



Minutes of the Strengthening Local Relationships Liaison Meeting (SLR) held on 17 April 2018

Venue – Village Hall Plumpton Green

In attendance: Cllr Nick Beaumont, Cllr Catherine Jackson, Cllr Gail Murphy, Cllr Julia Tingle (East Chiltington PC). Rob Stevens [RS](East Sussex Highways), Ian Johnson [IJ] (ESCC)

		Action
1.	<p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Were noted from Anita Emery 	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> minutes agreed as a true account of the meeting 	
3.	<p>Matters Arising previous meeting - None</p>	
4.	<p>Update on Feasibility Study</p> <p>At the time of meeting there had been no update from ESCC and IJ had no news.</p> <p>Post meeting note:- Study received on 23rd April will be considered by PPC before next SLR</p>	
5.	<p>Speeding Awareness suggestions for Beresford Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Beaumont reported that residents in Beresford Lane remain concerned about the speed of vehicles, particularly through the southern double bend. The danger exacerbated in their view by the wild deer which can appear in this vicinity. ESCC Highways has installed a warning sign on the approach to these bends. IJ requested a more accurate location of where the wild deer tend to appear so that he can consider next steps.</p> <p>A question on the introduction of 'Quiet Lanes' was raised. IJ reported that in his opinion the introduction of Quiet Lanes will in fact have no impact on driver behaviour. The designation 'Quiet Lane' does not mean any real change to the road infrastructure or signage occurs.</p>	NB
6.	<p>Continued Flooding in Plumpton Lane</p> <p>Cllr Murphy reported that residents are still concerned about the amount of water flowing down the lane at times. RS confirmed that he had jetted the drains and had not found an underlying issue. Problem therefore either due to the exceptionally wet weather or there is a more serious problem which is yet to be found. RS will keep watch on the issue.</p>	
7.	<p>Maintenance requests on White Bridge and Road Markings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RS stated that the White Bridge will be repainted when there is next an opportunity to close Plumpton Lane. The repainting alone will not be cause enough to close the road and therefore will have to be scheduled alongside more major work that necessitates the road closure. RS stated scheduled maintenance is not due until 2019 but requested that if residents are particularly concerned about the state of road markings they should report the issue via the ESCC highways web site. Link is - http://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem 	
8.	<p>Advice on Parking by Plumpton Station</p>	



	IJ reminded the meeting that he had no responsibility for parking and that we should continue to work with the appropriate Parking Department at the County Council.	
9.	<p>Agenda items from East Chiltington</p> <p>Cllr Tingle had emailed a list of agenda items to Lindsay Plumridge of ESCC Highways on 27th March but the points had not appeared on the agenda. At the time of the meeting it was not known why the omission had occurred. The Chair requested to the ESCC reps that the meeting discussed the agenda items from East Chiltington nonetheless.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Novington Bridge delays, Cllr Tingle asked why the work is taking so long and exactly what was happening since the area was left looking very untidy and the work clearly not finished. RS stated that this was not within his department and that Mark Andrews from 'ESCC Structures' should be contacted.2. Quiet Lanes, especially wrt the recent Spatham Lane incident. IJ had given his opinion on 'Quiet Lane' (point 5 above) although he was well aware of the Spatham Lane event.3. Renewal of 30mph painted sign on road along Honeypot Lane. RS to take a look.4. Verge Maintenance – Cllr Tingle pointed out that the digging of new drainage on rural lanes in the area resulted in the spoil piling up along the road and meant there is less verge for pedestrians to walk on. RS reported that the spoil would be too expensive to remove and that the method used including the piling of spoil alongside the ditch is ESCC policy and has been for some time. Cllr Tingle expressed her opposition to the policy and asked that the policy change. IJ suggested the requested should be channelled via the County Councillor.	
10	<p>Date of Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 16TH October 2018 @ 0830	
These minutes are in draft form and, subject to any agreed amendments, will be ratified at the Meeting on 16/10/18		