



**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 23 AUGUST 2010 AT 1930 HOURS**

Chairman Councillor R Fitzsimmons

10S03 CHAIRMAN APPROVED
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SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Mayfield High Street car parking enforcement position noted.
- Street lighting report noted.
- Grit bin project progress noted.
- Police and neighbourhood watch reports received.
- Court Meadow south boundary project discussed.
- BW92 burglary risk appraisal agreed.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

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

Lay Members

Ken Wapling	(KW)	Apologies for Absence
Marianne Wapling	(MW)	Apologies for Absence
Les Wicker	(LW)	Present
PCSO Paula Mackie	(PM)	Apologies for Absence
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)

MINUTES

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.1. There were no declarations of interest.

2. MEMBERS OF PUBLIC

- 2.1. There were no members of the public present.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 JULY 2010 (10S02)

- 3.1. The minutes were approved by the Committee without amendment.
- 3.2. Arising from minute 10S02/4.6 GP reported that in addition to the obstruction caused by the traffic island, the sighting lines were also obscured.

4. TRAFFIC PARKING

- 4.1. With regard to the letter from Father Nigel Prior, requesting a resident permit, the Clerk reported that he had taken the matter up with East Sussex County Council, who had indicated that it was not possible to issue individual residents permits and it was unlikely that such a scheme would be instituted in the foreseeable future. Father Nigel Prior had been informed.
- 4.2. With regard to the public concern raised by Mr Ripley, MB reported that he had laid claim to two car parking spaces outside the hospice on the Weald. The Clerk reported that East Sussex County Council had advised that parking on the highway was free to all road users. However Mr Ripley laid claim to the paved area as well.
- 4.3. There had been a number of calls from Shape Homes (Aylwins) over cars parked opposite the site entrance which was causing a nuisance. It was noted that on the Aylwins side of the road bays had been suspended and cones placed.
- 4.4. With regard to Aylwins, the Clerk reported that it was most likely that the Parish Council would win its case to have the provision of two car parking spaces per dwelling.
- 4.5. With regard to the Five Ashes speed restriction project, it was reported that the Parish Council had made an objection to the objection raised by a Five Ashes resident. The grounds of the objection was that adequate consultation had been carried out.
- 4.6. With regard to the issues surrounding Holly Bush Lane and the junction with the A267, the Clerk reported that the Parish Council case had been placed with Mr M Higgs of East Sussex County Council who would be dealing with the matter.
- 4.7. With regard to South Street MB reported that Mr Boker-Ingram had complained once again about traffic speeds on South Street. MB had reported that it was unsafe to do speed checks on South Street, but he would ask PCSO Tomsett who deals with road safety issues for advice.
- 4.8. MB reported that he had requested a speed check to be made at Stone Cross.
ACTION MB
- 4.9. Noting that it was not possible to put up permanent signs or paint the roads with warnings at Stone Cross, the Clerk suggested that the temporary 'kill your speed' signs be erected. The Committee agreed.
ACTION DT

5. CAR PARKS

5.1. South Street – The Clerk reported that he had asked Wealden District Council whether it would be possible to convert the verges of South Street car park into additional car parking spaces. Wealden District Council had reported that although feasible the project would be cost prohibitive, especially when taking into account the number of parking spaces gained.

5.2. Memorial Hall Car Park – it was noted that there was evidence that permanent car parking was being exercised in the Memorial Hall car park. Vans from a company called ‘Moody Sewage’ had been noted. The Memorial Hall car park was wholly owned by the Parish Council for use of those who used the Memorial Hall, Scout Hut and Court Meadow. MB to investigate.

ACTION MB

5.3. Memorial Hall car park – it was agreed that a notice indicating private car park be prepared and placed in the car park.

ACTION DT

5.4. Love Lane car park – the Clerk reported no further response from ESCC and he would follow up.

ACTION DT

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY

6.1 Police reports – MB reported from Mayfield as follows:

Crimes

- Attempted shed break-ins – damaged the locks but didn’t gain entry, then tried next door but failed.
- Theft from an unattended vehicle in Meres Lane, Five Ashes – purse stolen, left unlocked as unloading.
- Tip jar stolen from hairdressers, Mayfield High Street
- Robin Taylor – farmhouse, purse stolen from car.

Other

- Suspicious callers in Crowborough doing gardening work and a security selling alarms.
- Court Meadow – bin was burnt together with lots of rubbish. Some youths have been spoken to and words of advice given.

Clerk to place in Yellow Pages.

ACTION DT

6.2 In connection with possible objections from nearby house owners regarding the proposed opening of a Bridleway 92 extension from Bassetts Bridge, Rotherfield causing potential burglary opportunities MB was asked to review the route for potential crime and crime prevention. He would be provided with an escort from the Rights of Way Committee.

ACTION DT

6.3 Neighbourhood Watch, Mayfield. KW reported that two ‘bag boys’ had been reported going around the village but appeared not to give rise to real concern.

6.4 Neighbourhood Watch, Five Ashes. The Clerk reported that he had applied for a licence for the Neighbourhood Watch signs requested.

