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**A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2006 AT 7 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK**

### MINUTES

**Present:** Dr J Tough (Chairman), Mr N Atherden, Mr L Futchter, Mr A Jordan, Mr D Murray (Parish

Councillors) Councillor S James (EHDC & HCC), four members of the public and one member of the press were also present.

#### **26/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **27/06 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 JULY 2006**

Minutes agreed and signed as being a correct record.

#### **28/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

49/05 The Square

The Chairman confirmed that there was no date yet for the completion of the works on Lloyds Bank (a listed building in a conservation area).

09/06 Disabled station access

The Chairman said that funding was being pursued for the feasibility study.

17/06 Passfield bridleway

English Nature has now granted permission for drainage works on the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the bridleway. It is hoped these works can now be progressed with the National Trust.

18/06 Safe Routes to Schools

Hampshire County Council have confirmed that installation of the zebra crossing is due to be installed commencing 20 November 2006.

21/06 Headley Road surface

The Highway engineer has submitted Headley Road for resurfacing, however this will have to compete with other schemes submitted. Councillor Murray expressed concern that during the recent heavy rain people had been soaked and this amount of standing water would be very dangerous in icy conditions. Reinstatement following utility repairs was still needed. Councillor Atherden reiterated these concerns.

22/06 Railway footbridge

The Chairman reported that the footbridge over the railway line in Midhurst Road has now been resurfaced.

**29/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman read out the declaration.

**30/06 FORUM/WORKING PARTY REPORTS**

**Byways Forum 2 October 2006**

The Chairman said that it had been a long and productive meeting, and a number of points had been raised for follow-up by the Asst Clerk. The meeting had been well attended and most footpaths and bridleways had been assigned. Mrs Brenda King had queried the class of the bridleways and recommended that they should be of a restricted class, which prohibited motorised vehicles. The Chairman said he hoped to pursue this classification. It is planned to hold the byways forums quarterly, with reports made by walkers and riders. Members accepted the report.

**31/06 A3 NOISE**

The Chairman explained that concerns about a 'thumping' noise when heavy vehicles pass over the River Wey Bridge near the Liphook East junction were passed to the Highways Agency, who have carried out repair/replacement of the expansion joint. He said there was enough evidence from the letters received to pursue noise and surfacing issues with the Highways Agency. Councillor Fatcher queries where most of noise came from, Asst Clerk confirmed letters were generally from the area nearest to Liphook East. The Chairman said that the works currently being undertaken were on the old southbound carriageway near Bramshott Chase.

**The Motion:** “To write to the Highways Agency requesting a noise survey and highlighting concerns regarding the surface” was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Councillor Murray. A vote was taken.

**Decision:** Asst Clerk to write to Highways Agency requesting a noise survey and highlighting concerns regarding the surface.

### **32/06 COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS LEAFLET**

Members viewed the leaflet and the Chairman asked for comments. Comments included a change of colour marking for the Waggoners Well walk, adding details of rail contacts and a reminder to lock valuables out of site at car parks. A suggestion was made to have a leaflet for a walk in Radford Park.

**Decision:** Asst Clerk to forward amendments and alterations.

### **33/06 COMMUNITY STREETLIGHTING INITIATIVE**

The Chairman explained that this was a partnership co-funded with Hampshire County Council enabling additional streetlights (usually one or two), but the two locations already suggested were not feasible. Haslemere Road was advised to be up to standard, and the Longmoor Road from The Avenue to Griggs Green was too long a distance for this scheme and needs to be addressed through Developers Contributions. Members discussed this further. Councillor Atherden requested that the suggestion for Haslemere Road be pursued further with the County Council, and tree clearance near columns 28 and 29 be carried out.

Councillor Tough proposed a further suggestion for additional streetlighting under the CSI scheme. Churchers Junior School in Midhurst Road is now more substantial and the footway beyond Hollycombe Close is very dark. Safety of children walking to school in this vicinity would justify improved lighting.

**Decision:** Members agreed to pursue additional lighting in Midhurst Road beyond Hollycombe Close under the CSI scheme. Asst Clerk to clarify Parish Council funding for 2007/8 is held in reserves.

### **34/06 LIPHOOK SHUTTLE BUS**

The Chairman explained that the shuttle bus (Service 250) is due to be retendered, but there is likely to be a funding shortfall. He expressed concern that if the service was not there five days a week regular users such as children and commuters would not use it at all, and the service will lose even more users. The services on Saturday were used very little and the 5.30 service not used at all, so removing these to retain the rest of the service would

be a starting point. The amount of the shortfall needs to be known. The meeting was adjourned to allow Councillor James and Mr Amey to speak. Councillor James thanked Mr Amey for his efforts and said that suggested options for service reductions should be forwarded to Hampshire County Council as soon as possible. Mr Amey said that he thought it would be acceptable to remove the Saturday service and the 5.30 daily service. In addition the service to the Bircholt Road area is very little used (only 7 passengers in 43 trips last week) and there may be a saving here and this part of the route should be reviewed. The meeting was reconvened. Councillor Atherden expressed concern that a service on selective days could be the road to ruin.

**Decision:** The Chairman proposed that the shuttle bus service be referred to the Parish Council to consider the service once the tenders are received and the amount of any funding shortfall is known.

**35/06 TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT H,B&T BUDGET AND ANY AMENDMENTS FOR 2007/8**

The Chairman asked members whether they had any comments or concerns regarding the draft budget for 2007/8. The draft budget indicated amounts in Traffic Management, Community Transport, Miscellaneous Establishment Costs, Tree Management and the Passfield Bridleway. The Chairman confirmed that there were also some funds already in reserves which could be used to address any funding shortfalls identified in the shuttle bus tendering.

**Decision:** Traffic mgmt and community transport funding not used in 2006/7 should be transferred to reserves.  
The following to be included in the HB&T budget for 2007/8.

4960 Traffic Mgmt	£1,000
4120 Misc Estab Costs	£1,000
4140 Tree Mgmt	£ 400
4144 Passfield Bridleway	£1,000
4261 Community Transport	£2,000

**CONCLUSION** - This concluded the business of the meeting at 7.59 pm  
Confirmed at the meeting held on 22 January 2007

Signed .....  
Presiding Chairman