



GATEWAY TO THE SOUTH DOWNS

PLUMPTON PARISH COUNCIL AND EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS LIAISON MEETING ON 3rd NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 2.00pm IN PLUMPTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Plumpton Parish Council

Mr R Taylor Chairman Plumpton PC (RT)
Mrs K Wride Chairman Highways PPC (KW)
Mrs E Cullen Clerk PPC
Mr O St John VAP (OSTJ)

East Sussex County Council
Mrs Meg Stroude (MS) County Councillor
Andy Brooke (AB) Highway Maintenance Manager
Ian Johnson (IDJ) Traffic and Safety Manager
Gary Saunders (GS) Forestry Officer Western Area

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1	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>2 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July, 2009 were signed as a true record by RT and AB.</p> <p>3 No matters arising other than those covered during the meeting.</p>	
4	<p><u>Speeding concerns/traffic calming measures</u></p> <p>KW – Plumpton PC (PCC) had met the previous evening to discuss its Road Safety Strategy. All present were given a draft copy. PPC would be looking at various options which included:</p> <p>a) Improvements to sign at entrance to north of village – IDJ – if visibility is clear – would need post and could incorporate village sign – would need one either side of road – cost approximately £250 each. ESCC would contribute – wording ‘Welcome to Plumpton – Please drive carefully/slowly’</p> <p>GS – this would need vegetation clearance to ensure good visibility.</p> <p>OSTJ – would they need passively safe posts. IDJ – very expensive, and not necessary for this type of sign.</p>	<p>IDJ</p> <p>IDJ</p>

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	<p>b) Extra 30 mph roundels on Station Road near church. IDJ – two small ones beside smaller repeater signs. IDJ would fund but not until next March. OSTJ – what are the criteria for these? IDJ – need repeater signs (£80 each) , £120 approximately each – expensive to maintain.</p> <p>c) KW – PPC would be asking VAP (Village Action Plan) RST (Road Safety Team) to look into Speedwatch.</p> <p>d) Double Yellow lines – areas in village where residents unable to see to exit roads safely. IDJ – not easy, would need a Traffic Order – takes 9 months and usually get objections from public. ESCC has current priority list. IDJ white lines preferable in rural areas – easier to do – but no legal significance. MS – these work in clusters and are a good idea. OSTJ – what is the criteria for these? IDJ – crash records etc. AB – could change look of the village. IDJ – PCSO can put tickets on inconsiderate parking already with no need for lines. PC should request this is done more often. Clerk to contact PCSO.</p> <p>Item 7 - IDJ – what about parking at the Station. OSTJ – VAP have done a study. IDJ – ESCC working with rail authorities. PC and VAP had asked Network Rail for parking areas, but they said they did not have any suitable sites. KW – PPC would discuss at next meeting and contact IDJ.</p> <p>e) KW – PPC would be working with School on a voluntary speed reduction scheme ‘20’s Plenty’ and a road safety week.</p> <p>f) Speeding on outskirts of village– IDJ - ESCC will be looking at this in 2011, C and UC roads OSTJ – VAP statistics on questionnaire showed that there were concerns. IDJ – southern end does not meet criteria at present, may have different criteria by 2011. KW – what about the northern end? – IDJ – will not be able to look at this until 2011 – has to have 20 visible properties within 600 metres.</p> <p>g) Improvements at Half Moon junction – IDJ – spoken to Rights of Way (ROW) – path currently been used – sign on verge would obstruct horses and pedestrians. KW – VoSS (Vale of Sussex Society) looking at feasibility of extending Jubilee Way – ROW asked not to put sign in verge – thought this was the only place to put it. OSTJ – only see sign at last minute. IDJ – this has worked for some time now so why change it? – crash record good (personal injury). Sign there would obstruct horses and pedestrians. KW – A simple triangular sign showing a right hand turn by the Armoury could be used. – IDJ may be able to put one there. OSTJ – no sign for the Racecourse – may be their responsibility to</p>	

