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A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 23 APRIL 2007 AT 8 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK

MINUTES

Present: Dr J Tough (Chairman), Mr L Futcher, Mr A Jordan, (Parish Councillors), two members of the public and one member of the press were also present.

01/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Atherden, Cllr Murray

The Chairman thanked Councillors Norman Atherden, Les Futcher, Barry Hope and Alan Jordan who are leaving the Parish Council, for all their help on the Committee.

02/07 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9 OCTOBER 2006

Minutes agreed and signed as being a correct record.

03/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

49/05 The Square

The Chairman said that blockwork crossing has still not been removed, but this is planned for the spring. This may involve night working to reduce congestion.

17/06 Passfield bridleway

The Chairman said that the contractor and National Trust need to meet to agree drainage to extend the bridleway from Waterside to Burgh Hill Road. The bridleway is much used by walkers and riders.

18/06 Safe Routes to Schools

The Chairman said that the zebra crossing in Headley Road has now been installed, although the floodlights have not yet been fitted. Councillor Futcher confirmed that

there is also a lollipop lady at the crossing which is good news.

32/06 Countryside access leaflet

The Chairman confirmed that the leaflet had now been printed. They are now available in various locations and proving very popular.

33/06 Community streetlighting initiative

The Chairman announced that our bid for matched funding under this scheme had been approved for additional lighting in Midhurst Road from Hollycombe Close towards Churchers Junior School. Since a number of lights will be required this will probably be spread over two years. Members discussed the concerns regarding lack of repeater signs.

34/06 Liphook Shuttle Bus

The Chairman explained that the shuttle service was operating successfully. The Parish Council had guaranteed the funding shortfall to enable the service to continue, but EHDC had confirmed developers contributions could be used, initially for one year, but it is hoped that full term funding will be confirmed by EHDC in July.

04/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman read out the declaration.

05/07 FORUM/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

9 October 2006 - Hampshire Constabulary Roads Policing Community Reassurance Team

The speed of traffic in Haslemere Road was the main area of concern and members discussed this in some detail. Speed surveys indicate no problem but it is believed this may be due to location of previous checks. Speed limits painted on the road, and repeater signs were discussed. The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to speak. Mr Carroll said that although the police said no repeater signs would be allowed, this was on the basis of lamp post distance spacing, but the columns had been installed when Haslemere Road was a 40 mph area, and had not been respaced. Illuminated flashing signs had proved very effective in other areas. This was further discussed. The speed of traffic in Portsmouth Road and Headley Road was further discussed. The Chairman said that parked cars are an effective form of traffic calming. The meeting was reconvened.

Decision: Asst Clerk to continue to pursue new speed surveys in Haslemere Road nearer to Hazelbank Close/Manor Fields, and to investigate alternative speed reduction initiatives.

06/07 A3 NOISE

The Chairman explained that the response to our request for noise surveys on the A3 had been declined by the Highways Agency, and the only alternative would be to request traffic flow data to enable a comparison between actual and expected numbers from when the bypass was

opened. The prompt repair to the expansion joints on the bridge over the River Wey had helped.

Decision: Asst Clerk to request traffic flow data from Highways Agency.

07/07 A3 CANADIAN UNDERPASS

The Chairman confirmed that an archeological survey had been carried out, and the memorial plaque was being removed temporarily to St Mary's Church at Bramshott. The area is all fenced and construction is expected to start in July. It is hoped the underpass can be opened on Canada Day in 2008. Cllr Futchter raised a query regarding signage on the common for visitors who were unfamiliar with the area. The Chairman reminded those present that the A3 area will be coned with a contraflow for traffic likely.

Decision: Asst Clerk to check whether a map of the common could be installed together with some signage.

08/07 DISABLED STATION ACCESS

The Chairman said that EHDC had agreed that developers contributions could be used for the survey, and for the Parish Council to organise the survey. A meeting will be held shortly to consider all the options. Members discussed the possible options, funding contributions and disability compliance.

09/07 HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ‘VILLAGE 30 PROGRAMME’

The Chairman explained the background to the proposed scheme, and said that the parish was fairly well provided with 30 mph speed limits. The only area for improvement would be Passfield. There have been a number of accidents and a recent fatal accident in this vicinity. The speed limit reduction area should also include the Hollywater Road, past Lynchborough Road, where a new estate has recently been built, and residents do need to be able to access the Post Office in this busy area.

Cllr Futchter asked whether sunken lanes came into the equation. The Chairman explained that some areas had 'quiet lanes' but this scheme had not been adopted by Hampshire. Hewshott Lane was discussed in relation to the development of Bramshott Place, and anticipated increase in traffic.

Decision: Asst Clerk to propose a reduction in the speed limit at Passfield (B3004) to include Hollywater Road beyond the Lynchborough Road turning.

CONCLUSION - This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.10 pm
Confirmed at the meeting held on 2 July 2007

Signed
Presiding Chairman