outside the former Swan pub to the Free Church carpark in South Chailey. **For information**
 - §8 The Parish Council asked for their thanks to be recorded in respect of several minor works but specifically in respect of the excellent re-paving of the A275 between Beggars Wood Road and Cinder Hill. Residents had commented favourably on traversing the new road, especially at night. **For information**
 - §9 Footpath Hamsey to South Chailey; Chris Tree confirmed that the comment had been assimilated.
 - §10 It was confirmed that the proposal to instal advisory part-time flashing lights outside Chailey School had not been successful in the triage. **For information**
4. *Mill Lane – Amber Warning Lights: Feasibility Study – progress report requested*
Highways confirmed Ian Tingley, the appointed Design Engineer, expected to deliver the Study in the next two weeks. The project would fall under Community Match (contact: Corinne Black) and feasibility and cost would depend on the location of a good power source. It was clarified that the project was to place amber warning lights on the A275 to flash at School crossing times; the Council requested that there be appropriate signing to tell motorists to expect students crossing at those times. The Council also requested an approximate costing as a priority since it was currently allocating its budget of 23/24. **Action: Chris Tree**
5. *New Heritage access – progress report requested*
It was confirmed to general surprise and relief that white-lining at the access point had recently been completed overnight. **For information**
Mike Berry requested that the additional warning signs already requested should now be put in place on the uphill approach from Freshfields. He clarified that the rise obscured traffic vehicles emerging from traffic on the rising approach. **Action: Chris Tree**
6. *Speeding: consideration of Ian Johnson's report (28 September) in the context of Mill Lane and Lower Station Road*
The Parish Council thanked Ian Johnson for his comprehensive response to speeding along Mill Lane. They confirmed that the Speedwatch team had asked Police advice on three locations and were awaiting a reply. In discussion it was confirmed that traffic monitoring was now recorded by a 'blue box', costing approx. £500 + as much as £400 x 2 blue boxes for the study and access to speed data. It was agreed to refer the matter to Full Council **Action: Parish Council**
7. *New Heritage Section 106 – progress with request for Feasibility Study re additional parking*
[for convenience this and subsequent item 8 were considered after item 5]
This matter continued to remain complicated by interpretation of the terms of the §106, the original purpose having proved non-feasible. Chris Tree and Cllr Milligan had recently met with Andrew Motley, Principal Strategic Planner ESCC, who would be requesting to know

the advice of Lewes DC as to the necessary variation to permit a Feasibility Study for improved parking at the New Heritage. Chris Tree confirmed that ESCC did not object to the proposal but waited to know Lewes DC opinion as to whether such a variation would fall within the 'spirit of the §106'. In discussion it was determined that any such project might inevitably be delayed, given a concern that the developer might at some point demand reimbursement of the monies paid on the ground that they had not been used for their assigned purpose. It was agreed that evidently the developer should be made aware (and asked to agree by letter) the variation being proposed so that this, or other projects, might be put into action without fear of challenge. The Parish Council was to write to this effect to Sharon Davy, their District Councillor. Chris Tree was to respond within the two weeks regarding Andrew Motley's approach to Lewes DC. Mike Berry recorded his discussions with Taylor Wimpey on land ownership at the New Heritage and offered to put LDC in touch with his helpful contact.

**Action: Parish Council
Chris Tree**

8. *New Heritage Section 106 – advice on footway King's Head to Chailey Green (Chris Tree: July 21st)*

In response to a Parish Council request to consider cost and implications of constructing such a footway, Chris Tree had sent a report (July 21st) which indicated the cost could be as high as £700,000. He explained that there appeared to be no already existing footway and so Highways would be obliged to construct to standards *ab novo*. The Parish Council agreed to consider the matter after the details of a planned development became more clear.

For information

9. *Highways update*

Corinne Black recorded the full extent of Highways' intervention on roads and footways in Chailey as follows:

Open cases - 7

1 drainage; 1 grass; 1 utility works; 1 our works; 1 pavement; 2 trees

Safety repairs carried out in the last 6 months – 143

77 road/pavement; 2 ditching; 11 drainage; 10 emergency; 12 road markings;

8 signs; 2 street furniture; 18 vegetation; 4 street lighting.

We also carried out patching works on Green Lane, Mill Lane, Plumpton Road, Beggars Wood Road, Church Lane and Setford Field

The Parish Council noted the range of work undertaken and thanked Highways for their attention and response.

10. *Any Other Business*

Cllr Berry drew attention to the fact that ditches along Banks Road remained uncleaned, and that signs (near Chailey Heritage) remained uncollected. **Action: Highways Steward**

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

The Parish Council suggested that they liaise with Corinne Black, Customer Service Manager, in regard to the next meeting, possibly in early Spring depending on events.

[Minutes produced by Mark Evans in the absence of Chailey Parish Clerk]