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A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 8th MARCH, 2010 AT 8 pm IN THE PARISH OFFICE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dr. J. M. Tough (Chairman), Mrs. B. Easton, Ms. J. Poole, Mr Rob Evans, Mr. P. Wilson, Mr M Croucher (Parish Councillors); 1 member of the press.

01/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded members to switch off their mobile phones.

02/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

These were received from Cllr Amey.

03/10 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7th September, 2010:

The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

04/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 42/09 Traffic – Hewshott Lane: Cllr Easton asked about Warning Horses signs on Hewshott Lane. The Chairman replied that HCC were considering signage.

05/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

The Chairman read out the declaration and reminded members of their responsibilities.

06/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public questions about items not on the agenda. However, there were no questions from members of the public, so the meeting was reconvened.

Members/Public Participation (Code of Conduct, Paragraph 12 (2)): No members exercised their right to make representations, answer questions or give evidence.

Public Participation. No members of the public wished to address the Council about any business on the agenda at that stage of the meeting. However the Chairman announced that members of the public present were invited to join in the discussions as each agenda item was taken.

07/10 PASSFIELD BUS SHELTER:

It was reported that a meeting with HCC had not been held. The Chairman said that he believed that HCC were not happy with wooden shelter. Members stressed that it was important that it should be wooden in that rural location and to match the wooden shelter across the road. It was agreed that the meeting with HCC should be progressed. **ACTION: Deputy Clerk & Cllr Tough.**

08/10 TEMPORARY SPEED SIGNING:

Members considered the 'Policy and Guidance for Parish Councils Purchasing Temporary Speed Signing' – Appendix 1.

Members considered that there were so many radial roads in Liphook each with speed problems that the Parish Council should purchase its own signs and that two are required so that both directions can be monitored.

Cllr Easton proposed that the Parish Council purchase two Speed Limit Reminder signs for the sole use in the Parish. Seconded by Cllr Croucher. A vote was taken. (6 for; 0 Against, 0 Abstentions)

Decision: The Parish Council purchase two Speed Limit Reminder signs for the sole use in the Parish. **ACTION: Deputy Clerk.**

09/10 TAXI RANK – LIPHOOK RAILWAY STATION

The Chairman noted that South West Trains had refused to allow a Taxi Rank in the Station Forecourt and that HCC were proposing that a Taxi Rank for two taxis should be located on Station Road outside Mathesons Optometrists. It was reported that there was now a notice outside the Station listing the telephone numbers of local Taxi Operators. It was agreed that Station Road was not an appropriate location for a Taxi Rank as it was outside two Take Away food shops and was full of parked vehicles during the day. The Chairman proposed that we should advise HCC that Station Road was not an appropriate location for a Taxi Rank. Seconded by Cllr Croucher. A vote was taken. (6 for; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions)

Decision: The Parish Council should advise HCC that Station Road is not an appropriate location for a Taxi Rank. **ACTION: Deputy Clerk.**

10/10 STREET LIGHTING – MANOR FIELDS CYCLE PATH

It was noted that the letter from Mr Lavin was dated 9th December 2009. We have not had a reply from HCC. It was noted that this was an important pedestrian and cycle route providing a useful link between Manor Fields and the Station. Members asked if we could check whether the lights were still out. We should determine whether extra lighting was necessary and discuss this with HCC. It was felt that if extra lighting was found necessary this should be provided.

11/10 LIPHOOK SQUARE – REPLACEMENT OF COBBLE STONES WITH TARMAC

The state of the paving in The Square was discussed and it was agreed that the paviers should be replaced by tarmac. A light coloured surface should be considered and the paviers should be retained for footpaths in the village.

The Chairman proposed this, seconded by Cllr Wilson. A vote was taken. (6 For: 0 Against: 0 Abstentions)

Decision: HCC should be requested to replace the paviers in The Square with tarmac, preferably of a light colour (fawn), and the paviers should be kept for off-road footpaths elsewhere in the village.

12/10 LONGMOOR ROAD – PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

It was noted that the 20mph speed limit and parking restrictions would have to be extended because an access is under construction opposite Bohunt School to a new housing development. Members were not entirely happy with this but if no other option was available it would have to be reluctantly accepted. It was felt that the proposed controlled pedestrian crossing between Victoria Way and Bohunt School should be included in the scheme and funded by the development.

The Chairman proposed this, seconded by Cllr Poole. A vote was taken. (6 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions)

Decision: The Parish Council should accept reluctantly the proposed extension to the 20mph speed limit and parking restrictions in Longmoor Road, but should ask that the planned pedestrian crossing between Victoria Way and Bohunt School should be included in the scheme and funded by the development.

13/10 GRIT BIN – BRAMSHOTT TRIANGLE GRIT BIN – VALLEY SIDE / HUNTERS CHASE

Grit bins were discussed and it was felt that suitable locations for these should be identified by HCC and that residents should contact HCC. This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Evans. A vote was taken. (6 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstentions)

Decision: HCC should be requested to carry out a study to identify where grit bins are required in the Parish and agreed that residents should contact HCC if they wanted grit bins on their roads.

Post Note: The letter on this subject from Cllr Ken Thornber, Leader of HCC had not been received by the Committee; the letter requested the Parish Council to determine where the bins were to be located.

14/10 TENDERS – ALTON, BORDON, PETERSFIELD, BUS SERVICES

The Chairman expressed his concern that following the termination of the Bordon Rail Link bus service, funding had been put into extending the services on Routes 13 and 18 and the establishment of new minibus service, Route 12, between Liphook Station and Bordon. He felt that the combination of these measures did not provide a satisfactory replacement for the Rail Link, particularly for young people returning home in the late evening from Guildford and Portsmouth. He felt that funds should have gone to one particular solution, such as extending the service on Route 13, rather than spreading it around. Improving Route 13 would also have benefited the Alton – Bordon – Liphook corridor.

15/10 DEVELOPERS’ CONTRIBUTIONS/PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL FUNDING:

Nothing further was put forward for discussion on this agenda item.

16/10 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REQUEST LIST

This item was not on the agenda but was considered as it was urgent business.

Items on the Traffic Management Request List which related to the Parish were considered and prioritised.

It was noted that Ref 658, Longmoor Road, and Ref 594a –Speed Limit Reminder Signs were considered earlier in the meeting and recommendations made.

Three schemes were identified as priorities:

- Ref 953 This should be London Road not Portsmouth Road junction Hewshott Lane. Signing single track road with horse and rider signs and unsuitable for HGVs. This is a single track sunken lane for much of its length with few passing places and is popular with riders. This would subsume Ref 107.
- Ref 598 Longmoor Road extension of 40mph speed limit. This request is from the Parish Council following requests from local residents. There is a fatal accident record on this section of road – 3 in recent years.

CONCLUSION: This concluded the business of the meeting at 10.30 p.m.
Confirmed at the meeting held on 21 June 2010.

Signed
Presiding Chairman.