

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE PARISH OFFICE, ANGMERING
ON 13TH JANUARY, 2010**

Present: Councillor Jon Allcock
Councillor Paul Bicknell
Councillor Jenny Bos
Councillor Paul Hankinson
Councillor Nigel Nunn
Councillor Pat Turner
Councillor Sylvia Verrinder
In attendance Rob Martin – Parish Clerk

09/76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been from Councillor Steven Mountain, absent because he was on Parish Council business.

09/77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Turner declared a personal interest in agenda item 6d (Road closures Traders Evening) as she is a trader in the Village.

09/78 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

On a proposal by Councillor Nunn, seconded by Councillor Bos, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 11th November 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

09/79 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

09/80 HONEY LANE

a) The Clerk had received three quotations for the work on this scheme, in accordance with 14 December 2009 Parish Council minute number 09/105. Quotations were received from the following contractors:

Edburton Ltd.
Landbuild Ltd.
PHB Ltd.

- b) On a proposal by Councillor Bos, seconded by Councillor Allcock it was **RESOLVED** by six votes to none to award the job to Landbuild. The Chairman abstained from the vote because of his involvement in the scheme from its inception.
- c) The Clerk stated that Landbuild would be advised of their success, but that an order would not be placed until confirmation of its acceptance was gained from both West Sussex County Council and the landowner.

09/81 TRAFFIC ISSUES

a) Priority Work List WSCC Highways

The Committee noted the current work list. The proposed implementation of 20mph speed limits was discussed, with concerns expressed about the effects on other roads such as North Drive. It was believed that the implementation of a 20mph zone of the whole village was a future aspiration, but that acceptance of the proposals currently being made was a step in the right direction.

Changes to the presentation of the priority list were suggested, separating the ongoing tasks from those that had been completed in order to highlight the progress being made.

b) 'Smiley Face' Speed Indicator Device (SID)

'Westotec' speed indicator devices came in two versions, one that was stand alone and another that was attached to, and energised by, lamp-posts. On a proposal by Councillor Bicknell, seconded by Councillor Sylvia Verrinder. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council install two SIDs to be attached to lamp columns pointing in either direction on Water Lane at £2,100 each. One of these devices would be financed from 2009/2010 budget and the other from 2010/2011 and their precise locations would be determined following advice given by West Sussex County Highways.

c) The Library

The gap in the fence had now been closed, which was noted.

d) Road Closures Trader's Evening

Councillor Turner reported that, although the road closures had been better this year, the diversion signs had not been set up properly. This had involved her in directing the contractors on what the diversions were and where to put the signs. This would need to be better organised for future years.

09/82 ADDITIONAL LIGHTING

Mayflower Park

The Senior Assistant Clerk had reported to the last meeting that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) had advised that it would take approximately 10 lights at a cost of £15,000 to light the area from the education land to WSCC land at the A259. The alternative suggestion of low level footpath lighting had not been favoured by WSCC. It was decided that the office request a plan of the proposed lighting layout, in order to assess whether some of the cost should be funded by WSCC.

09/83 DOG BINS/LITTER BINS

The Clerk was requested to investigate the results of the Arun District Council survey of bins, in relation to dog bins in Angmering. Whatever the condition of the bins, the Chairman believed that there should be a dog bin in the High Street between Honey Lane and Weavers Hill, there is a piece of grass on Weavers Hill that might be suitable. On a proposal by the Chairman it was **RESOLVED** to install a new dog bin at this site, financed from the 2009/2010 budget set aside for this purpose.

09/84 POST BOX

This had last been considered at the committee meeting on 28 May 2009, when it had been discovered that the Post Office had scrapped the George V box that had been placed in its care. It was believed that this project should be retained, with a cheaper build option, and, in order to do this, the Post Office be contacted to ask whether any 'historic' boxes were available to replace the one disposed of. The Committee noted that a grant of £650 had been received from WSCC for this project, which would have to be repaid if it did not take place.

09/85 SIGNAGE

This relates to brown signs indicating the way to the Angmering Community Centre. After a proposal from the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Nunn, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to request road signs indicating the way from the Roundstone Lane/Nursery Lane junction and a pedestrian sign at the High Street end on Honey Lane. The expected cost of this would be £500-£600 (dependent on the number of signs required) and that this would be financed from the 2009/2010 Village Enhancement budget.

09/86 BUDGET MONITOR 2009/2010

The Committee considered the statement of its expenditure to date compared with budgets (see below). This was noted.

December 2009	Agreed Budget	Virement	Current Budget	Income/ Expenditure to Date	Variance
	£	£	£	£	£
Street Lighting					
New Columns	6,000	(6,000)	-	49	49
Electricity	2,700	-	2,700	2,465	(235)
Maintenance	3,000	-	3,000	2,917	(83)
Dog Fouling control/litter bins	1,150	-	1,150	461	(689)
Christmas Road Closure	1,000	-	1,000	570	(430)
Village Enhancement	3,000	15,985	18,985	1,026	(17,959)
Village Gates	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-
Honey Lane	-	-	-	-	-
Twitten Maintenance					
Grants for Honey Lane	-	(2142)	(2142)	-	-
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	18,850	5,853	24,693	7,488	(19,347)

09/87 PUBLIC SEATING

It was stated that £2,000 had been received from the insurance company for a damaged seat, and the idea would be to use this sum to provide replacement seats in Fletchers Field. There are damaged seats to be taken out and the project was one being considered for the Community Payback scheme being undertaken by the Environment Committee. There were also memorial plaques on the seats to be removed and these would need to be reinstalled on the new ones. It was decided that a plan of what action would be needed be drawn up by Councillors Turner and Bicknell.

09/88 MATTERS REQUIRING FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS

None.

09/89 MATTERS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT POLICY AND FINANCE

None.

09/90 TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS OF URGENCY SO CERTIFIED BY THE CHAIRMAN

- a) Committee members were provided with a copy of an email sent by Councillor Leverick, detailing matters that he considered to be issues for urgent consideration. Councillor Hankinson gave his thoughts on the contents and it was considered by the Committee that most of the matters contained in the email were being dealt with.
- b) A more immediate concern for all councillors was the problem and nuisance caused by school buses travelling through the village and to and from the school. The Chairman had obtained copies of the bus movements and concluded that it was bus numbers 8 and 677 which were those that travelled through the village and he would be drafting a letter to WSCC suggesting that the bus pull-in on the A259 next to the school and near the footbridge be used to drop children. This would be accessed without entering the village and without delaying the departure of the buses. It was also suggested that Mayflower Way be an alternative drop-off/pick-up point which would also provide a waiting space for buses.
- c) The Chairman tabled his Highways strategy previously tabled to the Highways Committee in April 2009.

09/91 NEW ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Traffic calming in Village centre.

Proposal to look into cobbling a section of road either side of the pedestrian crossing.

09/75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 15th February, 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

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Committee Chairman

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