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	<p>pay for a brown sign. Half Moon junction a problem, noise, skidding cars, school bus runs into pavement when turning, race days horns going.</p> <p>GS – looked at overhanging branches at Laines – not considered a problem and legally within the owner’s rights not to cut back, but could write to ask them to cut them back.</p> <p>h) KW – PPC would be holding a Village Update event in the Spring residents would be able to give feedback on road safety issues.</p> <p>i) Policing of village one of the best ways to tackle speeding and parking problems.</p> <p>j) OSTJ – asked about Police speed guns – PCSO said he could not be trained as there was no time. Asked if MS could ask the Police if there was any funding towards this.</p> <p>KW – VoSS looking at Quiet Lanes designation – may be pot of money with SDNP inception in 2011. KW asked if ESCC would be able to lead on this.</p> <p>MS – video from a project in Kent – did not work, so Quiet Lanes would not be something for discussion – the project was not supported.</p> <p>Funding from the SDNP available for signage from 2010.</p> <p>KW – PPC would be asking VAP RST to look at traffic calming measures in Plumpton – would need statistics.</p> <p>IDJ - Loop – cost £320 for 7 days – drivers slow down when they see them. Speed Detection Radar Box – set up for 24 hours – records all speeds - £320 cost – drivers don’t notice these. ESCC usually knows where to put them – need two sets.</p> <p>Ask Linda Sawyer ESCC for information – had a box been used to collect data in Plumpton already? Clerk</p> <p>MS – data from this could influence most things that have been talked about.</p>	
5	<p><u>Highway Maintenance – update by ESCC Highways</u></p> <p>GS – produced document for PC to refer to, and hoped that PC would let residents know that they were liable for trees that overhang pavements or highways. Residents could Google AIE tree inspection details. If residents were very concerned they could contact Clerk who would then contact GS who would be able to come out and inspect but only on those specified above. GS asked if this could be included in village columns in Mid Sussex Times and Sussex Express. KW said she would put it in her MST column. PC should inspect their trees frequently. He has noticed that the oak on the Village Green had fungi, and needed attention.</p> <p>Verges – had been cut. Weed control – done in September.</p> <p>Gullies and drains – done cyclically.</p> <p>Inspection of roads – Road repair between Plumpton Bridge and Green Cross – OSTJ – no seal on road, same on B2116 needs</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AB</p>

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	<p>sealing. Inspection of footways – near College entrance – grass encroaching on footway. – Road markings – zig zags working really well near school – Highways thanked. IDJ AB department had organized that. Road signage – road sign left after highway work done near Drews Farm – sign now removed. PPC thanked ESCC for renewing the ‘School’ sign and the ‘Stop’ sign approaching the Half Moon junction since the last meeting</p>	
6	<p><u>Specific Highway Maintenance Concerns – feedback from PPC</u></p> <p>Kerbing/verges – AB – kept under review Bollards at Half Moon junction – IDJ – no-one appears to know who owns the land so not ESCC responsibility – OSTJ contacted Mr Baker MP and asked to provide 13 wooden bollards. KW – who is funding these. AB – ESCC but the budget is tight. Signage/road markings – OSTJ said no signs coming into Plumpton – may help people realize they are in a village – maybe village sign by Armoury. RT – Maybe PG sign north of railway sign – may need several to the north – St Helena Lane – this could be discussed at the Village Update in the Spring. AB – would not have to go at boundary. IDJ B road – may consider funding village name plates – C road – PC would have to fund. PC to send requirements to IDJ. Potholes – AB walked round, and did not see any that needed doing</p>	PPC
7	<p><u>Parking - covered elsewhere</u></p>	
8	<p><u>Transport -</u> ESCC CT Voluntary driver scheme launched by Plumpton PC and VAP – filming to take place on 4th November, 2009. RUS consultation by Plumpton PC. – ESCC organizing big event – PC responded to this KW attending meeting. Bus Survey – got until Decemebr to respond Bus stop signs – Green Cross – reported at an angle and difficult to read as up a bank – RT reported that one silver pole had disappeared so RT put up sign on pole. OSTJ – needs to be placed where it can be seen. Contact Mark Evans ESCC.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>Any Other Business -</u> AB said SLR meeting could include representatives from departments Libraries, Education, Waste Management, Social Services and Travellers Liaison.</p>	\
	<p><u>10. Date and Time of next meeting -</u> 2nd February, 2010 Committee Room Village Hall at 2pm</p>	ALL
	<p>THESE MINUTES ARE IN DRAFT FORM ONLY AND WILL BE RATIFIED AT THE NEXT MEETING ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2010.</p>	