

## NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Council Roads & Footpath Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, Commencing 8.00pm, at Mannings Heath Village Hall, Mannings Heath

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

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, also attended the meeting.

### **RFC014-19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **RFC015-19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **RFC016-19/20 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council.

### **RFC017-19/20 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

- i) The replacement 'bag it & bin it' signs will be fitted during March.
- ii) An increasing number of residents are reporting fallen trees and details of the procedure to follow will be included in the Link magazine.
- iii) The issues with the raised height of the footpath in Church Road have been reported to WSCC, there is no further update.

### **RFC018-19/20 PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **RFC019-19/20 SPEEDING IN THE PARISH**

- i) **Missing signs in Copsale**  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that most of the missing road signs in Copsale had been replaced. Lack of Policing means the speed limits are not enforced.
- ii) **Village Gateways in the hamlets**  
The installation of gateways in the hamlets has not been included in the 2020/21 budget.  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that if further information is available this could be re-addressed in the 2021/22 budget.
- iii) **Parking in the Triangle, Pound Lane**  
Members of the Parish Council have had a meeting with Stephen Douglas, WSCC Traffic Officer for Horsham, to discuss the installation of 'Birdsmouth' fencing at the front of parking area (bordering the A281). If compliant with a number of issues raised by WSCC they will issue a licence for the installation of the fencing. Horsham Fencing have been approached for a quotation.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** an update will be provided at the next meeting.

**RFC020-19/20 CYCLISTS / CYCLE ROUTES IN THE PARISH –**

- i) **Cyclists in the Parish**  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that [signage](#) has been erected on the Down’s Link requesting for consideration to be given to all users.  
It was **RESOLVED** to **ARRANGE** a meeting with the cycling forum and arrange for a Code of Practice to be formatted.
- ii) **Polecat Lane – [HDC designated cycle route](#).**  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that Polecat Lane is a Designated Cycle Route.  
**ACTION** – The Clerk to contact HDC requesting for suitable cycling signs to be erected.
- iii) **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan**  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Clerk has written to HDC and requested for the route from Monks Gate to Horsham to be included in the plan.
- iv) **Footpath along the Brighton Road**  
It was noted that the footpath from Monks Gate to Mannings Heath is overgrown and uneven, the Clerk was asked to report to WSCC Highways.

**RFC021-19/20 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

The Parish Council can submit a [Community Highway Scheme](#) application for a pedestrian crossing to be considered on the Brighton Road, Mannings Heath.  
It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that for consideration in the 2021/22 programme a Community Highway Scheme application will need to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.  
**ACTION** – Cllr D Cotton to look into the application process further.

**RFC022-19/20 PARISH FOOTPATH CHARTER**

- i) A few parishes in the Horsham District have adopted a [Parish Footpath Charter](#).  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Roads & Footpath Committee will **RECOMMEND** that a Parish Footpath charter is **ADOPTED** by the Parish Council.  
**Action** – The Clerk to check if the Parish Council needs WSCC consent.
- ii) **Bard wire Fencing**  
It was noted that a bard wire fence had been erected between a landowners boundary and a public footpath, on receipt of further details the Clerk will write to the landowner.

**RFC023-19/20 TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE ROADS AND FOOTPATH COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE**, that whenever possible, future meetings will follow a Planning Committee Meeting, on a quarterly basis, commencing at 8.30pm.

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

Further to correspondence from a Mannings Heath resident, the lack of footpath outside the old village store will be included on the agenda of the next Roads & Footpath Committee meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

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Cllr D Cotton  
Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee

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