

Roads & Traffic Committee
Minutes of a Meeting held on 11th February 2010

Present: Mrs Revell (Chairman), Mr Gregory, Mr Mercer, Mrs Macintyre
In Attendance: Mrs King, Mrs Jones (Clerk)

234 Public Question Time: There were no members of the public present

235 Apologies for Absence were received from Mr Salisbury and Mr Blanch

236 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest regarding any items on the agenda.

237 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2009 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record subject to amending the attendance to include Mrs Macintyre.

238 Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute 276.2: Community Bus: The clerk had received a report from Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council regarding the passenger numbers using the bus. For the last several weeks there had been only two users per trip. An amount had been placed in the budget to support the bus and this was to be paid retrospectively. Greater publicity needed to be given to the service through, for example, the Village Voice, local organisations and noticeboards. However, it was not considered that the service was viable and this matter would be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting for discussion.

239 Updating of the Parish Plan

The action items in the Parish Plan now needed to be updated. It was agreed that the action points be sent to members to enable them to update the plan as necessary and feed this back to the clerk.

240 Cyclepaths in Cuckfield

No further information had been received regarding the proposed cyclepath from Haywards Heath to Warden Park School. It was agreed to query again the use of funds for this cyclepath and to state that the Parish Council would prefer to consider something that benefits the wider cycling community at a lower cost. It was probable that the Parish Council had sufficient funds to finance a cycle route from Warden Park to Tylers Green. After further discussion it was agreed to obtain advice regarding the undertaking of a strategic cycling plan for the whole of Cuckfield.

241 Junction Works at London Road/London Lane

A further drawing had now been submitted by WSCC and the agreement of the Parish Council to the scheme was awaited. Concerns were expressed regarding the sight lines for traffic exiting London Lane onto the new roundabout but it was agreed that these works should now be put in hand. No pedestrian refuge was included in the scheme and it was agreed that there was a real need for a crossing point between the new mini-roundabout and Polestub Lane.

242 Safe Routes to School

An update from Warden Parks school was currently awaited, it was hoped that this would include information regarding the number of pupils likely to use the proposed cyclepath from Bolnore. It was agreed that, should the developments in Chatfield Road and Bylanes Close go ahead, signalled crossing

points should be installed in London Lane and Ardingly Road. Cycle routes would also need to be considered.

243 Church Platt

Information had been received from WSCC regarding the ownership of the triangle at the rear of the White Harte. It was agreed to undertake a Land Registry search to establish ownership before taking the matter of re-surfacing any further.

244 VAS Signs at Whitemans Green

The poles for the signs had now been erected and the power connection was now awaited. Consideration was given to Steve Monteiro's paper regarding proposals for traffic calming. All these items had been discussed in the past but it was agreed that the Parish Council should pursue the introduction of graded speed limits at Whitemans Green and Brook Street. Other proposals such as gateways had been discounted as there was insufficient space and the introduction of chicanes was very unlikely as there was no funding available for this type of measure.

245 Any Other Business

245.1 Potholes and Repairs: It was noted that there were a large number of potholes in the area and that London Lane in particular was in a very poor condition. The clerk reported that part of London Lane was to be resurfaced and that WSCC were working at full capacity throughout the county trying to deal with the very large number of problems that resulted from the recent snow.

245.2 HGVs in South Street: A large number of hgv's had been seen in South Street. It was agreed that residents be asked to report sightings and the clerk would forward this information to the Police.

245.3 Bollards at Horsgate Lane: The committee noted the proposal by residents to erect bollards by the entrance to Chatfield Road.

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