



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 @ 6.00 pm

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

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Ives (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. M. Johnson.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

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

Part I		
16/23	Public Questions None	
16/24	To receive any apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Butcher, Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. C. Lewis.	
16/25	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations None	
16/26	To consider any outstanding matters from the Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee minutes dated 21st July 2016 None	
16/27	To receive update of the Footpath Project Cllr. A. Butcher is unable to progress this project and Cllr. M. Johnson is to meet up with Cllr. J. Earl and Cllr. C. Lewis to check the status and progress.	MJ
16/28	To receive an update on Commons Registration In the absence of Cllr. C. Lewis this was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee.	
16/29	To receive an update on the NDP Heritage Trail Cllr. D. Ives gave a verbal update on the meeting he, Cllr N. Carter and the Clerk had had where the concept was agreed, although the 'finishing' is a little way off.	
16/30	<p>To consider current and recent issues raised regarding roads:</p> <p>a. Speeding – Update on SID Cllr D. Ives advised that a recent deployment of SID showed that the average speed was between 27mph – 28mph, although speed along The Street and Hammonds Heath were a bit higher. TVP had recently conducted a speed check on St Catherines Hill. A fresh SID course for new volunteers is to be held in the New Year. New Volunteers are needed for the SID as it is currently running on the bare minimum. It was AGREED that it should be communicated via the Newsletter that the SID information is shared with WBC and TVP.</p> <p>b. Improper use of St Johns Car Park as a cut through from The Street and West End Road This has been reported WBC and TVP – via the NAG meeting and action is being considered.</p> <p>c. Repairs – Scheduling of repairs</p>	DI

	<p>It was noted that this was a WBC Highways issue but nothing has been seen for some while – The Clerk to check out.</p> <p>d. Markings – Double Yellow Lines</p> <p>Cllr. D. Ives reported that line markings had been re-painted in West End Road and by the School, but nothing had been done in Kings Street or Victoria Road.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to investigate whether it needed Full Council decision to request WBC to request Double Yellow lines form the junction of Kings Street with Victoria Road back down Kings Street to past the Budgens Car Park entrances.</p> <p>e. Grass cutting and hedges</p> <p>It was noted that the footpath between Stephens Firs and Stephens Close was still overgrown by the hedges. The Clerk advised that this footpath was not the responsibility of WBC and nobody seemed to know who owned it.</p> <p>In the meantime, The Clerk will investigate the properties whose hedges are overgrowing the footpath and draft a letter to be delivered asking if the hedges could be cut back.</p> <p>f. Other items</p> <p>None</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16/31	Minor matters for information None	
16/32	Future Agenda items Deferred Items	
16/33	Date of next meeting TBA End Jan – Early Feb 2017	
16/34	Exclusion of Press and Public Cllr. D. Ives, seconded by Cllr. M. Dennett proposed a resolution to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, Item 16/35 of the Agenda due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed, which was unanimously AGREED .	
Part II		
16/35	To discuss and decide on budget proposals for 2017-2018 The Clerk gave a verbal report on the structure of the Roads, Footpaths & Commons budget for 2016-2017 and the spend to-date. This was then discussed and it was decided to continue with same level of budget.	

The meeting closed at 7:00 pm.