

**Roads & Traffic Committee**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

Present: Mr Mercer (Chairman), Mr Blanch, Mr Salisbury, Mr Gregory, Mr Burton, Mr Darling,  
Mrs Burgess

In Attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk) Mrs Sage

**186 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest regarding any items on the agenda.

**187 Public Question Time:** Jenny Meadows stated that there had been an accident recently on the crossing point by Bylanes/Ruthven Close involving a young girl. One car had stopped at the crossing point whilst the car in the other direction had kept going. Fortunately, the girl had not been badly injured but the Police had been called. It was felt that these crossing points were a hazard as it was not clear who had right of way and there were fears that a serious accident was waiting to happen. Members were very aware of the problems of these crossing points which had been installed as part of the 'Safe Routes to School' scheme with the intention of slowing traffic down and showing pedestrians the safest places in which to cross. In view of the low accident record, funding had not been available from the County Council for a controlled crossing

**188 Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September (previously circulated) were approved by the Committee.

**189 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Minute 153: Cars Parking on Pavements:** Mr Gregory reported that he would shortly be attending a Crime Panel meeting when this issue would be discussed. Mr Darling stated that it was possible to have a TRO preventing cars from parking on the pavements throughout the village.

**190 Cuckfield Traffic Plans**

Mr Mercer reported that the Priority List for traffic works had been submitted to the CLC for approval at their meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Following approval, working plans would need to be prepared with technical details, etc. The clerk was asked to prepare a time-line for these works including objectives and outcomes.

**191 Pedestrian Crossing in Ardingly Road**

The safety problems of the crossing points in Ardingly Road were discussed along with the merits of uncontrolled zebra crossings versus controlled puffin/pelican crossings. Zebra crossings would be less expensive to install but concerns were expressed by some members as to their safety, particularly for children. The Council had long held concerns over safety in Ardingly Road and the problems associated with the crossing points. After further discussion it was agreed, in view of the recent accident, to write to the County Council pointing out the dangers of these crossing points and asking that a zebra crossing be installed at the Bylanes/Ruthven Close crossing. This could then be upgraded by the Parish Council when the S106 funding became available from the Bylanes development.

**192 General Highway Matters**

**London Lane:** Mr Mercer reported that the new anti-skid surface was now in place. The raised island had been re-built following safety concerns. Mr Mercer and Mr Darling would consult with local residents regarding the proposals for the controlled crossing. Mr Darling expressed his concerns about the plans for speed cushions in London Lane.

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