



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross,
Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS LIGHTING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST JULY 2020 AT 19:30

As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392
this meeting was conducted "online" via "Microsoft Teams".

Cllr. A. Martin (Chair)

Cllr. J. Kitchenham (Vice Chair)

Cllr. L. Buck

Cllr. L. Henrick

Cllr. P. Kember

Cllr. A. Moore

Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

Cllr. N. Wickenden

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Cllr. Hiles.

ALSO PRESENT

The Parish Clerk, Trevor Thorpe and Adam Hardy, (Administrative Support).

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Public Forum

None.

b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85)

None.

c) Declaration of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests.

None

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 26th May 2020 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Copies of the draft minutes have been circulated to the Councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair of the Committee when circumstances permit,

e) Budget report to date for this Committee and consider any actions required.

The budget and nominal ledger reports for this Committee were made available for the Councillors to view prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that there were no actions required.

f) Report and update regarding matters arising and action items from previous meetings.

- Dog bins have been ordered for installation at Mark Cross by the Brickyard Lane junction, and at the end of Horsegrove Lane. Clerk will advise WDC to add to their emptying round once they are in place.
- Cllr. Standley (ESCC) had reported to the Clerk that there were no funds currently available from Central Government to support the installation of a length of right of way at the foot of Rotherfield Hill near Palesgate Lane.

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2. RECEIVE INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURE AS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

a) Updates regarding the following:

i. **Measures to discourage long vehicles passing through Rotherfield.**

Clerk has circulated details of the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF) scheme. East Sussex Highway's resources are mainly concentrating on this to the detriment of this Parish Council project, and the two other projects below. Clerk has also requested East Sussex Highways to undertake the two feasibility studies agreed by this committee in respect of the parking at Eridge Station and the suggestion to reconfigure the North Street junction with the B2100 in Rotherfield village centre.

Cllr. Martin commented that many of the lorries passing through Rotherfield were Tesco or Arla lorries delivering to the store at Jarvis Brook, or vehicles delivering to Parker's Building Supplies. Cllr. Buck mentioned that there is a proposal for a local "Scarecrow festival" and suggested that this could be a way of highlighting the issue via scarecrows with banners to "scare" long vehicles away. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Martin is to contact the manager of the local Tesco to highlight the issue of their deliveries ignoring the length restrictions. Also that Adam Hardy is to write to Tesco and Arla on behalf of the Council raising this issue with their respective head offices.

CLERK to add item to the agenda of the forthcoming Parish Council Meeting to consider support/participation in the Scarecrow Festival.

ii. **"Match funding" application for speed awareness measures on the approaches to Rotherfield.**

See comment above regarding the EATF. No progress to report.

iii. **Eridge Station parking.**

Due to "Coronavirus" and the coning off of the verge from the A26 junction to Forge Lane the number of vehicles parking by the roadside has reduced considerably. Cllr. Buck reported that the work to replace the footbridge at the station was proceeding well. She has met with Sharon Gray of the Southern and Sussex Community Rail Partnership (SCRIP) and discussed the possibility of railway funded signage encouraging use of the station car park and support for renovation of the waiting room. **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Buck contact Network Rail to indicate the Council's support for both of these projects.

b) **Arrangements for "over 25 years" steel lamp column testing, and repairs identified on three columns.**

"Cabletest" have quoted £740.08 plus VAT for testing the Council's 58 "over 25 years old" steel lamp columns identified on the ESCC inventory.

RESOLVED that Cabletest be instructed to proceed with the testing and that Cllr. Martin's contact details be provided for them to use in case of need. **CLERK** to action.

ESCC have identified work required on three columns.

- i. **Church Road column 6** – replace temporary lantern with new LED decorative lantern to match other lanterns in the road the cost would be £1404.85 plus VAT
- ii. **Hornshurst Road Column 69** – recommend that due to damage that the column be replaced at a cost of £1698.02 plus Vat.
- iii. **Rotherfield Lane column 19** (junction of Sheriff's lane) – unable to repair lantern and column heavily rusted, cost to install a new column and Led lantern excluding painting is £2336.98 plus Vat (due to the location this requires 3-way traffic lights to be used for this job).

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It was **RESOLVED** that the lantern on the Church Road column be replaced at the cost indicated. **CLERK** to note and also investigate the recent history of column 69 as it was believed that it had only recently been replaced after vehicle damage with our insurers covering the cost. Action on columns 19 and 69 will be considered once the results of Cabletest's testing is received.

c) Arrangements for Christmas Lights and trees in the Parish.

£3500 is in the budget for this annual project. Clerk has spoken to Ultralite who installed the lights in 2019. They are available to install this year's lights and they reminded us to clarify the situation regarding the fixing point in the village which we were unable to use last year.

It was **RESOLVED** that **CLERK** is to undertake the following: -

- Contact Ultralite and ask for a quote for installing the 2020 Christmas Lights.
- Contact Cllr. Harris and Les Pike to enquire if the anchorage point that could not be used in 2019 is now available for use.
- Investigate if it would be feasible to install further lights in South Street.
- Contact Mark Cross Community Centre to enquire as to their plans for lights this year.

d) Chant Lane. Actions to warn motor vehicle users of this byway to respect the safety of other users.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Harris be asked to suggest wording for signs to be installed at each end of the Lane and liaise with Clerk to arrange production and installation.

e) Information regarding forthcoming charity cycle event passing through the Parish in November.

To be held on Saturday, 7th November 2020, subject to the Coronavirus situation. Event is to support Alzheimer's Research UK and involves a circular route starting and finishing at Lingfield Racecourse and passing through Mark Cross and Rotherfield. Details were noted by the Committee.

3. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 19:30. Venue to be advised.

4. REPORT DETAILS OF ITEMS AND ISSUES FOR INVESTIGATION, FURTHER ACTION OR FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Cllr. Wickenden raised concerns that earthworks that had appeared on the Station Road bank opposite the WDC car park could destabilise the bank. Photos are to be provided to Clerk/Adam Hardy so that a report can be submitted to ESCC.
- Bollards on verge at junction of Sheriff's Lane/B2100 near the Stores. Damage to these has been reported, **CLERK** to investigate and advise Highways.
- Flooring for Surgery - £2K invoice. Clerk sought clarification regarding this, and it was confirmed that the Parish Council are to settle the invoice as part of the grant of £3.5K agreed at the May Council meeting. **CLERK** to note.

The Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:27.

.....Chair.....Date

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