

## WEDMORE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of HIGHWAYS, Car Park & Brook Committee at The Council Room, Wedmore on Wednesday 8<sup>TH</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mr S George (Chair), Mrs J Candy, Mrs G Cousins, Mrs S Metters, Mrs L Seymour, Mr P Tinney, Mrs S Worrall.

In Attendance: Mr R Pring (Clerk), Mr D Summers-Cooke

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mr N Ellis, Mrs L Sampson.
2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record
3. **MATTERS ARISING** -
  - A. **SEXEYS SCHOOL- ROAD SAFETY.** The Clerk advised that the flashing warning signs were now well established outside the school and members agreed that they were a great benefit to the safety of the children. It was pointed out that no invoice for payment had yet been received and no donation from Mr Bird had been forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Bird and enquire about the donation towards costs.
  - B. **CCTV COVERAGE TO MONITOR HGV'S.** The Chairman reported that one resident had offered to have CCTV fitted outside his house but as Council funding was not permitted, it was up to individuals to proceed if they so wished. Any evidence obtained would be presented to the Highways authority.
4. **COMBE BATCH PARKING AND SPEED ISSUES.** - Cllr Mrs Cousins raised the matter of cars parking at the mouth of Combe Batch Rise junction with Combe Batch, thus making it extremely difficult for vehicles emerging onto Combe Batch as the line of sight was much reduced. The Chairman agreed to investigate this matter as it may be possible to report owners of cars parked in a dangerous position to the Police. It was noted that the proposed speed limit changes in the Latcham area had not yet been implemented despite having been advertised. It was thought the matter may have been delayed following representation from a resident.
5. **PILCORN STREET LAYBY PARKING** - The Chairman reminded members that the lay-by in question had been confirmed as part of the highway and SCC were in the process of creating a Traffic Regulation Order which would restrict parking to a maximum of 2 hours and would be enforced by Local Authority Parking Services. The oproposed scheme was currently being advertised during a consultation period as part of the legal process.
6. **WHITE LINE REVIEW** - While it was noted that the white lines had no legal standing, they were often taken as a deterrent to inconsiderate parking and providing passing places to ease traffic flow around the village. However many lines were missing or becoming faded and needed re-painting. The Clerk pointed out that the Highways Engineer asked that a list of work be passed to him and he would put it in the highway plan for the village. Cllr Mrs Worrall agreed to undertake a survey of the lines in conjunction with Cllrs George, Metters and Cousins.
7. **HGV SIGNAGE REVIEW** - The Chairman pointed out that arterial routes around the village had signs indicating appropriate directions to the M5 thus avoiding the need for HGV's to pass through the village. He felt that despite the claims of SCC, many of these signs were missing. He offered to carry out a survey of these roads together with Cllrs Metters and Cousins and to present any findings to SCC in order that any missing signs be reinstated.
8. **VERGES** - Comments were made at a recent PC meeting to the effect that the pavement outside of The George Hotel was becoming damaged due to lorries parking and unloading. Suggestions that perhaps a loading bay could be introduced although the ownership of the land in question remains

unclear. The Chairman agreed to speak to the owner of the hotel and ascertain ownership of the land. Concerns were also expressed about the state of the verges in Billings Hill being constantly destroyed by lorries and tractors. The Chairman agreed to speak with the Highways Authority to see if some form of road widening might be an option to prevent further damage.

- 9 **OTHER BUSINESS** - Cllr Mrs Seymour advised members of a road closure at Poolbridge, Blackford whilst the Brook wall was being repaired. The Chairman commented on the amount of rubbish accumulating in the car park and the litter bin was constantly full. The Clerk advised that the matter was on the agenda for the next PC meeting. He was still awaiting costings for the lighting repairs. The Chairman agreed to arrange a walk along the Brook during the summer to ensure that the flood relief scheme was fully functional. The next meeting would be at 7.30pm on Weds. 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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