

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS LIGHTING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE PAVILION, SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND, WADHURST ON THURSDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.0 P.M.

Present: *Cllr P Moore, (Chair) Cllr C Moore, Cllr Gadd, Cllr Griffin, Cllr Smith, Cllr Bullock, Cllr Crawford
Cllr Anderson attended at 7.26pm, Cllr Murphy attended at 7.30pm*

Also, in attendance: *Claudine Feltham (Clerk) Kelly Nash (Trainee Clerk) no members of the public were present.*

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
None
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
None
3. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960.
None
4. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
*Cllr C Moore – The junction of Tidebrook Road & Mayfeild Lane is highly dangerous due to the visibility obstruction. With vans & cars parking directly outside you cannot see the highway. The land is not owned by the residents and should be raised as a safety issue with Highways. Cllr P Moore suggests that in the first instance this should be passed to ESH and the police PCSO
Action: Trainee clerk to forward to PCSO and ESH*
5. To approve the minutes of the Highways, Transport and Lighting Committee held on 4th November 2021.
Minutes approved – Unanimous
6. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting.
7. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 7.1 Bus shelters; to consider scope of works – Cllr P Moore/Cllr Anderson
*Cllr Anderson has put together a scope of works for the Greyhound shelter, and the bus shelter design. Due to the cost 3 quotes need to be obtained. **Resolved** Agreed a budget £2000 – Proposed Cllr P Moore, Seconded Cllr Smith with the majority in favour
Action: Clerk to obtain 3 quotes.
*Cllr Anderson advises that the surrounding wall area of the Greyhound shelter is in a bad state of repair and could a further £200 be added to improve paintwork etc. Clerk notes that WPC do not have jurisdiction to work on private property, which would then set a precedent. Cllr P moore suggests recreating volunteers to do this.**

7.2 To discuss “No Cycling” signs at the entrances of the Twitten, and to determine if lighting is necessary and to agree a budget – Cllr P Moore.

*Cllr P Moore has had a lengthy meeting With Eric Ware of ESH in relation to the lighting situation in the High Street, and therefore suggests requesting costs in relation to the Jonas Drive twitten from Eric Ware. **Action:** Trainee Clerk to contact Eric Ware for costs.*

*In regards to the “No Cycling” signage, the Clerk has previously enquired to ESH who are unable to put up signs as it is not their land. Options discussed but general consensus is that signage is easily replaced and is an inexpensive solution. **Resolved** - Budget agreed for no two “No Cycling” signs at £200 per sign. Proposed by Cllr Gadd, Seconded by Cllr Smith, Majority in favour. **Action:** Trainee clerk to source signage for approval.*

7.2 Bench opposite primary school – Cllr P Moore.

*The existing bench is in a state of disrepair and there is a build-up of litter surrounding the bench. Options are to remove the bench which WPC are reluctant to do, or to add a bin to solve the problem of the rubbish and to replace the bench. Cllr P. Moore notes that then bin may need to be concreted into position. **Resolved:** Replace the bench and add a bin. This was proposed by Cllr C. Moore, seconded by Cllr P. Moore with all in favour.*

7.3 . Replacement of street lights to heritage style – Cllr P Moore

*Cllr P. Moore has had a lengthy conversation with ESH on the heritage lamps. The issue relates to Some Of the lights having been Cleaned, however many of the lights have an opaque effect on the glass which is not desirable. Following this discussion, it appears that there are new requirements as the glass needs to meet British standard for lighting requirement, this also need to be cross referenced with Dark Skies policy for colour tone. Each lantern is different and may be expensive to individually replace the glass and so the Lights may have to be replaced totally. Cllr Griffin Suggests going back to ESH to request all bought up to standard. There are 10 lights in total. To replace lights would be approx. £950. **Resolution:** Eric Ware will survey, then get quotes and advise. May need a lighting design. Locations are at the Methodist church, Outside kemps, and adjacent to Stonecross Road.*

7.4 To request funding for a ESH feasibility study for measure to prevent obstructive parking at St James Square – Cllr Gadd/Cllr P Moore.

