



# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

## Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting

held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 @ 7.00 pm

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

### Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Ives (Chairman), Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. A. Butcher, Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. C. Lewis.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: Cllr. M. Johnson attended as a member of the public and no members of the press present.

16/12	<b>Public Questions</b> None	
16/13	<b>To receive any apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett	
16/14	<b>To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations</b> None	
16/15	<b>To consider any outstanding matters from the Roads, Footpaths &amp; Commons Committee minutes dated 29th February 2016 received and adopted by the Full Council under agenda item 15/318 on 10th March 2016</b> Deferred till later in the Agenda to cover any items not covered by the Agenda	
16/16	<b>To receive and discuss agreed budget for 2016 – 2017</b> Received and noted	
16/17	<b>To receive update of the Footpath Project and decide on actions to progress</b> Cllr. A. Butcher produced an update report, which he summarised by saying that certain things can be done with regards to improvements and repairs but only with the authority of WBC. There is a need to deal with identified anomalies of paths not on the maps and Cllr. C. Lewis agreed to look into these with a view to, if necessary, the registration of any such footpaths. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the following listed priorities should be actioned: i. Cllr. A. Butcher to complete and submit, through the Clerk, to WBC by 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2016 a report identifying all the work needed on the footpaths requesting a response by September 2016 ii. Having presented samples of publicity leaflets for Footpath walks in villages, Cllr. A. Butcher, along with Cllr. J. Earl to develop a publicity leaflet for 3-4 walks in Mortimer and the Clerk to obtain quotes for their printing.  The Clerk was requested to investigate the use of S106 funding for improvements to footpaths. Cllr. J. Earl agreed to investigate mapping applications for Phones and Websites and report back.	AB  AB/JE/ Clerk  Clerk  JE
16/18	<b>To consider current and recent issues raised regarding roads:</b>	

	<p><b>a. Speeding – Update on SID</b> Cllr D. Ives advised that only 2 certified SID operators available and new volunteers needed. He would investigate if a course could be held in Mortimer and, if so, how many attendees would be needed to justify it.</p> <p><b>b. Repairs – Scheduling of repairs</b> It was noted that this was a WBC Highways issue</p> <p><b>c. Markings – Double Yellow Lines</b> The Clerk was requested to investigate enforcement with WBC</p> <p><b>d. Clerk’s meeting with WBC on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> regarding Roads, Footpaths, Grass cutting and Hedges</b> The Clerk provided a brief update on the meeting held with Stewart Sowden of WBC and was requested to obtain a supply of hedge cutting leaflets for distribution</p> <p><b>e. Other items</b> Cllr. J. Earl reported that following an accident outside his house where a car had demolished a gate, TVP had not checked whether any Street Furniture had been damaged and therefore did not attend. He also raised the repairs to the footpaths across the Conservation Area of the Fairground, which WBC had not actioned.</p> <p><b>f. Review of historical items, including bollards on Victoria Road</b> Cllr. A. Butcher had raised the issue of bollards outside the Cafe on Victoria Road with WBC and had been advised that WBC was not prepared to take action.  This was discussed and it was reluctantly <b>AGREED</b>, proposed by Cllr. A. Butcher, seconded by Cllr. C. Lewis, not to take it any further.</p>	<p>DI</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	Cllr. J. Earl left the meeting at 8:05pm	
<b>16/19</b>	<p><b>Update on Commons Registration</b> Cllr. C. Lewis advised that he was aware of five registered Commons that are registered to the Council but is still finding difficulty in identifying the responsibilities that the Council has. The five are - 5 Oakens Common, Brewery Common, Pound and Heathelm Pond Common, Summerlug (Drury Lane) Common and Wareness Common. Whilst Windmill Common is called a Common, it is not registered as such. The Clerk was requested to contact the WBC Commons Registration Officer to clarify matters and to obtain large scale maps by the end of August.</p>	Clerk
<b>16/20</b>	<p><b>Minor matters for information</b> None</p>	
<b>16/21</b>	<p><b>Future Agenda items</b> None</p>	
<b>16/22</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.