

PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS COMMITTEE held at St. Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay on Tuesday 10th April 2018

Present: Councillors Hills (Chair) Rabbits, Beaney, Beck, MacKinnon, Scott and Lowton

Apologies: Cllr Garrard

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed

Matters arising from Minutes:

Road and pavement cleaning

Cllr Beaney commented that the High Street is looking good but unfortunately when they cleared up the pavement they did not move round to Gresham. The Clerk will chase up.

Grass Cutting Changes

Due to the severe time constraints and ESCC intransigence at moving the deadline date the negotiations for a decision on the changes was carried out by email, first of all by Committee and then by email to all Council. It was agreed that we continue with ESCC for the ensuing year at a cost of £2950. This was carried 11/2. Cllr Hills confirmed that he is currently looking at obtaining competitive quotes for next year. He intends travelling round with Cllrs MacKinnon and Beaney to exactly pin point the verges to be cut. He has also discovered that PPC can sign up to the Ordnance Survey online website and obtain maps **solely for the use of council** for free.

Cllr Lowton advised that he was one of the two dissenters and he is concerned about the cost and whether the provider (ESCC) will meet the standards required and what the best number of cuts might be. There is no break clause envisaged by Cllr Hills but Cllr Lowton was keen to ensure that if they fail to deliver on quality or timeousness then it should be possible to immediately move the contract. It is therefore important to have an alternative contractor lined up. Cllr Beaney advised that Westham have settled on a payment by ESCC and have already negotiated with an outside contractor. Cllr Rabbits felt that it was clear that if they failed to deliver on the contract it could be broken forthwith.

Wish List

Cllr Hills started to read from the explanatory notes that accompanied the Wish List for 2018 but in view of the fact that everyone had been circulated with a copy he stopped and the documents are now attached as an integral part of the Minutes. However Cllr Beaney agreed to mark up a suitable map with sites of stiles on footpaths and twittens. Other matters touched upon include the brown Tourist signs initiative has been postponed due to problems with ESCC and PVP are now producing two solid signs to be placed in the Market Square Car Park and Sea Road Car Park. Cllr MacKinnon had read something about initiatives to stop pavement parking which is a big problem. Cllr Hills advised that the WDC men are now sweeping the entire front of the Premier Store but as Cllr MacKinnon and the Clerk pointed out it is the other side of the Eastbourne Road that is the eyesore. Cllr Beaney asked if the Bus Shelter cleaners did the inside of the shelters but they only do the outside and inside of the glass structures not the solid one. Cllr Beaney also advised that Westham, PC have stopped the practice of hanging baskets as the cost was prohibitive at some £3,000. Cllr MacKinnon asked who was to be responsible for the planters outside the Eastbourne Road Notice Board and Library. Andy Hyde had been asked for a quote and Cllr Hills will speak to him again.

Footpath Reports

Nothing to report

Correspondence

Apart from emails regarding reported highways faults/potholes etc there was no meaningful correspondence. Cllr Hills advised that he has received an email regarding Traffic Sensitive streets and he will combine this initiative with the previous traffic reports he produced in 2013, 2016 and 2017.

Update on Works

Nothing to report

Matters of Urgent Public Safety

One of the bridges into Anderida is unsafe and the Clerk will instruct the Parish Contractor accordingly.

Cllr Beaney felt that the reason that the Gresham bus shelter has been damaged twice was a scarcity of lighting. Cllr Rabbitts felt that some reflective chevrons on the overhang would be useful.

Faulty Street Lights

The Lighting at the A259 Roundabout has still not been fixed by Highways England and the Clerk will chase up again.

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