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Roads and Traffic Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm on Thursday 21st April 2022

Present: Mr J Dickie (Chair), Mr A Burton, Mrs A King and Mrs J White

In Attendance: Mrs K Ely (Assistant Clerk)

Public Question Time: None present.

RT026 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs Ceccherini and Oversby-Powell offered their apologies which were accepted.

RT027 Declarations of interest.

None.

RT028 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 27th January 2022.

Approved.

RT029 To note the Actions List.

All actions were noted.

RT030 To review a summary of data obtained from the Speed Indicator Device (SID).

The Committee agreed the need to purchase an upgrade to the SID software to produce more legible and meaningful data to move forward with potential solutions for traffic issues and to inform the traffic strategy; Cllr Dickie to obtain costs.

RT031 Cllr Dickie to report on the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 Consultation.

Cllr Dickie presented an overview of the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036, noting that the Road Network Strategy received the lowest of support whilst the Active Travel Strategy and Rail Strategy received greatest levels of support.

Cllr Dickie reflected that the draft plan could assist the Parish Council with delivering the traffic strategy, noting that the WSCC plan laid out the main issues for the county, and where the plan dovetails with other strategies such as climate change and prosperity. To date, the Committee had not explored the impact of transport upon health and air pollution; London Lane would be a potential target area.

Cllr Dickie noted that overall, there was nothing within the draft plan that would affect Cuckfield in the medium or long term.

RT032 To review the WSCC proposal for removing and replacing the current bus stop sign on Broad Street and improving the current bus stop.

The Committee supported the proposal, especially the introduction of a bus cage.

Cuckfield Parish Council confirmed their eligibility to hold the General Power of Competence on 4th May 2021, all decisions made during this meeting are done so using this power.

RT033 To consider the application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30 mph on Tylers Green and Broad Street (where applicable).

The Committee considered the application however following discussion, it was agreed that since the issue was not deemed to be a priority following public consultation of current traffic issues, and coupled with financial constraints, it would not be considered as a separate TRO. However, the Committee agreed that it would form part of the wider, overall traffic management strategy.

RT034 To resolve the next steps to be taken in the traffic calming review.

Cllr Dickie had previously shared the 22 priority traffic issues with councillors. The list included items that had been highlighted by residents and further feedback had been sought at the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th April.

The priority issues included pedestrian safety at various points throughout the village, notably London Lane, South Street and Broad Street. Congestion was also highlighted at various locations, in particular London Lane, Whitemans Green, High Street and Broad Street. Cyclist and vehicle safety was a priority issue for Hanlye Lane whilst speeding was a concern on multiple roads. HGV usage and parking on double yellow lines on the High Street, and on London Lane by the Rose and Crown roundabout, were also highlighted.

Pedestrian safety on Ardingly Road was discussed and the opportunity to apply for a Community Highways Scheme Application to convert the two zebra crossings to pelican crossings funded by S106 monies from the proposed housing development on Hanlye Lane; it was agreed that the issue would form part of the priority list.

The Committee reflected on the wider speed strategy and wished to consider introducing pedestrian and traffic radars to pelican crossings in the future as a solution for various traffic issues.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to convene a meeting with Roger Harper, Traffic Consultant, to seek his advice for taking forward the priority list to form a traffic strategy to be implemented. Cllr Dickie to speak with Mr Harper prior to the meeting to share the priority list.

The Committee thanked Cllr Dickie for his extensive work collating and prioritising the traffic issues data.

RT035 To note items arising after the preparation of this agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.11pm

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