



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 23rd January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly

Present:

Mr. S. Noel (Chairman)	Mr. P. Jackman – Ardingly College (PJ)
Mrs. F. Rocks (FR)	Mrs. S. Chapman (SC)
Mr. D. Stutchbury (DS)	Mr. A. Lambert (AL)
Mr. B. Strutton (BS)	Mrs. T. Nelson (TN)
Mr. R. Speller (WSSC Highways)	Mr. K. Patel (Hansons) (KP)
	Mr. J. Morris (Hansons) (JM)

In Attendance: Mrs S Mamoany (Clerk)

No members of the public were present.

Stuart Noel welcomed Tamara Nelson to the Committee as a additional resident representative and Krishnan Patel has joined the Committee as a representative from Hansons.

1.	To accept apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received from Will Meldrum, Rowena Chalk and Iain Nicol (SEAS).	
2.	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on the 12th October 2017	
	The minutes were of the meeting held on the 12 th October 2017 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Matters arising from previous minutes	
	The Clerk noted that following the Community Highway Scheme for parking in Street Lane not being approved by WSSC Highways the Parish Council had discussed options adjacent to the proposed access protection line (APL) opposite Brickyard	

	<p>Cottages. RS had suggested a hatched area and possible disabled parking bay. The Parish Council had resolved to just proceed with the APL and no further hatched areas. It was noted that the area is used for parking by residents and also enforcement of non-parking would be difficult.</p> <p>The Chair noted the success of the bulb planting in the village in November which involved local residents volunteering and members of the Parish Council.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact Karin Alton in relation to assistance with the wild flower border on College Road.</p>	Clerk
4.	<p>Ardingly Traffic Calming Scheme 4.1 To discuss and review progress of Traffic Calming Scheme.</p> <p>Following a meeting with RS (WSCC Highways) on the 4th December 2017 a report was put together by the Clerk of the areas the Parish Council/Traffic Committee were not happy with on the scheme. The Parish Council resolved to make a formal Stage 1 complaint, a copy of which has been circulated to all Traffic Committee members.</p> <p>RS advised that a response was being put together. The issue was discussed, and it was felt that a breakdown in communications had occurred and RS noted that the completed project had not been aspirational in relation to the original consultant's report; considering further S106 funding was available and had not been used in the project. Currently a figure in the region of £59,000 was remaining in the S106 Highways funds from the Standgrove Development. RS advised that this money could be used for the Phase 2 of the Traffic Calming Scheme, but also advised that any costs for work that is needed in relation to concerns raised in Phase 1 will have to be taken from S106 as no other funding available.</p> <p>4.2 To discuss ways forward for Phase 2</p> <p>It was clear from discussions, that the aspirations of a second phase need to be managed. It was agreed that the way forward would be to await the response to the Stage 1 complaint, then look at remainder of funding available, discuss ideas that could be possible with WSCC Highways and put together a Working Party to come up with ideas that WSCC Highways have advised would be possible. It was noted that it would be useful to have budget figures for the costs of items from RS so then it would be clear if they were within reach or if further funding would be needed and the working party could also look at where further funding could be found and could also consider looking at consultation within the village as it was noted this was an important part of the process. Consultation could be assisted with social media, ie Safer Streets Group, Twitter, Facebook and paper copies in Village Voice. It was noted that WSCC Highways need to comply with legislation.</p> <p>It was noted that College Road was an area that seemed to be an important road in relation to pedestrian safety and RS advised the Committee about a new scheme in Hassocks which was due to be installed involving a new design of road markings.</p> <p>It was noted it would be important to involve Councillor Bill Acraman in any future ideas.</p> <p>RS advised that a second application should be submitted in September 2018.</p>	Traffic Committee/RS

