

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Road Safety Committee of Maresfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm in The Council Offices, Nutley.

PRESENT: Cllr. A Strevens (Chairman), Cllr M Craddock, Cllr Mrs P Handley, Cllr R Taylor, Mr B Banks Road Safety Team ESCC, Asst. Clerk C Arnold.

1 Public session:-

1.1 Brian Banks, ESCC, re. Nether Lane speed limit reduction. See 6.4 below.

1.2 Any other public matters - ,

Mr D Oldbury and Mr B Keays regarding Nursery Lane and Bell Lane, Nutley:-

- The top end of Nursery lane Nutley should be made safer by re-painting the warning sign on the road
- Mr Keays produced a plan with details.
- The signs outside the pub restricted visibility.
- The Bell Lane junction with the A22 needs improvement.
- Both the Whitewood store and pub were within the 30mph limit
- It was asked if repainting could be done to improve safety.
- The issue of parking on the pavement was raised.

Cllr Craddock agreed that visibility was restricted at the shop and that representation had been made to WDC planning about the pub signs, but no action was taken. There was a fatality some years ago which led to the pedestrian crossing being installed.

Mr Banks stated that "Slow" signs could be considered. He would ask an Enforcement officer to examine the signs outside the pub but only if ESCC owned the land. Mr Banks stated that HGV's have parking restrictions; however, it is an offence for cars to drive on the pavement but not park unless it is wilful obstruction. Sussex Police do not routinely enforce parking. Wealden do not have Civil parking enforcement.

Mr L Wilcox and Mr R Pipe regarding Crowborough Road:-

- Mr Wilcox produced a paper regarding Crowborough Road asking the committee to examine again the Council's support and funding for a traffic calming project.
- Could MPC use a Public Works Loan used to fund this project (c. £100K) over 50 years?
- The 70 residents could be asked to contribute £54.30 for a feasibility study.
- Mr Wilcox stated that he had evidence of speeding.
- Why doesn't Sussex County use Average speed cameras like Devon & Cornwall.
- The Parish Council is the only authority who can do anything.
- Mr Pipe was not keen to have a build-out outside his property.

2 Apologies for absence. Cllr D Barlow, Sarah Valentine Project Manager ESCC.

3 Declarations of interest. None.

4 Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2017 - It was resolved to adopt these minutes as a true record of the meeting.

5 Matters arising from these minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda. – None.

6 Developing identified project areas: -

- 6.1 New signage for the B2026 - Crowborough Road/New Road junction and Fairwarp Village junction** - Cllr Handley noted that the new signs on the B2026 on the approach to The Street were still awaited although ESCC had agreed. Mr Banks stated that there were around 12 quotes, but he would chase it up with their Contracts Group. Cllr Strevens stated that although the New Road/Crowborough road junction was resurfaced, it was dangerous without a sign. Cllr Craddock noted the 40mph surface markings are worn out and upright signs are better. Mr Banks stated that the upright signs are regarded as environmentally intrusive on the Ashdown Forest and unlikely to be approved.
- 6.2 Bell Lane & Nursery Lane junctions off the A22 High Street, Nutley – ESCC assessment.** Cllr Craddock noted that visibility is poor at the Bell Lane/A22 junction is poor and that better lines could be painted. Cllr Strevens stated that this issue needed resolution. Mr Banks stated he would have the lining looked at. The Nursery Lane matter would be examined and was noted as above during the public session.
- 6.3 Residential area along Crowborough Road** - This matter was discussed in the public session. Cllr Strevens noted that ESCC Highways favoured build-outs, but residents may not like these outside their house. Cllr Craddock noted that to spend £20,000 on a feasibility study and the £100,000 on a scheme would need consultation across the Parish. Cllr Taylor noted that build outs do not work on their own, enforcement is needed and sensible solutions are required.
- 6.4 Nether Lane – speed limit reduction** - Mr Banks reported that evidence of average speed indicated it was below 30mph and installing a sign could be counter-productive. It is not supported by the Police and there were some resident objections which meant it would have to go to a Planning committee and was unlikely to be supported.
- 6.5 Maresfield By-pass (A22)** - No issues raised.
- 6.6 Underhill & Maresfield Lanes** - The Asst Clerk reported that Cllr Ms Hallin had been approached by some of the residents of Underhill, concerned about speeding vehicles using the road as a cut through between the A26 and Straight Half Mile during peak times.
- 6.7 A22 Road Safety ‘Lobby Group’** - This matter will be discussed further in liaison with other Parishes once the WDC Local Plan is out for consultation.
- 7 Community Speed Watch & MVAS.** The Asst Clerk reported that 83 letters had been sent to drivers in the past year and generally 2 campaigns are carried out per month. However, a shortage of volunteers was the main reason for not running more initiatives. Cllr Craddock agreed to make another request via the Parish magazines. MVAS is still waiting on a response from ESCC regarding deployment at the sites proposed. Cllr Strevens asked if this could be chased up.

- 8 Parking of vehicles on the Straight Half Mile.** Cllr Strevens noted that when vehicles are parked opposite the Maresfield store on Straight Half Mile it makes it hazardous to vehicles exiting The Parade. Cllr Taylor noted that the vehicles are not parked illegally and that their presence may slow vehicles down on Straight Half Mile.
- 9 Communications.** No items.
- 10 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd April 2018.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:47.

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