



Plumpton Parish Council Transport and Environment Committee

The Transport and Environment Committee is one of the 6 committees of the Parish Council. As part of a minor reorganisation it was formed in May 2012 bringing together 3 previous committees Highways & Transport, Environment and Footpaths.

Councillors

At present Councillors on the Transport and Environment are:

1. Chris Burgon (Chair)
2. Paul Nicolson
3. Sue Akers
4. Reg Stone
5. Terry Thompsett

Election of the Chairman

As with all committees the Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee will be a Parish Councillor and will be elected at the first meeting of the Parish Council in each new parish year (runs from May – April).

If the Chairman is unable to attend a committee meeting the members present will agree a committee Chairman for that meeting.

Quorum

The Quorum for the Transport and Environment Committee is three.

Delegation of Powers

The Parish Council can, where appropriate, delegate powers to a committee. The Transport and Environment Committee does not have delegated powers.

Responsibilities

As with all committees the Transport and Environment Committee is subject to the Parish Council Financial Regulations and works within the regulations set out in the Plumpton Parish Council Standing Orders.

The responsibilities of the Transport and Environment Committee includes working in cooperation with others (e.g. Southern Railway, Network Rail, relevant bus companies East Sussex County Council (Highways and the Rights of Way Officer), South Downs National Park Authority, Sussex Police, The Monday Group) to:

- provide quality public transport services for Plumpton;
- resolve rail infrastructure issues;
- seek to resolve issues re car parking in the village;
- protect, as far as possible, the rural nature of the village seeking to minimise the requirements of modern motor transport;
- ensure the proper maintenance of footpaths, stiles, bridges and verges (see information below);
- ensuring that ESCC maintain supplies of grit in the grit bins within the village
- work to keep the village free of litter;
- make sure that litter and dog bins are kept in good condition and are regularly emptied;

- check on the condition of hedges to ensure these do not cause an obstruction;
- seek to ensure that allotments are maintained in good condition;
- ensure that trees on property owned by the Parish Council are properly maintained and do not cause an obstruction.

Publication of Meeting Information

As with all Parish Council committees the date and time of the meetings must be published at least 3 clear working days (excludes weekends) before the meeting. At present the committee meets approximately every 3 months. Committees meeting dates and the minutes of previous meetings can be found under Meetings and Minutes. Relevant actions that take place between meetings and any updated information is provided via reports to the full Parish Council meetings.

Attendance and Representation at Committee Meetings

Meetings are open to the general public who are very welcome to attend. Members of the public who attend will be given the opportunity to ask questions or make representations on matters of concern to them. Time is normally allowed early in the agenda for public participation. Councillors not on the committee may also attend and may join in the discussions but cannot vote at the committee meeting.

Affiliated Groups and Roles and Reporting Problems

Strengthening Local Relationships Liaison Meeting

The committee leads (for the Parish Council) on the quarterly Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) Liaison Meeting with staff from East Sussex County Council. Since the issue most frequently discussed is Highways a member of the Highways Department attends on behalf of the County Council. He will also report back to other departments where needed. When agreed staff from other County Council departments can also attend the SLR Liaison meetings.

Footpaths are maintained by East Sussex County Council (ESCC). Any concerns re footpath maintenance can be discussed at the SLR Liaison meetings. Members of the public are requested to bring any concerns to:

- ✓ the Parish Clerk; or
- ✓ directly to any member of the Transport and Environment Committee.

ESCC has an interactive rights of way map to help you find where to walk and ride in East Sussex. Go to: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/countryside/rightsofway/rightsofwaymap/map.aspx

Broken or unsafe stiles on footpaths can be reported directly by the public either to

- ✓ the Rights of Way Officer at East Sussex County Council. Email: rightsofway@eastsussex.gov.uk or Tel: 0345 60 80 193
- ✓ the Parish Clerk; or
- ✓ any member of the Transport and Environment Committee.

When reporting a broken or unsafe stile please supply as much detail as possible about the problem and the location.

If you discover a problem with an adopted highway or with a footpath adjoining an adopted highway please report this to either:

- ✓ the Parish Clerk; or
- ✓ any member of the Transport and Environment Committee.

A Fly-Tip is created when people tip their rubbish in an unauthorised place. Members of the public are encouraged to report fly-tipping either:

- ✓ directly to Lewes District Council, Southover House, Southover Road Lewes BN7 1AB Tel 01273 484999 email: customer.servcies@lewes.gov.uk; or by using their on-line Fault Reporting System <http://frs.accessseastsussex.org/faultReport/faultIntro.aspx>; or
- ✓ to the Parish Clerk; or
- ✓ to any member of the Transport and Environment Committee.

When reporting a problem it is helpful to provide the following information if possible:

- Date and time the incident occurred
- Model, make, registration number and colour of vehicle used by the offender
- Description of the offender
- Description of fly-tipping materials and an estimate of the amount of material

Please do not approach or talk to the offender and do not touch or attempt to move fly-tipped materials.

For more detail on fly-tipping go to www.lewes.gov.uk/community/755.asp

Waterways

The Transport of Environment Committee's link is with the Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust.

Links with Environmental agencies

Notification of any environmental pollution incident will be reported to the Environment Agency.

Notification of a 'noise nuisance' will be reported to Lewes District Council.