	<p>4.3. To discuss the 30mph speed limit on College Road in relation to increasing the 40mph heading south after the gateway and decreasing again to 30mph prior to the College</p> <p>PJ noted his strong concerns that this suggestion had even been discussed as to get the 30mph speed restriction on this section of the road had taken many years and he felt disappointed. It was noted that the Parish Council had referred this matter to the Traffic Committee as they wished for input from the College as PJ was on the Committee.</p> <p>Following discussions, RS advised that he would look at the possibility of repeater signs along this area or roundels.</p> <p>The Committee resolved that they did not wish to pursue a change in speed limit along College Road and would put forward this recommendation to the Parish Council meeting to be held in February.</p> <p>PJ offered to put up a pole for the SID units along this area if this would be useful.</p> <p>4.4 Street Sign Assessment – discuss working party to remove signs no longer required.</p> <p>It was suggested that a working party was created to walk round the village with RS to remove the signs that were no longer required, as it had been discussed on many occasion with no action taken. It was noted that no village signs should be removed. The Clerk would add to the Parish Council agenda to ask for volunteers, SC offered to assist from the Traffic Committee. It was noted a 13mm spanner would be needed.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>SID Units</p> <p>5.1 To confirm progress on setting up volunteers and collection of data and confirm any actions required.</p> <p>WM was not in attendance at the meeting to report on the data collection and setting up of volunteers. Committee members noted that it was an important part of having the units that data was retrieved and analysed to see if traffic was speeding. This data could be used as evidence to WSCC Highways.</p> <p>The Chair advised he would contact WM to find out the situation with data and in general with the setting up of volunteers to take over the moving of the units etc.</p> <p>RS advised that under the Speed Management Policy if it is proved you have not got compliance with speed then WSCC Highways can go to the Police. It was requested that RS gave the Clerk information in relation to what data WSCC Highways could use so that the correct format was given to them.</p> <p>PJ offered the services of Ardingly College to assist with the collection and analyses of data as it could be used as part of students' projects.</p> <p>KP noted that Hansons use similar signs to the SIDS that change colour at their sites and offered support with advice of suppliers should this be required.</p> <p>5.2 To confirm the marking of the new SID Poles and any additional poles</p>	<p>WM</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>RS/Clerk</p>

	<p>RS advised that a sign is available but would have to be paid for by the Parish Council. He would look into this and come back to the Clerk.</p> <p>Additional pole locations still to be decided.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>Traffic Committee</p>
6.	<p>St Peters Primary School Working Party</p> <p>6.1 Update from working party as to liaison with primary school</p> <p>RC/WM were not present at the meeting to update the Committee.</p>	
7.	<p>To discuss SAT NAV directions through the village and HGV's using smaller roads.</p> <p>The Clerk had received a couple of emails in relation to queries over HGV's using smaller roads such as Copyhold Lane and HGV's/large vehicles being sent into Ardingly via the backroads from Balcombe.</p> <p>RS advised that as far as he was aware Copyhold Lane had no restrictions for HGV's and the police cannot enforce these type of restrictions, for example access might be required if they are making a delivery in that road.</p> <p>KP advised that they inform their own drivers not to use Copyhold Lane, however they cannot enforce this to agency drivers.</p> <p>RS would look into the SAT NAV issue and also how Google Maps work in regard to roads that are unsuitable for large vehicles.</p>	<p>RS</p>
8.	<p>Items for information only or inclusion on future agenda</p> <p>It was noted a further meeting should be arranged when the response to the Stage 1 complaint had been received from WSCC Highways.</p> <p>It was noted the high visibility 30mph jackets provided by Hansons to the children at St Peters School were very successful and they are being made good use of by residents and their children that walk to school. It was felt that they do slow down the traffic.</p> <p>It was noted that WSCC Highways would have to be consulted if the Parish Council were to consider putting up one of the Royal British Legion Silent Soldiers.</p> <p>Agenda Items for next meeting: Scarecrow Festival – PJ offered assistance with the 'Walk to School Scarecrow Festival' event and suggested TN got in contact with Harry Hastings at Ardingly College. It was suggested that Wakehurst are invited to get involved with this event.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>TN</p>
9.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>March 2018</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.58pm