

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Councils Roads & Footpath Committee Meeting, held on
Thursday 4th November 2021, Commencing at 8.02pm

Present: Cllr J Bromley
Cllr P Bullen
Cllr J Chaytor
Cllr O Hydes (OBE)
Cllr C Kenny (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Nelson

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

RFC012-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** Cllr N Bryant's apologies for absence. Cllr C Kenny took the chair.

RFC013-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

RFC014-21/22 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 8th July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (unanimously approved).

RFC015-21/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Chairman of the meeting.

RFC016-21/22 PUBLIC SESSION

No member of the public present wished to participate in the Public Forum.

RFC017-21/22 FACILITATE SAFER CROSSING ON THE A281

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** Cllr J Bromley and Mr. R Cato carried out a survey and reported back to the Roads and Footpath Committee on 20th January 2021 that 'based on our survey, an application would not meet the qualifying criteria.'

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr O Hydes, has since spoken to Steve Douglas, WSCC Assistant Manager for Central Area Economy, Infrastructure and Environment Highways and Transport, and he will be invited to attend a site visit to discuss the proposal for a pedestrian crossing and reducing the speed limits in the parish.

WSCC Highways need to be made aware that the Parish Council have looked into the guidance, are aware that the proposal does not meet the criteria and ask if there is any leeway. If the stretch of the A281 running through Mannings Heath is not suitable for a pedestrian crossing are there any alternatives, i.e. an island crossing.

Cllr J Bromley has located the details for the Elite Group's Retail Forecourt's Manager and The Managing Director of the Elite Garages Group. An email has been sent asking if staff could ask customers three very brief questions. To date the Clerk has not received a reply.

Without the data from a survey the Parish Council would fail to meet the criteria for a Community Highway Scheme.

RFC018-21/22 REDUCE SPEED LIMITS IN SOME AREAS ACROSS THE PARISH

Residents have been asked to nominate roads that they would like to be considered. Despite residents commenting in the Parish Survey that they would like the speed limits reduced, there has been a disappointing response.

The request has been included in the Parish Councils articles in the Link and on the Parish Councils Facebook page.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Parish Council will continue to collect responses for a period of 12 months. The request for residents to nominate roads for consideration will continue to be included in the Parish Councils Link articles, on the Parish Councils Facebook page and the 6 villages Facebook page.

RFC019-21/22 SAFETY OUTSIDE ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL, NUTHURST

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that when the Chairman of the Parish Council spoke to Steve Douglas, they also discussed the application for the School Safety Zone. The application has passed the first round of screening and will be going to the second round later in the month. WSCC should have made a decision on the School Safety by the end of November 2021.

RC020-21/22 PARKING RESTRICTIONS OPPOSITE TO THE ENTRANCE OF COOLHURST CLOSE

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that on behalf of the Parish Council MoGRA asked Monks Gate residents if they would like parking restrictions opposite the entrance to Coolhurst Close. Twenty-four residents responded with twenty being opposed to the proposal.

RFC021-21/221 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

In reply to a request from Cllr J Bromley re the outstanding issues with the footpath alongside Winthrift being included on the next agenda, the Clerk advised that she had spoken to WSCC PROW and they were going to contact the new landowners, request for the gate to be removed and the fence moved. The issues with the installation of core grass would not need to be addressed.

RFC022-21/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the next meeting of the Roads and Footpath Committee will be held on Thursday 6th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 20.26pm

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Chairman of the Roads & Footpath Committee

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