

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Road Safety Committee of Maresfield Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in The Council Offices, Nutley.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. A Strevens (Chairman), Cllr D Barlow, Cllr M Craddock, Cllr Mrs P Handley, Clerk T Allen.

- 1 **Public session** – No public present.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – None.
- 3 **Declarations of interest** - Cllr Barlow as a Director and Trustee of NWCTP Ltd.
- 4 **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016** – 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:** -

*(It was resolved to take Item 6.3 at this point).*

**6.3 Residential area along Crowborough Road - CMF traffic calming feasibility study –**

The ESCC Highways Feasibility Appraisal, dated 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017, was noted and discussed. The following points were covered:-

- On the face of it, this report was disappointing, offering only obvious options and takes this project no further forward.
- Only general schemes/solutions are offered, all subject to more detailed consultation with ESCC and therefore incurring more costs.
- This is not a priority road for ESCC and therefore it is unlikely to attract any joint CMF funding for the estimated minimum cost of c. £120K.
- The Parish Council could not defend spending such levels of money.

**It was resolved** to recommend to Council that the matter, as set out in this ESCC Highways Feasibility Appraisal, is not pursued unless an alternative source of funding becomes available; Council to pursue lower cost solutions should they become available.

*(Cllr Craddock left the meeting)*

**6.1 New signage for the B2026; Fairwarp Village approaches and Crowborough Road/New Road junction** – It was noted that these ESCC funded works are in-hand to provide new signage at this junction, which has been identified as an accident 'black spot'. The Clerk reported that ESCC had confirmed that this project is in its works programme, although no implementation date can be given at this stage.

**6.2 Bell Lane & Nursery Lane junctions off the A22 High Street, Nutley – ESCC assessment** – The report from Paul Ward (ESCC Traffic & Safety Officer), dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017, was noted and discussed. It was felt that this report offered no achievable solutions to the issues caused by poor visibility and parking at these junctions. It was noted that no obvious course of action is currently open to the Parish Council at this time and it is hoped that ESCC will progress this matter through its Local Traffic & Safety Team's work, as promised.

- 6.4 Nether Lane – speed limit reduction** – It was noted that ESCC had made the Traffic Regulation Order and that the consultation period for this ended on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017; in addition to newspaper notices and street notices, all residents of Nether Lane were written to individually. The consultation report from ESCC is awaited, prior to this matter being taken forward by the appropriate ESCC Committee.
- 6.5 Maresfield By-pass (A22)** – The Chairman related the details of two recent accidents that had occurred on the by-pass. The report from Insp. Wakefield, dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 was revisited and it was noted that the consensus of Sussex Police and ESCC Highways is that the issue relates to driver education, nor relining/re-engineering this stretch of road.  
The new site access to be constructed on the by-pass by Rydon Homes was discussed; it is hoped that ESCC will relent and allow this to become the permanent access for this development when completed.
- 6.6 A22 Road Safety ‘Lobby Group’** – It was noted that several TC’s/PC’s had expressed interest in a joint petition to ensure that the A22 is given proper consideration in the new WDC Local Plan; however the long delay in WDC producing a draft Plan has meant that this group has not yet formed for discussions.
- 7 Community Speed Watch** – The Clerk noted that the regular deployment of Speed Watch exercises continues to take place in all three villages. It was noted that it is proving difficult to recruit and retain volunteers which is hampering plans for developing self-sufficient units in each village.
- 8 Parking of vehicles on the Straight Half Mile** – A new letter has been produced for placing on the windscreens of vehicles parking opposite The Parade; Cllr Strevens to progress.
- 9 Items arising from the meeting for public communication** – Update for Parishioners re. the Crowborough Road ESCC Highways Feasibility Appraisal and the Council’s adopted position
- 10 Date of next meeting – THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:15.*