



ARDINGLY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on 12th October 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room at Hapstead Hall, Ardingly

Present:

Mr. S. Noel (Chairman)	Mr. P. Jackman – Ardingly College (PJ)
Mr. K. Monk(KM)	Mrs. S. Chapman (SC)
Mrs. R. Chalk (RC)	Mr. A. Lambert (AL)
Mr. M. Brixey (MB)	Mr. R. Harris (RH)
Mr. B. Strutton (BS)	

In Attendance: Mrs S Mamoany (Clerk)

3 members of the public were present at the meeting

1.	To accept apologies for absence Stuart Noel introduced himself to the Committee as the new Chairman. Apologies were received from Will Meldrum, Fiona Rocks, Derek Stutchbury, Richard Speller (WSCC)	
2.	To sign the minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting held on the 26 January 2017 as a true and accurate record. The minutes of the meeting held on the 26 January 2017 were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Matters arising from previous minutes The Clerk noted that the border on College Road was not cut this year, but did not appear to have many flowers. It was discussed that perhaps it would be nice to plant bright	

	<p>annuals that were planted two years ago and the Clerk was asked to speak to Karin Alton about this to see if she could help.</p> <p>It was noted the bin stickers had been purchased and delivered. More stickers were available from the Clerk should any residents request them.</p> <p>The Clerk has made a further request to HHTCIC to continue the cutting back of the footpaths to improve the width and accessibility for pedestrians. They advised they could start the work at the end of October.</p> <p>The Clerk noted she is awaiting feedback from Richard Speller in relation to possible car parking scheme in Street Lane. This was put forward to a meeting under the Community Highways Scheme in August.</p>	Clerk
4.	<p>Ardingly Traffic Calming Scheme</p> <p>4.1 To discuss and review progress of Traffic Calming Scheme.</p> <p>The Clerk had been advised by Simon Osbourne that the project should be completed by mid/end of October to include the road markings. It was clear that some communication breakdowns had occurred in the delivery of the scheme and it was noted the Parish Council had not been formally notified of the start date.</p> <p>4.2 To review feedback from residents on delivery of scheme to date</p> <p>Several letters and emails had been received from residents into matters noted below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindfield Road – in relation to the location of the 40/30 sign that has been erected directly outside his property and 15 meters further into the village than they previously were. The resident was invited to the meeting, but was unable to attend. • Avins Bridge, College Road – in relation to the location of the village gates as they feel Avins Bridge is no longer part of the village. The question was also raised about if the speed limit could be reduced along this road from 50mph. • Hett Close, High Street – observation relating to the drop down kerb crossing and that drivers are parking over them in the High Street. Also that parking at the top of the High Street where the road narrows causes issues which are not being addressed. • Ardings Close – location of sign being obscured by pole. This was sent through to Simon Osbourne for his information. <p>A resident from College Road noted that she felt the speed had reduced where the gateways were placed coming into the village.</p> <p>The bollards in the High Street had received good positive feedback.</p> <p>PJ raised concerns in relation to the wording on the signage, stating that it reads ‘thank you for driving carefully’ which could imply to drivers that they can speed up now, heading towards Ardingly College. The Clerk will bring this to the attention of Simon Osbourne and Richard Speller.</p> <p>It was noted that the final signage was disappointing as a lot of work and money from stakeholders had gone into discussing what was wanted for the village and some areas of</p>	Clerk

the scheme seem to have fallen short of what was expected. For example with the Twinning sign not being included and the Oak tree symbol.

Crossings were discussed, and it was noted that pressure from the community could be the way forward with the Safer Streets Group petitioning the local MP. The MP had advised at the Scarecrow Festival that he would be willing to get involved.

RC noted that we need guidance from WSCC Highways on what can be done, rather than what cannot be achieved due to Highways regulations.

It was agreed that moving forward a working party would be set up to walk around the village once the Traffic Calming was completed and a report put together with any comments on areas that were not satisfactory or could be improved on and submitted to WSCC Highways. It was noted that Richard Speller should attend and Councillor Bill Acraman should be invited to attend as well.

Richard Speller had advised the Clerk that an official complaint could be registered if the Parish Council wished to do so. In addition he had advised that S106 money is still available for Traffic Calming and could be used to make improvements on the scheme.

4.3 To discuss and review way forward with Twinning sign for Selsfield Road gateway

It was noted that the Twinning sign had not been delivered within the scheme, although discussions had taken place with Richard Speller regarding this. It was agreed that this would be one of the areas highlighted in the working party report and a solution needs to be found by WSCC Highways to add this into the village signage.

4.4 To review Traffic Action Plan

The Clerk circulated an updated plan at the meeting. The following was noted:

- It was unclear where the working party were in relation to working with the school on travel plans.
- SN suggested a FAQ document could be produced in relation to WSCC Highways
- Ideas for Phase 2 need to be considered and it is important that the main focus should be pedestrian safety, which was clear from feedback from residents that this was the main concern within the village. Involvement of the local MP was suggested.
- Following the working party meeting and completed report on Phase 1, the next work would be to look at viability of Phase 2.

4.5 To discuss bulb planting for village and working party

It was suggested that some planting should take place around the new gateways. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Gardening Club and Allotment Association to see if anyone would like to volunteer to help plant the bulbs. This would need to be done in the next 6 weeks to ensure they flowered in the springtime. SC offered to do some research into the type of bulbs that could be planted.

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<p>5.</p>	<p>SID Units</p> <p>5.1 To discuss and review pole locations for SID units</p> <p>As FR/WM were not present at the meeting, it was unclear where further poles were needed, so this would need to be discussed at the working party meeting and noted on the report to WSCC Highways.</p> <p>5.2 To discuss SID training and any further actions required</p> <p>SN reported that the training was well attended and a successful event.</p> <p>It was unclear where FR/WM were in relation to putting together the rota and equipment for volunteers in relation to moving the units around the village.</p> <p>It was noted that it was important to extract the data from the units so that we could provide WSCC Highways with information on speeds.</p> <p>The speed of tractors was mentioned in the village and PJ had spoken to the local farmer, but he advised they were contractors and he could not do anything further about their driving habits. It was suggested anyone seeing bad driving should report via the online Operation Crackdown Police system.</p>	<p>Traffic Committee</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>To discuss SAT NAV directions through the village</p> <p>It was noted that a resident in Street Lane had emailed in relation to large vehicles using this road to enter the village, they were concerned that SAT NAVs send them this way rather than a more suitable route. The Clerk was asked to speak to Richard Speller about the way the SAT NAVs are set up and if anything can be done to improve this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Items for information only or inclusion on future agenda</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work so far and felt that it was a positive start to the Traffic Calming in the village, something is better than nothing and improvements and additional work can still be done moving forwards.</p> <p>It was noted that perhaps the twitter/facebook feed could be added to the Village website. The Clerk will ask WM if this is viable. PJ offered assistance from Ardingly College with this if it was required.</p>	<p>WM/Clerk</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting 18th January 2018</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm