



TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES. Meeting held Thursday 5th August at 19:30

Attendees: Cllrs. Nick Beaumont (Chairman), Paul Burford (PB), Peter Morgan (PM),
District Cllr Rob Banks attended for item (4)

Members of the public: nil

1. Apologies – Cllr Niki Shefras
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020 were read and approved.
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
 - a. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) - At the beginning of the year 3 quotes for VAS were obtained. No decision was made since there was uncertainty around the impact of the Nolands Planning application on the road layout in the village. It was also not possible to arrange a demonstration due to the Pandemic. Notwithstanding the continued uncertainty around the planning application it was decided that we should pursue the purchase and use of VAS. - Action - NB will arrange a demonstration for early September.
4. To discuss the Feasibility study on road safety around the Southdowns/Station Road junction.
 - a. The report was discussed at length and it was agreed that per the report, improvement of Signings and Road markings should be requested as well as further investigation on repositioning the crossing points. NB will contact East Sussex highways to discuss how we progress. Recommendations to be made to the full Parish Council.
5. Next steps regarding the Community Orchard and Platinum Jubilee.
 - a. Following the professional site visit a report had been received from the Brighton Permaculture Trust. The site was found to be suitable for Fruit Trees and the soil good. There is room for 10 - 20 trees depending on the tree type (vigour) chosen.
 - b. This project would be one of the ways the Parish could commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and is in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan. The T&E committee therefore will recommend that the PC proceed with the establishment of a community orchard.
 - c. A working party should be established to take the project forward. Membership of the working party TBD - the Wildlife group have offered to help and it is hoped that other community groups such as Plumpton college, Honeybee, Scouts and the School might want to be involved.
6. AOB to be discussed at future meetings.
 - a. PM mentioned the state of the overgrown ditch alongside the Allotments. Assigning a contractor to deal with this can be dealt with as part of normal maintenance and agreed at full PC meeting.
7. Date of future T&E meeting
 - a. will be agreed via email as Cllr Shefras was absent.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm. These minutes are in draft form and, subject to any agreed amendments, will be ratified at the next meeting.