

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Council Roads & Footpath Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday 18th September 2019, Commencing 6.30pm, at Mannings Heath Village Hall, Mannings Heath

Present: Cllr D Cotton (Chairman) Cllr C Kenny
Cllr N Bryant Cllr D Livingstone (Vice Chair)
Cllr Owen Hydes (OBE) Cllr J Mercer

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

RFC001-19/20 APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROADS & FOOTPATH COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Cotton be elected Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

PROPOSED by Cllr D Livingstone and **SECONDED** by Cllr J Mercer.

RFC002-19/20 APPOINT THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ROADS & FOOTPATH COMMITTEE

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Livingstone be elected Vice Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

PROPOSED by Cllr D Cotton and **SECONDED** by Cllr J Mercer.

RFC003-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence from Cllr R Carmichael, Cllr J Chaytor and Cllr S Turner be **APPROVED**.

RFC004-19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

RFC005-19/20 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE ROADS & FOOTPATH COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the [Roads and Footpath Committee](#) meeting held on 17th April 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council.

RFC006-19/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked the members for electing him as the Chairman of the Roads and Footpath Committee and commented that apart from reporting to the appropriate authority there is little the Parish Council can do about a lot of issues with potholes and stiles etc, however, there are a lot of issues with PROW which need addressing.

RFC007-19/20 PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs G Dixon addressed the Parish Council;

'A planning application to upgrade the north drive in Sedgwick Park (the route from the gates at the top of Sedgwick Lane) to a bridlepath was submitted in 1996.

WSCC accepted the archival and user evidence and agreed that that path was a public bridleway. However, the decision was taken to Appeal and the Inspector did not make the same decision.

New evidence must be found for the same application to be brought back for consideration.

It has been noted that the public footpath 1714 is shown on the 1891-1912 OS map to exit/begin onto the drive in Sedgwick Park - within the gates. This indicates that the public footpath would have emerged onto a public right of way - not a private drive.

There is evidence of a derelict and broken iron Kissing Gate commensurate with the fencing that surrounded the park and matching the Kissing Gate further along Sedgwick Lane for FP 1715. ([photo attached](#))

The present exit/entrance to FP 1714 does a sharp turn over a stile to come out onto Sedgwick Lane. It is claimed the original route goes straight onto the north drive meaning that that drive has to be a public right of way.

At some point the derelict Kissing Gate on FP 1714 was taken down and the footpath moved to exit beyond the drive onto the road.

This evidence and some new User Evidence means that I hope to submit the application before the end of September '.

The Members proposed that the matter goes to the Full Council on 2nd October 2019 with the **RECOMMENDATION** that the Parish Councils writes a letter of support to WSCC.

RFC008-19/20 TERMS OF REFERENCE –

It was **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the [Roads & Footpath Terms of Reference](#).

RFC009-19/20 SPEEDING IN THE PARISH

i) **Missing signs in Copsale**

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that a number of the missing road signs in Copsale had been replaced.

ACTION – Cllr N Bryant to contact the Community Speed Watch coordinator and see if the radar gun can be borrowed to measure speeds in the hamlets.

ACTION – Cllr C Kenny to note any missing signs and the existing speeds restrictions on a map.

ii) **Village Gateways in the hamlets**

A provision for the installation of gateways in the hamlets had been included in the 2018/19 budget. WSCC Highways visited the [proposed sites](#) and a number were found to be unsuitable. There had previously been reluctance by some residence in the hamlets to install gateways, believing they would urbanize the area.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that in an attempt to reduce speed in the hamlets the installation of gateways would be reconsidered when further information was available.

iii) [Community Speed Watch data](#)

The Community Speed Watch group started recording data on 30th May 2019, presently the data does not include the total number of vehicles, only those recorded exceeding the speed limit.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the data did not include the number of vehicles and that the Clerk would continue to include the details on the Weekly Briefing Notes.

ACTION – Cllr D Cotton to speak to the Community Speed Watch coordinator.

10-19/20 CYCLISTS / CYCLE ROUTES IN THE PARISH –

i) Cyclists in the Parish

The Parish Council have received a number of reports concerning cyclists;

- cycling at excessive speed on the Downs Link and giving little consideration too other PROW user.
- not cycling single file on public highways and making it impossible for motorists to pass.
- cycling on public footpaths.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the above reported incidents and for the need to liaise with the cycling forum and arrange for a Code of Practice to be formatted.

ACTION – The Clerk to contact County Councillor Nigel Jupp re signage on the Downs Link.

ii) Polecat Lane – [HDC designated cycle route](#).

Polecat Lane is an HDC designated cycle route in the parish and the speed limit should be reduced.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Polecat Lane is a Designated Cycle Route.

ACTION – Cllr C Kenny to note the speed limits on a map.

iii) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

HDC are conducting a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan ([guidance](#)), the need to reach Broadbridge Heath and Southwater is known, Warnham was then proposed, however not Mannings Heath.

It was **RESOLVED** to **WRITE** to HDC and request for the route from Monks Gate to Horsham to be included in the plan.

ACTION – The Clerk

RFC011-19/20 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

With the closing of the village store and a Post Office opening at Elite Garage there is a need for a pedestrian crossing on the A281 at Mannings Heath. A [Community Highway Scheme](#) application will need to be submitted to WSCC, the deadline for inclusion in the 2020/21 programme was 30th July 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that for consideration in the 2021/22 programme a Community Highway Scheme application will need to be submitted by 30th July 2020.

ACTION – Cllr D Cotton to look into the application process further

RFC012-19/20 STREET LIGHTING

The Parish Council have been advised that there are concerns about the number of street lights in Mannings Heath. The cost of new street lighting has not been included in the 2019/20 budget.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that a request for parishioners to report faulty street lights to SSE directly or the Clerk be included in the October edition of the Link.

ACTION – The Clerk

RFC013-19/20 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr O Hydes and Cllr J Chaytor attended a recent HALC meeting and a member of Pulborough Parish provided details of the [Footpath Charter](#) they had introduced.

The meeting closed at7.25pm

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Cllr D Cotton
Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee

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