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A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, BYWAYS & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 9th MARCH, 2009 AT 8 pm IN THE PARISH OFFICE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dr. J. M. Tough (Chairman), Mr. G. Amey, Mrs. B. Easton, Mr. R. Evans, Ms. J. Poole, Mr. P. Wilson, (Parish Councillors); Mrs. D.M. Hart (Clerk).

12/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

13/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

These were received from: Cllr. Croucher.

14/09 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12th JANUARY, 2009:

The Minutes were accepted and signed as a true record.

15/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 51/08 – Traffic - Hewshott Lane: Cllr. Easton asked for an update on the traffic problems in Hewshott Lane. The Chairman advised members that residents' concerns regarding the amount and speed of traffic using Hewshott Lane had been shared with the Police and Hampshire County Council. The police had liaised with the A3 Tunnel contractors with regard to signage etc., and the local Community Reassurance Team had been made aware of the problems. A temporary 'local access only' sign had been placed at the entrance to the lane. HCC had also responded and a further SLR placement/survey in the lane would be carried out in the near future. In view of the fact that the lane was part of the conservation area, it was felt unlikely that any road calming measures would be made. The Assistant Clerk was asked to contact HCC again to ascertain when the SLR placement/survey would take place. **ACTION: Asst. Clerk.**
- 36/08 - Traffic Speeds: The Chairman reported that the Assistant Clerk had written to HCC confirming the Parish Council's support for temporary placement of SLRs in Liphook. Information on the extension of the pilot initiative on SLR sharing should be available in the near future.

- 07/09 – Community Transport Survey: The Chairman reported that no further information was available at the present time. At this point Cllr. Easton remarked that a note on the Community Transport Survey was missing from the ‘Remarks’ column on the Developers’ Contributions document (Appendix 3). She further requested that this be included on the document.
- 06/09 – Street Lighting – B3004 & Hollywater Road Junction: Cllr. Tough reported that this matter had been taken up with the Street Lighting Section of HCC, who clarified that as a general rule, street lighting was not installed in rural areas unless there was an overriding road safety issue which could not be resolved by other means. In the case of Passfield - the Hollywater Road junction with the B3004 - HCC were not aware of any road safety issues so it was unlikely that any highway street lighting would be installed in this area. The matter had also been referred to the Road Safety Services Manager for comment.
- 08/09 – Additional Traffic Calming in Liphook: Members were informed that the Assistant Clerk had written to HCC requesting the temporary placement of an SLR in Midhurst Road, to measure traffic volume and speed. HCC had responded and confirmed that Midhurst Road would be added to the list for SLR placement, subject to street furniture being available. With regard to the request for a meeting with County Council Highways and Road Safety Engineers, a letter had been sent to the Road Safety Services Manager, requesting this. His reply was still awaited.
- 10/09 – Traffic Order Proposals – Passfield & Standford: A letter had been sent to HCC confirming the Parish Council’s support of the traffic order proposals. HCC had acknowledged the Parish Council’s support – with thanks.

16/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

17/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION:

Public Questions (items not on the agenda).

As there were no members of the public present, the Chairman did not offer to adjourn the meeting for public questions about items not on the agenda.

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

Public Participation. No members of the public were present to address the Council about business on the agenda at that stage of the meeting.

18/09 TRAFFIC SPEEDS – LONGMOOR ROAD:

The Chairman had received a request, from a Griggs Green resident, for an extension of the 40 mph zone on the Longmoor Road. Members discussed this and raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic between the current 40 mph zone and the A3 southbound slip road. This particular stretch of road included the Old Thorns junction and the ‘old’ Longmoor Road junction – both of which were residential areas. The Chairman also reminded members of the recent traffic order proposals for Passfield – 30 and 40 mph speed limits. In view of this, it was agreed that the extension of the 40 mph zone to beyond the ‘old’ Longmoor Road should be pursued with the HCC and the Assistant Clerk was asked to write a letter of enquiry.

ACTION: Asst. Clerk.

19/09 REQUEST FOR A GRIT BIN IN CONFORD:

Members were asked to consider seven letters/e-mails (Appendix 1) from Conford residents, requesting a grit bin(s) for Conford, following the snow and icy conditions in early February and difficulties experienced on the icy hill out of the hamlet. Two further letters from Conford residents had been received after the agenda posting and these were tabled. Members discussed these and the difficulties encountered by the Conford residents. Cllr Easton stated that she felt that grit bins ought to be available in other rural areas of the village. However the Chairman felt that Conford was an exception as the hamlet only had one hilly road in and out. After further discussion, the Assistant Clerk was asked to try and ascertain which hilly roads within the village were not gritted routinely. This information would be shared at the HB&T meeting in June and the request for a grit bin(s) in Conford would be considered again at that time.

ACTION: Asst.

Clerk.

20/09 LOCAL BUS SERVICE:

Members were asked to consider a letter from Age Concern (Appendix 2), which enquired whether the AMK Bus Service – 250 Liphook Circular might extend its route to include a stop at Sainsbury's Supermarket and the Liphook Millennium Centre. Members discussed the feasibility of this and were informed that AMK had previously looked at this possibility, but there had been difficulties in manoeuvring the bus round the Sainsbury's car park. The Assistant Clerk was asked take the matter up with AMK and ascertain exactly what the problems were within the Sainsbury's car park. Once clarified the matter could then be referred to Sainsbury's to see if they could help facilitate the bus getting round the car park or having a special drop off point.

ACTION:

Asst. Clerk.

21/09 STATION ACCESSIBILITY:

The Chairman reported that Cllr. Mrs. James was endeavouring to secure Developers' Contributions for this scheme. Cllr. Easton then mentioned the Access for All funding which was part of the Government's strategy to improve the accessibility of the railways. She felt that SWT were not actively supporting this scheme. However the Chairman reported that SWT had received copies of the Feasibility Study carried out by Mott Gifford, so were actively involved, but progressing the scheme was really reliant on Developer funding. The Assistant Clerk would look into the Access for All funding scheme.

ACTION: Asst.

Clerk.

22/09 APPOINTMENTS – COMMITTEES/REPRESENTATIVES:

It was proposed by Cllr. Wilson and seconded by Cllr. Poole that Cllr. Rob Evans be appointed as Chairman for the Highways and Transport Forum. This was unanimously agreed by members.

23/09 VILLAGE GATEWAY:

Members considered the Village Gateway design (Appendix 4) and a revised drawing giving an actual width measurement, which was tabled, (a copy was placed in the Minute Book). Cllr.

Easton wished it to be noted that she objected to the structure being made of plastic. However it was agreed (Votes: For: 5, Abstention: 1) that the drawing should be approved.

24/09 DEVELOPERS' CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members discussed the Developers' Contributions paper (Appendix 3) and identifying other funding for which projects might be eligible. The Chairman pointed out that funding for the Station Accessibility project had already been discussed under item 21/09. With regard to the Local Bus Service project, Cllr Easton repeatedly objected to discussing the issue and members were therefore unable to consider alternative funding for the local bus service at this time.

25/09 PROJECTS AND ASSOCIATED CAPITAL FUNDING:

Nothing was put forward for discussion as members felt all projects were covered under item 24/09.

CONCLUSION: This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.50 p.m.
Confirmed at the meeting held on 22nd June, 2009.

Signed
Presiding Chairman