



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

HELD AT LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD
ON MONDAY 17 MAY 2010 AT 1930 HOURS

10S01
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Chairman Councillor R Fitzsimmons

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Mayfield High Street car parking enforcement progressed.
- Other car parking issues discussed
- Police reports noted
- Neighbourhood watch reports noted
- Operation Time reported

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Robert Fitzsimmons	(RF)	Present and Voting
Hubert Hills	(HH)	Apologies for Absence (H)
Paul Amans	(PA)	Present and Voting
Elaine Wheeler	(EW)	Apologies for Absence (B)
Graham Playfoot	(GP)	Present and Voting

Lay Members

Ken Wapling	(KW)	Present
Marianne Wapling	(MW)	Apologies for Absence
Les Wicker	(LW)	Present
PCSO Paula MacKie	(PM)	Present
PCSO Geraldine Hodges	(GH)	Not present
PCSO Matthew Boyle	(MB)	Present

Advisors:

ESCC Councillor Robert Tidy (RT), Michael Oates (MO), Michael Higgs (MH), Brian Banks (BB), Police Mark Dunn (MD)

Also in attendance

David Thompson Parish Clerk (DT), and resident Mr Boker Ingram

MINUTES

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND LAY MEMBERS

- 1.1. RF was elected Chairman for Year 2010/11.
- 1.2. KW, MW, LW, PM and MB were reappointed as lay members of the Committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.1. There were no declarations of interest on Agenda items.

3. MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

- 3.1. Mr Boker-Ingram, a resident from South Street, reported on the increase in speed and intensity of vehicular traffic on South Street, from the car park to its junction with West Street. This had been noticed after a nine month absence. This was causing a dangerous situation for residents because:

- Many of the houses in South Street open directly on to the roadway.
- The sharp bend at the end of South Street caused a hazard, particularly by the 4x4 vehicles.

He considered that a 20 mph limit was needed in line with other parts of the conservation area and noted that many houses on South Street were without foundations.

- 3.2. SE noted that they would be unable to get a SID device, but an attempt to measure speeds would be made. It was considered that 20 mph was appropriate for the road.

4. HIGH STREET MAYFIELD - PARKING

- 4.1. It was reported that the High Street car parking initiative was going well, with only two complaints received. It was noted that there was a court case pending over one of the parking offences.
- 4.2. With regard to the alleged issue of a car parking ticket to a hearse in Mayfield it was noted that the police had contacted 11 undertakers in the area, none of which had any knowledge of the incident.
- 4.3. The position with regard to yellow lines was:
 - Moving or otherwise, yellow lines had to be done at the comprehensive parking review, and we are currently 8th in the queue. Equally moving the yellow lines will allow any person to park in the area.
 - A hearse can legitimately load and unload, and discretion could be exercised over the waiting time.
 - Issuing permits has yet to be considered by our two District Councils, and is currently not possible, and if it was it could lead to all residents having that right.
- 4.4. The suggestion put forward by Councillor Child with regard to issuing the Vicar with special badges was ruled as impractical at present.

5. STONE CROSS – TRAFFIC SPEEDS

- 5.1. With regard to the request for a sign to indicate potential traffic hazards at Stone Cross it was agreed to ask ESCC advice.
- 5.2. A further speed check by the police was requested.

ACTION DT

6. EAST STREET

- 6.1 With regard to car parking in East Street it was noted that permission had been given to the Children's Home to provide a further four spaces on their property.

7. FIVE ASHES TRAFFIC CALMING

- 7.1. It was noted that there was still a huge amount of foliage clearance needed on the Five Ashes A267 traffic calming project area. ESCC to be advised again.
- 7.2. It was noted that an objection had been lodged over one of the vehicle reactive signs and this would mean that until the objection was resolved no further action could take place.

8. LIGHTING

- 8.1. It was noted that lights No 3-7 and 10 were affected by foliage. All are situated on the old A267.

ACTION DT

- 8.2. The light on Roselands Avenue was now working.

9. POLICE REPORTS

- 9.1. PM reported that for Five Ashes crime was at extremely low level. There was one report of a suspicious male, and a number of fly tipping incidents.
- 9.2. A new initiative was being developed in conjunction with Wealden District Council, details of which are shown in Annex 2.
- 9.3. Operation Time could be used for incidents in Community Halls, especially if the Police advised in advance.
- 9.4. MB reported that with regard to the recent spate of burglaries, these had now ceased with no reports since 1 March 2010. Victims were being interviewed to see if there was a recognisable pattern to the incidents.
- 9.5. With regard to Neighbourhood Watch, it was noted that little or no data was being received by coordinators. SE would be seeking a solution.

ACTION SE

10. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- 10.1. The minutes were approved by the Committee.
- 10.2. It was agreed that Inspector Wakefield be invited to speak to the Full Council at a future date.

ACTION DT

11. GRIT BINS

- 11.1. It was agreed that there was a need to follow up with ESCC with regard to the provision of grit bins.

ACTION DT

11.2. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- 11.3. There were no items of information.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2045 HOURS.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
WILL BE:**

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE

DATE: 5 JULY 2010 (10S02)

TIME: 1930 HOURS

Annex 1 Action Progress

Community Safety and Traffic Actions Progress from Meeting 9S05

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
• 9S5/10.2	Grit Bins – Clerk to progress project. In hand.	OPEN
• 9S6/4.2	RF to contact MB to arrange starting date for Mayfield High Street car parking initiative – Done.	CLOSED
• 9S6/5.1	ESCC suggests to place parking bays on East Street instead of bollards. In hand ESCC.	OPEN
• 9S6/5.2	Land Registry search for landowners on East Street who might release land for car parking – in hand.	OPEN
• 9S6/6.3	Stone Cross – Car Parking – No solution other than notices. Conclude.	OPEN
• 9S6/9.2	Maypole – Mayfield High Street – in hand with Forgemster???? – delivered late.	CLOSED
• 9S6/10.1	Pot holes – Newick Lane reported to ESCC.	CLOSED
• 9S6/11.6	Combine PCSO panel meetings with Community Safety and Traffic – agreed, contact police.	OPEN
• 9S6/11.8	Invite Inspector Wakefield to Full Council Meeting – in hand.	OPEN
• 9S6/12.3	Clerk to order 3 extra grip bins from ESCC – Done.	CLOSED

Annex 2

Operation Time is a police scheme aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour involving young people, underage drinking and low level crime. Forging stronger links with the communities who suffer from this form of behaviour.

Extra Resources

Under Operation Time extra resources form a dedicated team to respond promptly to this problem. The team use a van equipped with CCTV to travel to hotspot problem areas and conduct foot patrol interacting with the young people. They also respond to calls. Officers will deal robustly with any young people behaving in an anti-social way of drinking alcohol.

Long Term Solutions

Letters are sent to parents of any offending young person. These can progress from an initial warning, to second warning of action and a third letter in which they will be invited to attend a meeting with Police to receive an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). The contract will lay out conditions to address their behaviour. If the individuals do not improve under an ABC, Police will take additional action which can include measures involving housing agencies, Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and Parenting Orders.

Directed by the Community

We encourage members of the public to join this scheme to assist us in tackling this problem, anti-social behaviour and low level crime. Once you become a member you will receive an automated message by phone or email giving you the details when the next operation will take place. You will also be given a mobile phone number which will put you in direct contact with the officers on the streets. You can use this number to direct officers to any problem areas. Operations will be carried out according to demand and necessity. A weekly update is sent to all members informing them of the week's actions and successes.

Tony Wakefield
Neighbouring Policing Team