



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 @ 7.00 pm

at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Ives (Chairman), Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. M. Lock.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: 1 member of the public and no members of the press present.

17/14	Public Questions None	
17/15	To receive any apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Earl. Cllr. D. Kilshaw not present.	
17/16	Declarations of interest None	
17/17	To consider any outstanding matters from the Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee minutes dated 27th June 2017 None that are not covered by the Agenda.	
17/18	To receive update of the Footpath Project and to decide on action to be taken This was briefly discussed and it was felt that, with all the work that has been done and not been followed up, it is likely that further work will have done to establish the conditions and that this project should be “parked” for the moment for re-consideration in the future.	
17/19	To receive an update on the Commons Registration Project and decide on action to be taken Following discussion it was felt that there was little point in holding a meeting with WBC until we know the condition of the Commons we are responsible for. It was proposed that Cllr. C. Lewis and The Clerk should go through the papers – date to be set, and a walk of the Commons is undertaken.	
17/20	To receive an update on the Footpath Registration Project and decide on action to be taken The paperwork from WBC was discussed and some concerns were expressed by Cllr. C. Lewis with regard to the Statute Laws being quoted. He would look into this in more detail and he and The Clerk would discuss with WBC. The conditions of footpath 1 from Stephen’s Firs to Stephen’s Close and footpath 3 from Windmill Road to The Bevers are now so bad and due to the unlikelihood of getting a quick resolution, it was AGREED unanimously that the Clerk should seek quotations for the cutting back of the overgrown hedges and, subject to the quotes being less than £1000, the Clerk goes ahead with ordering the work.	
17/21	To consider and decide on action regarding overgrown footpaths The survey was delayed due to bird nesting and Cllr. C. Lewis agreed to do a further survey of the hedges overgrowing road footpaths and report	

	back.					
17/22	<p>To consider current issues regarding roads and decide on action to be taken:</p> <p>1) Speeding:</p> <p>a. Update on SID deployment and outcomes Cllr. D. Ives advised that SID had been deployed over the last week and that the initial view seems to indicate no real issue on speeding. Full details on the data recorded needs to be seen before any firm indications can be arrived at.</p> <p>b. 20mph speed limit on The Street between Victoria Road and Hammonds Heath This is being looked at as a part of the NDP Community Projects list in conjunction with the development of the site. Concern was expressed as to whether WBC had provided St John's School with information on the correct use of the Pedestrian Crossing as several incidents have been observed relating to people stepping out in front of cars and cars not stopping. The Clerk was asked to check with WBC.</p> <p>2) Improper use of the St John's Car Park as cut through between The Street and West End Road No response had been received to the requested letter sent to WBC about the serious nature of this and The Clerk was requested to follow up.</p> <p>3) Parking blocking the pavement outside Mortimer Café, Victoria Road No response had been received to the requested letter sent to WBC about the serious nature of this and The Clerk was requested to follow up.</p>					
17/23	<p>To consider potential Community Projects for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019</p> <p>Following discussion the following items were listed:-</p> <p>2017-2018 Work on Commons</p> <p>2018-2019 Work on Commons</p> <p>Finger Posts on Footpaths</p> <p>Replace Bollards in West End Road Car Park</p> <p>Flower and Shrub Planters on grass in front of St. John's Church and School</p> <p>Tidy up and planters for shrubs and flowers in Library Garden</p> <p>New Village Notice Boards</p>					
17/24	<p>To consider Budget items for 2018-2019 Budget</p> <table> <tr> <td>Roads, Footpaths and Commons</td> <td>£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Projects</td> <td>£12,000</td> </tr> </table>	Roads, Footpaths and Commons	£10,000	Special Projects	£12,000	
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17/25	<p>To decide on communications following on from this meeting</p> <p>None</p>					
17/26	<p>Minor matters for information</p> <p>Cllr. M. Lock updated on discussion WBC relating to the grass cutting of the Footpaths STRA/33/1 & STRA/33/2 West End Road and the recent damage done by a fallen branch through to Victoria Road, which are showing little progress but are being chased up.</p>					
17/27	<p>Future Agenda items</p> <p>None</p>					

The meeting closed at 8:30pm