

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Council Roads & Footpath Committee Meeting,
held on Wednesday 17th April 2019, Commencing 7.30pm,
at Mannings Heath Village Hall, Mannings Heath

Present: Cllr S Turner (Chairman) Cllr J Mercer
Cllr V Court Cllr T Nelson
Cllr J Chaytor
Cllr A Gaffney

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and three members of the public also attended the meeting.

RFC001/18-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence from Cllr O Hydes (OBE) and Cllr J McClean be **APPROVED**.

RFC002/18-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

RFC003/18-19 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the report from the Roads & Footpath Committee meeting held on 17th October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council.

RFC004/18-19 PUBLIC SESSION

A member of MoGRA advised that during a recent 'village clean up' a number of highway issues were found and asked who these should be reported too?

Whenever possible, highway issues should be reported directly to West Sussex County Council;

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>

The Clerk has previously reported a broken stile in Monks Gate, located 'going from the A 281 into the fields, about 20m past the drive to The Granary heading towards The Cisswood'. The Clerk will chase PROW for an update on the repair/replacement.

MoGRA would like to plant bulbs in the hamlet and asked the procedure which should be followed?

If the bulbs are to be planted on WSCC verges the Clerk will need to apply for a licence from the highways department. MoGRA will advise the Clerk of the proposed locations so that the application can be processed.

RFC005/18-19 REDUCING SPEEDS IN THE PARISH

i) To provide an update on the Community Speed Watch Group

- The CSW Group has been set up and there are now 17 volunteers
- Roger Cato and the Clerk are co-ordinators

- Training has been arranged with Steve O'Connell (CSW Manager) on 9th May
- After the training session the proposed sites will be risk assessed (proposed sites on the A281 Monks Gates / Mannings Heath & Pound Lane)
- The cost to purchase the equipment will be £405.20 plus VAT)
- The Clerk to Shipley Parish Council has advised that they are also looking into setting up a CSW Group and may be interested in sharing the cost of the equipment

RESOLVED prior to any expenditure on equipment the Parish Council would require 3/4 approved sites on the A281, in Monks Gate and in Mannings Heath, the rest of the Parish will then be assessed.

ii) To provide an update on the proposed Pedestrian Crossing (A281 Mannings Heath)

With the closure of the village store and recently opened Post Office at Elite Garage there are serious concerns for the safety of pedestrians crossing the A281.

- Proposal for the installation of a pedestrian crossing
- Cost in excess of £80,000.00
- Application will need to be supported by our County Councillor and go to the CLC's for discussion/approval
- If successful the process will take two years
- Considerable amount of public support required to move forward
- Community Group have included the proposal of the agenda for their next meeting on 24th June 2019

RESOLVED to move project forward with assistance from the new councilors. To **NOTE** that the Parish Council are not in a position to finance the project and County Councillor Nigel Jupp has advised that although he supports the proposal it may not be given priority.

iii) To provide an update on the Village Gateways

Statistics have proven that the installation of village gateways does reduce the speed of motorists by a minimum of 1%, however, suitable locations could not be found in the hamlets and some residents felt that the installation of the gateways would be too 'urban'.

RESOLVED for the existing gateways to continue being maintained from the General Maintenance Budget and for the installation of the gateways in the hamlets to be put on the 'out-standing list'.

RFC006/18-19 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

The members of the Roads & Footpath Committee discussed the feasibility of voluntary/community groups becoming more involved with the general maintenance of the Parish. This will be included on the next Roads & Footpath Committee agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm