

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Council 'virtual' Roads & Footpath Committee Meeting, held on
Wednesday 20th January 2021, Commencing at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr N Bryant (Chairman) Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr J Bromley Cllr C Kenny (Vice Chairman)
Cllr R Cato Cllr T Nelson
Cllr J Chaytor

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and Cllr J Assassi and one member of the public also attended the meeting.

RFC034-20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no apologies for absence.

RFC035-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

RFC036-20/21 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 18th November 2020, be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (unanimously approved).

RFC037-20/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman of the Roads & Footpath committee did not make any announcements.

RFC038-20/21 PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr J Assassi expressed her serious concerns about the registration of lost footpaths in the parish. Some of the footpaths had not been used for many years and do not connect with existing rights of way.

Cllr J Assassi asked for consideration to be given to landowners who are trying to farm the land. On a regular basis, landowners are having to deal with gates being left open, rubbish, members of the public wandering from the footpaths, animals being injured/distressed by dogs and on occasions miscarrying or needing to be put down, public being rude when asked to respect private land.

RFC039-20/21 TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE PARISH

i) Speeding in the hamlets

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there was no update on speeding in the hamlets and Community Speed Watch were not operating in the present COVID-19 tier 5 restrictions.

ii) Pedestrian Crossing

Cllr J Bromley and Cllr R Cato recently surveyed a stretch of the A281, between Elite Garage to the North and Pound Lane to the South. The survey took into account all the key factors that need to be met to enable the Parish Council to request highway improvements (i.e. Signalized crossing) at the above location. Based on the survey an application would not meet the qualifying criteria.

A question on a pedestrian crossing and the speed on the A281 has been included in the Parish Survey. The data from the survey could then be used to show public support.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council that no further action be taken until the results from the Parish Survey are analysed.

RFC040-20/21 FOOTPATH ALONG CHURCH ROAD, MANNINGS HEATH

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council that a WSCC Highways Officer, the complainant and residents from Church Road be invited to attend a future meeting of the Roads and Footpath Committee to discuss the complex issue with the hedgerows along Church Road.

RFC041-20/21 SHARED CYCLEPATH/FOOTPATH ALONG THE A281

A question on the proposed shared cycle path/footpath along the A281 has been included in the Parish Survey.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council that no further action be taken until the results from the Parish Survey are analysed.

RFC042-20/21 LOST FOOTPATHS IN THE PARISH

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council (via email consultation) that the following lost footpaths be registered with the Ramblers Association, the Parish Council **do not** support the registration of any other lost footpath in the parish;

- i) Mannings Heath from Goldings Lane to Winterpit Lane, to Bucks Head (across the golf course).
- ii) Monks Gate from nearly opposite Saxtons Farm up onto the ridge path.
- iii) Inter-connecting path at Holme Farm off Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath.

RFC043-20/21 RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FOOTPATH ALONGSIDE WINTHRIFT

The Core Grass on the footpath alongside Winthrift was not installed to the correct specification and the footpath is now a muddy mess. In reply to a letter sent to WSCC PROW the Countryside Access Ranger has provided the following update;

'To seek a resolution to this I will write to the landowner requesting that improvements are made to the surface to make it suitable for year-round use. I will consider a range of options with him, including that he excavate and relay the Core Grass so that it performs correctly, or that he removes the Core Grass entirely and lays a rolled stone surface to an agreed specification, consistent with that specified by the PROW Team on rural paths across the county.'

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that with a matter of urgency, the Clerk will write to WSCC requesting that the landowner is not given the option of a 'rolled stone surface'.

RFC044-20/21 INSTALLATION OF DOGBINS IN NUTHURST AND MAPLEHURST

Cllr J Chaytor reported that there were no dog bins in Maplehurst and Nuthurst and that the bins in the bus shelters were being used for poo bags. The Clerk has already been in communication with HDC re the amount of dog poo being left by walkers in Nuthurst and the surrounding countryside and has been advised that the area is not classified as 'high use'.

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Parish Council that the Parish Council fund the purchase of dog bins and the emptying is financed from their HDC cleansing grant.

RFC045-20/21 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT

AGENDA

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the members did not request for any items to be included on the next agenda.

RFC046-20/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the next meeting of the Roads and Footpath Committee will be held on 17 March 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm

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Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee

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