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**A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2005 AT 8PM IN
THE PARISH OFFICE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK**

MINUTES

Present: Mr J Walters (Chairman), Mr L Futchter, Mr A Jordan, Dr J Tough (Parish Councillors) Councillor S James (EHDC), Sgt S Speakman (Hampshire Constabulary).

The Chairman welcomed Sgt Speakman to the meeting.

01/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Coyte

02/05 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 15 NOVEMBER 2004

Minutes agreed and signed as being a true record.

03/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

43/03 Traffic Management. Asst Clerk informed members that the speed tubes for the checks in Headley Road, Haslemere Road and Longmoor Road had been placed in the same locations as previously.

60/04 Rail Users Group Report. Councillor Futchter suggested that some of the walks in the Preservation Society booklet may be suitable for use by South West Trains.

Decision: Asst Clerk requested to obtain permission for use from Preservation Society and forward to SWT if agreed.

58/04 Retendering of bus services. Councillor Tough asked Asst Clerk to find out when shuttle bus contract is due to renewal, and ensure County Councillor is made aware.

04/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman read out the declaration.

05/05 FORUM/WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Highways & Transport Forum – 3 March 2005

Councillor Tough informed members that despite a small audience, the forum had received an interesting presentation from Jeremy Wood of CPRE. The need for quiet lanes and the reluctance of the County Council to introduce them were discussed further.

06/05 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Zebra crossing. The Chairman proposed sending a letter to Mrs Babs Patel to acknowledge her efforts towards the zebra crossing, which seems to be working well. There are problems with people still using the blockwork crossing towards the London Road. Following discussion members agreed to request Hampshire County Council to remove the blockwork and replace with tarmac. Sgt Speakman commented on the conflict between the zigzag and double yellow lines for parking restrictions and loading, and this needs to be discussed with HCC.

Decision: Asst Clerk to send letter to Mrs Patel, and follow up road marking conflict

20mph speed limits. The Chairman explained that a letter had been received questioning the effectiveness of the 20mph speed limits. Asst Clerk informed members of the monitoring carried out by HCC before and after the speed limits were introduced and the significant reductions in traffic speed on all the roads. Councillor Tough requested follow up of discussions with HCC for traffic calming in Headley Road and Portsmouth Road. Councillor Jordan requested investigations into cost and usage of 'intelligent' signs. The Chairman said that CPRE view was for less signage clutter and more roundels on the roads.

Decision: Asst Clerk to follow up previous requests for traffic calming in Headley Road and Portsmouth Road with HCC.

07/05 FOOTPATH 54 – PASSFIELD ROAD TO PASSFIELD MILL

The Chairman informed members that the River Wey Trust had not yet requested their grant for 2004/5 as a core client, but this would now be requested for release by the Parish Council, and would enable the Trust to carry out this work. Councillor Tough felt the landowner should be pressed to do the work needed.

Decision: Request Parish Council to release core client grant for 2004/5 to River Wey Trust.

08/05 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOLS

The Chairman adjourned the meeting. Councillor James said that walking to school flies in the face of current trends, and there was a need for satellite parking, and a drop off.

Councillor Tough said that residents' problems would not be solved by the Safe Routes to Schools funding. The Chairman said that the Parish Council would support a school bus. Sgt Speakman confirmed that there is a parking issue and this uses police resources. Councillor Tough emphasised the need for a walking bus from Sainsbury's. Asst Clerk informed members that HCC had suggested amendments to the parking proposals for Ave Close and a feasibility study for a zebra crossing in Headley Road and a wider transport study of Liphook could be undertaken. Concern was expressed about the delays/funding and the need for implementation soon.

Decision: Asst Clerk to follow up proposals and work required with HCC.

09/05 LIPHOOK CYCLEROUTE – FLETCHERS FIELD

The Chairman confirmed that Hampshire County Council had granted planning permission for the cyclerooute and this included a widening of the pavement and reasonable crossing of Portsmouth Road. Access to the rear of Bohunt and inclusion of other Longmoor Road access should be considered for the long term.

Decision: Asst Clerk to request cyclerooute access and improvements be taken into account when planning for Silent Garden considered.

10/05 A3 HINDHEAD TUNNEL – PUBLIC INQUIRY

Councillor Tough confirmed that he and The Chairman had attended the closing day of the inquiry. The Canadian memorial underpass is not part of the inquiry, but is part of the scheme as it supercedes the need for an underpass at The Spaniard. Councillor Tough expressed concern over the delay to the scheme, although this is outside the control of the Inspector. Disposal of spoil from underpass may attract landfill tax, but some bunding at Griggs Green may be a possible solution to this. Councillor Tough said that concerns had also been raised about the noise and surface of the existing A3 around Liphook and this should be taken into account when it is resurfaced.

Decision: Asst Clerk to write to Highways Agency to request noise and surface to be taken into account when resurfacing of A3 around Liphook is carried out.

11/05 SOUTH WEST TRAINS – PROPOSED MEETING 9 MARCH 2005

Members discussed the cost of rail link tickets for travel after 7pm, and the use of travel safe officers. Station platform length has been extended but is still not long enough to accommodate the long term stock of ten coach trains. Councillor Tough said that the timetable means the main problem is the long gap in arrivals between 7-8 pm and he has suggested to South West Trains that the stopping service should be extended to Liphook, Liss and Rowlands Castle once the fast 18.30 goes through.

12/05 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS PLAN FOR HAMPSHIRE

The Chairman thanked the Asst Clerk for providing detailed information regarding the amount of land owned by the Parish Council. He requested members to pass responses to the survey to the Parish Office.

Decision: Asst Clerk to collate responses and return by due date.

13/05 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Motion: “This Council resolves to exclude members of the public and the press for Item 14 in order to discuss confidential matters and those classified as exempt under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972”

The Chairman proposed the motion, seconded by Councillor Jordan.

Resolution: Agreed.

ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT

14/05 HAMMER VALE LAND REGISTRATION

The Chairman explained the background to the application, and members discussed the options available. Members agreed to the suggestion by our solicitor of a meeting to discuss this complex subject. Recommendations to be presented to April Parish Council meeting.

Decision: Asst Clerk to arrange meeting with solicitor.

CONCLUSION - This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.30pm.
Confirmed at the meeting held on 9 May 2005

Signed
Presiding Chairman