***Resolved:** agreed budget of £500, Proposed by Cllr C Moore, Seconded by Cllr Gadd with all in favour. **Action:** Trainee clerk to proceed with feasibility study*

8. Items for discussion and decision

8.1. Wadhurst triangles as heritage assets

Cllr C moore Suggests that the council may wish to designate triangles as “non designated heritage assets”- When previously discussed Cllr Gad had enquired as to whether there would be any restrictions for example if bollards were needed. Cllr C. Moore does not believe that this would be the case, however any such restrictions would be helpful i.e., in terms of planning. It may protect from planning applications close to the triangles. Cllr Griffin questions as to if this is a good use of Council time, however Cllr Gadd comments that it may also help with halting erosion and parking.

Despite a list of the triangles requested from ESH By the deputy clerk, ESH are unable to provide.

***Action:** Apply to Wealden for list and if not supplied WPC can start one. Cllr P. Moore asks to also look into links to routeway’s protection. Proposed by Cllr. C. Moore, Seconded by Cllr Gadd, Majority in favour.*

8.2. To discuss tidying/maintenance of grass outside Bayham Court – Trainee Clerk.

***Action:** Deputy clerk to Chase ESH response as to who owns the land prior to discussion on maintenance. Cllr Murphy would like to endorse the Parishioner concern letter as has personal experience of the issue with problem parking and erosion of the verge.*

8.3. Faircrouch Lane bollards.

*Although the council understands this is a requirement the aesthetic of then proposed barrier is not in keeping with the conservation area. The Trainee clerk has already requested suggestions for alternative barriers. **Action:** Trainee clerk to chase ESH response and request a High Weald compliant AONB solution. Proposed by Cllr P. Moore, Seconded by Cllr Moore with all in favour.*

8.4 Parishioners request for an additional dog bin in Mayfield Lane – Trainee Clerk.

*Following a resident's request for an additional dog bin The Clerk has responded to the resident to query if there is a management company or to speak to other residents for support and suggested bin location. One dog bin has already been removed from the location & Cllr P. Moore notes that generally no one wishes to have a bin sited by their property. **Action:** Await response from resident and defer to next meeting.*

8.5 To discuss obstruction of High Street pavement with cars/vans and bins – Trainee Clerk.

Many residents are concerned with the cars parked and bins on the pavements as it is dangerous and causes people to have to walk in the highway. Cllr Murphy mentioned bins obstructing the pathway, however there is no provision for bins stores for the residents. Suggestion the bins are held take to the rear of church lane but it's noted there no resident requirement for this. Cllr Murphy also notes there is an additional obstruction by shop displays. Cllr Griffin states that if the cars/vans are forced to park on the road as opposed to half on the pavement it will cause a further issue with a single way traffic situation.

***Action:** in the first instance the Trainee clerk is to report to the PCSO regarding the obstruction of the pavements at the lower high street from cars/vans & bins. Cllr Anderson requests that WPC also report the situation at Causley wood road opposite the old Methodist Church and Pells Green. Cllr P Moore requests councillors to submit a list of Locations which are an issue. **Action:** Trainee clerk to contact Parishioner to suggest reporting to operation crackdown.*

8.6 Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop 'off-roading' in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

*Although it is noted that this is not currently a problem in Wadhurst, several neighbouring villages have had an issue. Cllr P moore suggests that it is worthwhile taking part in the consultation but only via an email response. **Resolved:** Support consultation via email or survey, Propose Cllr. P. Moore, seconded by Cllr Gadd, all in favour.*

9. Items for noting only

9.1 Fingerpost's update; request to replace road traffic signs with fingerposts for the High Street (not permitted by ESH).

9.2 Pavement outside Uplands school update; ESH will be carrying out patching works for the pavement in front of the school, there is no timescale for works.

10. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda.

Question as to who now takes and distributes the SLR meeting minutes

The Clerk noted that finance figures although not on the agenda have been circulated

Meeting closed 7.47pm