- 6.5 Five Ashes playing field boundary – it was agreed that no further actions be taken on this issue.
- 6.6 Court Meadow south boundary – the Clerk reported that clearance work would commence on this project, after the contractor had finished work on the allotment site. In addition it was reported that a land registry search had been made on both Nevassa and Bluebell Cottage. Complaints had been received from Bluebell Cottage.
- 6.7 Court Meadow and Five Ashes play areas – the Clerk reported that the ROSPA report had been received and the necessary actions would be put in hand. Work had been held back until the report had been received.

ACTION DT

7. LIGHTING

7.1. The lighting report is as follows:

- Lights not working properly need to be brought up to EU Directive standards (cost £656).

81 Rothermead
83 Wellbrook
92 Five Ashes opposite Village Hall

- Foliage clearance

58 Love Lane
59 Love Lane
60 Victoria Road – lamp replacement

7.2. Since then a further unidentified light in Love Lane has been reported not working.

ACTION DT

7.3. LW reported that lights numbers 3-10 needed foliage clearance.

ACTION DT

8 GRIT BINS

8.1 The Clerk reported progress on the grit bins project as shown in Annex 2.

8.2 To date two volunteers had come forward.

ACTION DT

9 ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

9.1 No items were reported.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 2020 HOURS.

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

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE

DATE: 1 NOVEMBER 2010 (10S04)

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.	CLOSED
• 9S6/5.1	ESCC suggests to place parking bays on East Street instead of bollards. In hand ESCC.	OPEN
• 9S6/6.3	Stone Cross – Car Parking – No solution other than notices. Conclude. Done.	CLOSED
• 9S6/11.6	Combine PCSO panel meetings with Community Safety and Traffic – agreed, contact police. Done.	CLOSED
• 9S6/11.8	Invite Inspector Wakefield to Full Council Meeting – in hand for September/October.	OPEN
Actions from Meeting 10S01		
• 10S01/5.1	Consult ESCC on Stone Cross issues. Done.	CLOSED
• 10S01/8.1	Lights 3-7 and 10 affected by foliage follow up – contractor advised. Done.	CLOSED
• 10S01/9.5	Police reports for neighbourhood watch – SE to follow up.	OPEN
• 10S01/10.2	Inspector Wakefield to be invited to Parish meeting September/October 2010.	OPEN
Actions from Meeting 10S02		
• 10S02/4.1	Mr Ripley public concern over car parking – in hand with ESCC. Replied to first concern.	CLOSED
• 10S02/4.2	Stone Cross parking – ask police to monitor speeds and provide signage. Temporary signs to be placed.	OPEN
• 10S02/4.3	East Street – check on usefulness of land ownership data. Done.	CLOSED
• 10S02/4.4	Harmony House – parking problems in the Avenue – Clerk to place in Yellow Pages. Done	CLOSED
• 10S02/4.6	Holly Beach Lane – traffic problems to be raised with ESCC. With M Higgs. Done	CLOSED
• 10S02/5.5	Clerk to obtain neighbourhood watch signs for Five Ashes. In hand.	OPEN
• 10S02/7.3	The Clerk to follow up on the provision of grit bins when he attends the East Sussex County Council meeting on 23 July. Done.	CLOSED

From this meeting 10S03		
• 10S03/4.8	MB to arrange speed check at Stone Cross.	OPEN
• 10S03/4.9	Erect kill speed signs on Stone Cross.	OPEN
• 10S03/5.2	MB to investigate permanent car parking in Memorial Hall car park and take action.	OPEN
• 10S03/5.3	Clerk to have notice made to indicate Memorial Hall car park is private.	OPEN
• 10S03/5.4	Love Lane car park – follow up with ESCC.	OPEN
• 10S03/6.2	Bridleway 92 – arrange review walk with MB and RoW.	OPEN
• 10S03/6.7	Clerk to progress ROSPA report work.	OPEN
• 10S03/7.2	Street light in Love Lane not working. To be reported.	OPEN
• 10S03/7.3	Street lights 3-10 foliage to be cutback.	OPEN

Annex 2

GRIT BINS

TYPE	DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	OWNER	CURRENT STATE	
BIN	Lockable grit bin – Mayfield High Street	Parish Council	To be delivered	1
BIN	Lockable grit bin – Fletching Street	Parish Council	To be delivered	2
BIN	Lockable grit bin – Fletching Street, West Street, Newick Lane	Parish Council	To be delivered	3
BIN	Grit Bin – U7572 Windmill Hill opposite Post Mill House	East Sussex County Council	Damaged and empty	4
BIN	Grit Bin – U7573 Argos Hill opposite Ordnance Place	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Full	5
BIN	Grit Bin – C574 Fir Toll Road, Mayfield adjacent Rotherdale House.	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Full	6
BIN	Grit Bin – U7457	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Full	7
BIN	Grit Bin – U7569 Little Trodgers Lane adjacent Mayfield Garage	East Sussex County Council	Good condition	8
PIPE	Grit Pipe – U7551 Fir Toll Close Mayfield, junction with Station Road	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Half Full	9
PIPE	Grit Pipe – U7576 Rotherfield Lane, opposite Longwood	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Full	10
PIPE	Grit Pipe – U7579 Stonehurst Lane, Five Ashes, north of Saxonghyll	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Full	11
PIPE	Grit Pipe – U7576 Skippers Hill, Five Ashes, adjacent to school	East Sussex County Council	Good condition Nearly empty	12

Arrangements have been made to have all of the bins and grip pipes kept fully stocked, so our next task is to build up a network of volunteers who we can call out should the need arise.