



Minutes of meeting of

Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council

Community Safety and Traffic Advisory

Venue: Old Manor House

Date: Monday 29 October 2018

Time: 19:30

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2018/19 Meeting 02
Adopted

Chairman Robert: Fitzsimmons

Attendance:

Councillors Present:

Robert Fitzsimmons, Duncan Smith and Tommy Buck

Also present:

Janna Todd (Parish Clerk).

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

1.1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr David Miles and Cllr Herb Hills.

2. Declarations of substitute members

2.1. Cllr Smith declared that he was Substitute Councillor for Cllr David Miles.

3. Declaration of interests

3.1. There were no declarations of interests.

4. Public questions and comments

4.1. There were no public questions.

5. Minutes of meeting 30 July 2018 previously adopted.

5.1. The actions in progress list was reviewed and updated.

Matters arising from the minutes

5.2. Following the submission of a request for costs to install a dropped kerb opposite St Dunstan's Church in September 2017, East Sussex Highways advised a week ago that it would not be possible unless there was a dropped kerb on the opposite side of the High Street. They have been informed that there is a dropped kerb adjacent to the entrance to Star Mews and they have now agreed to meet to discuss and assess the location on 31 October 2018.

6. Highways issues (information previously circulated)

6.1. The Committee agreed to the design of patrol crossing warning sign (without flashing lights) to install outside Mayfield Girl's School. The existing post with a parking restriction sign will be replaced with a taller post so as not to cause a hazard to pedestrians. **Action JT**

6.2. The A267 at Mayfield roundabout will be closed for nine nights from 09 November 2018 for resurfacing. It was felt that this was an excessive period of time.

6.3. Heathfield High Street will be closed for four weeks from 02 November 2018. The Committee discussed their concerns on the resulting impact on traffic volume in Newick Lane during this road closure and the safety implications.

6.4. A complaint has been received on the length of time Tidebrook Road has to be closed to enable South East Water to install a new pipeline and for the inadequate diversion using Pennybridge Lane which is too narrow for vehicles to pass. The complaint has been passed to East Sussex

Highways and an enquiry made into whether it is possible to request that South East Water speed up their works and reduce the road closure time.

- 6.5. East Sussex Highways informed that the Parish Council owns the overgrown verges in Love Lane and therefore is responsible for them. This claim was investigated and it was found that the title deed they were referring to was for Love Lane car park and not the verges further along the lane where vegetation is overgrown. It is hoped that East Sussex Highways will now cut back the overgrown verges routinely.

7. Local traffic and speed issues

- 7.1. Confirmation has been received from East Sussex Highways that all locations for the installation of Speed Indicating Devices have been assessed for safety and have been approved. They advised a week ago that the paperwork has been completed for the licences that should be forwarded promptly. However, nothing as yet has been received from them which is extremely disappointing.
- 7.2. The reason for the prolonged delay was advised to be due to low staff numbers and increased sickness. A discussion followed on the unacceptable length of time it is taking East Sussex Highways to carry out any reports or requests.
- 7.3. It was noted that there will be an increase in traffic volume on the A267 as housing numbers increase in the south of Wealden.

8. Request for additional signage (information previously circulated)

- 8.1. Advice was received from East Sussex Highways a week ago that all the information required to progress the request for improved parking signs and signs to promote tourism has been collated. However, nothing as yet has been received from them.

9. Parking Issues

- 9.1. There was a discussion on future electric vehicle charging points in the villages. The five district Councils have opened a consultation with residents on the charging patterns of existing electric vehicles and the interest in switching to use an electric vehicle in the future.
- 9.2. It was agreed that the most suitable locations for charging points would be in the car parks
- 9.3. A suggestion received from a resident that there could be two points at the Doctor's Surgery was discussed and it was agreed that it would be unnecessary as the majority of patients live very locally and would not need to charge their vehicles whilst visiting the surgery. There is also a very limited number of parking spaces.
- 9.4. It was unsure how electric charging points could be provided for residents living in Mayfield High Street where parking spaces are usually occupied. There was concern on the visual impact that the installation of several charging points would have on Mayfield High Street and the Conservation Area.
- 9.5. Councillors will be requested to complete the consultation, which closes on 18 November 2018, at the next Parish Council meeting.

10. Community safety

- 10.1. There has been no local crime information recently received from Sussex Police.
- 10.2. It is apparent that the theft of power and gardening tools from outbuildings is the most common crime within the Parish.
- 10.3. Information received on scams and how to spot them has been included in Newsletter articles.

11. Items of information and next agenda items

- 11.1. The impact on the volume of traffic in Five Ashes once the hospice is open was discussed. It is not known whether the entrance to the site will be widened and concern was raised that the traffic island outside the entrance might cause a hazard.

- 11.2. One of the causes of road traffic collisions in Five Ashes is vehicles slowing down to turn off the road and being hit in the rear due to drivers not paying attention and driving too fast. These incidents may increase once the hospice is open.

The meeting closed at 20:35 hours.

The next meeting of the Mayfield and Five Ashes Community Safety and Traffic Advisory will be:

Venue: Old Manor House, High Street, Mayfield, TN20 6AL

Date: Monday 28 January 2019

Time: 19:30 hours

.....**Chairman's Signature**

.....**Date**

Annex 1 Action Progress

Actions from meeting 29 January 2018			
7.3	Arrange quotations and additional information for SIDs Awaiting Licences	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting 30 April 2018			
6.4	Obtain quotations for additional SID batteries and a tablet	JT	On hold
7.3	Investigate suitable locations for additional tourism signs	JT	In hand
7.7	Investigate appropriate locations for Court Meadow car park sign	JT	In hand
11.4	Investigate repairs to streetlight 01 Awaiting UK Power Networks	JT	In hand
Actions from meeting 30 July 2018			
9.2	Complaint to ESCC of unacceptable delay and advice on SID's	JT	Closed
9.3	Determine whether number of SID locations can be reduced (ESCC)	JT	In hand
9.5	Remind residents of road closures and diversions during SE Water works	JT	Closed
11.1	Report unrepaired safety fence in West Street and ascertain new date	JT	Closed
12.6	Make enquiries into the provision of school warning signs	JT	Closed
Actions from meeting 29 October 2018			
6.1	Inform ESCC of acceptable school patrol sign & replacement post	JT	Closed