



## 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 TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 19:30 IN THE LIBRARY ROOM AT ROTHERFIELD COMMUNITY HUB (MEMORIAL INSTITUTE)

#### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr J Fryatt (Chair)	Cllr P Snelling	Cllr R Harris
Cllr P Beach (Vice-Chair)	Cllr B Johnstone	Cllr D Hiles

#### COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

#### ALSO PRESENT

Ten members of the public, Cllr Bob Standley (East Sussex County Council) and Adam Hardy, Clerk to Rotherfield Parish Council

#### 1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) **Public forum.**

None.

b) **Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85).**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Gosney, Cllr D Johnstone and Cllr P Kember.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence be accepted.

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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes were a true record of the meeting, and the Committee Chair signed them.

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

*Documents had been circulated to Committee members ahead of the meeting.*

The Committee **Noted** the budget report.

**f) Report and updates regarding matters arising and actions from previous meetings.**

- The Clerk confirmed that he had written to both properties named in the previous minutes in relation to New Road Flooding. No response had been received to either letter.
- The Clerk and Cllr Beach had attempted to set up a meeting with Stagecoach regarding the bus service in Rotherfield Parish but no meeting had been arranged. An item regarding the Bus Service and alternative actions has been placed on the 27<sup>th</sup> March Parish Council meeting.
- The Clerk confirmed a consultation regarding new street lighting at Mark Cross had been circulated and an item appears on the agenda of this meeting to discuss further.
- The Clerk confirmed that a consultation regarding EV Charging Points in the Parish had been circulated and an item appears on the agenda of this meeting to discuss further.
- The Clerk confirmed that the works for relining the Village Hall Car Park would take place in the Easter Holidays. An exact date is still to be set.
- The Clerk confirmed that a statement regarding the gift of land adjoining Rotherfield Bowls Club had been published.
- The Clerk reported that he is still working on organising a nuisance parking campaign.
- The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had taken place with the concerned resident of Church Road regarding parking. Further actions from this are ongoing.

**2. TO RESOLVE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUEST FOR THIS COMMITTEE FOR 2024/2025.**

The Clerk reported that this item had been placed on the agenda in error.

**3. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURE AS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**

**i. Consider DMMO Application RWO 243 under THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – Section 53 – Claimed Public Right of Way: Public Footpath from Town Row Green to Marks Cross, Rotherfield, East Sussex**

*Documents relating to this item had been circulated ahead of the meeting.*

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council had no objection to the claimed Right of Way subject to the Parish Council not being held responsible for the maintenance of any part of the Right of Way and that there are no reasonable objections from any of the property and landowners concerned. **Clerk** to reply to East Sussex Rights of Way.

**ii. Receive an update on Road Safety outside Rotherfield Primary School**

*Documents relating to this item had been circulated ahead of the meeting.*

The Headteacher of Rotherfield Primary School addressed the Committee along with three other members of the public.

The following points were raised:

- Extension of Yellow Zigzag Lines and repainting of those and the Keep Clear areas.
- Lack of signage showing that a school is in the area, particularly when entering the Village from Eridge Lane.
- The speed at which vehicles approach the school from both directions.
- The possibility of the introduction of a volunteer lollipop person to allow children to cross safely.

Cllr Standley confirmed that he had visited the site with the East Sussex Highways Safety Officer and we are awaiting their report before taking any further action.

Cllr Harris and the Clerk confirmed that the Council will do what it can to support the school in this matter, and funds can be made available if asked for.

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iii. **Discuss and agree the Council's response to East Sussex County Council Rights of Way Access Plan.**

*Documents relating to this item had been circulated ahead of the meeting.*

The Clerk reported that he had prepared a DRAFT response. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's Draft Response. The **Clerk will** submit the Council's response to East Sussex County Council.

iv. **Receive feedback and discuss future actions on the introduction of streetlighting to Mark Cross.**

*Documents relating to this item had been circulated ahead of the meeting.*

Councillors agreed that adding additional street lighting in some form should be considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would make enquiries with East Sussex Highways to see what would be possible and gain an indication of cost

It was **RESOLVED** to install additional solar lighting into the Mark Cross Millenium Green Carpark. **Clerk** to arrange for a quotation from our regular lighting contactor.

v. **Receive feedback and discuss future actions on the introduction of EV parking spaces.**

*Documents relating to this item had been circulated ahead of the meeting.*

Councillors discussed the feedback received. It was **AGREED** that the Council would approach the Kings Arms Pub to see if there was a desire to have EV Charging Points installed in their car park. **Cllr Snelling** to discuss with the Landlord of the Kings Arms.

**4. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 7:30pm in the Library Room at Rotherfield Community Hub (Memorial Institute).

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

- The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had requested a bike parking area with a post for securing bicycles be installed in the Village Hall Car Park. It was suggested that the motorcycle parking bay in front of the Village Hall could be utilised as no motorcycles are ever parked here. It was **RESOLVED** to go back to the Village Hall Committee and monitor the demand for a cycle parking point. **Clerk** to feed back to Rotherfield Village Hall.
- Cllr Johnstone asked if there was any update from Wealden District Council regarding the possibility of drainage trench at the bottom of New Road. **Clerk** to chase Wealden District Council.
- Cllr Snelling suggested a possible solution for tracking busses and warning residents if buses were not calling at Rotherfield. This is an ongoing project and will be reported to the Council at a later date.
- Appointing Cllr P Beach to the Mark Cross Management Committee was **RESOLVED**.
- Cllr Beach asked about the fence repairs at Cowfold Bridge. The Clerk reported that they were on the track to complete repairs before the road closure permit expires.
- Cllr Fryatt reported on an email he had received regarding a dispute between neighbours over a hedge on South Street. **Clerk** to make a reply to the resident.
- Cllr Harris reported that the bench opposite Jarvis Brook Primary School needed to be removed as it is now completely broken. **Clerk** to arrange for the bench to be removed.

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The meeting closed at: **21:03**

**Signed:**

**Date:**