

## PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS COMMITTEE held at St. Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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**Present:** Councillors Hill (Chair) Brookbank, Beaney, Beck, MacKinnon and Lowton

**Apologies:** None

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed

### **Election of a Vice Chairman**

Cllrs Beaney and MacKinnon both expressed an interest in being Vice Chairman and after a vote the Clerk advised that Cllr Beaney will be Vice Chairman for the next year.

Cllr Slater felt that given his role as Chairman of Recreation Ground, Vice Chairman of Planning and member of the F & GP Committee he would like to stand down as a member of H & B and this was agreed. As we are to appoint a further Councillor shortly it was agreed to leave the position vacant at this time.

### **Matters arising from Minutes:**

#### **Old Entrance to Sluice Lane**

In the absence of Cllr Peasgood no one was able to shed any light on the situation regarding the boat to be sited here. Cllr Beaney felt that we should be writing to the car salesman indicating that we had a licence to place a boat there but it was generally agreed that until we had the boat ready for siting there was little point. Cllr Hills will contact Cllr Peasgood to get some clarification. Cllr Brookbank advised that he still had the other boat which is to be sited at the north end of Marine Avenue. Although Peter Dryden might be able to paint it he was not skilled enough to make any wood repairs. Cllr Hills will follow up on these boats and report back asap.

It would appear from general comment that many of the boat planters are in need to attention and it was agreed that this should be placed on the Wish List and prioritised.

#### **Road and pavement cleaning**

Cllr Hills advised that the road and pavement sweepers were out last week. Cllr Beaney agreed but although the sweeper cleans what it can, it is the growing material that is unsightly. The Clerk pointed out that this is now only sprayed on an annual basis. Cllr Pursglove commented that when they swept the roads in Beachlands the sweeper was a good foot away from the pavement so there was no effect whatsoever. The Clerk will arrange to get a schedule of grass cutting

but in response to a question from Cllr MacKinnon he felt that the verge cutting did not extend to the houses at the beginning of Wallsend Road in the Bay. Some residents cut their own and others don't, much like Beachlands Marine Avenue. Cllr Rabbitts felt that significant clear back of the roundabout at A259 should be a priority. The Clerk remarked that there had been a margin created only this week as evidenced by the grass cuttings in the gutter.

Cllr Hills advised that, with Committees agreement, he wished to meet with ESCC along with the Clerk to discuss a variety of problems/issues with them on road conditions, road markings, potholes, overhanging vegetation etc. It was proposed Cllr Beaney, seconded Cllr Rabbitts that this be approved. All agreed.

Cllr Rabbitts brought up the subject of the Gateways on the A259 and the Clerk reported that he had received a quote of £650 to burn back, prime and add two coats of undercoat and one of weathershield type paint. Cllr Rabbitts has approached a contact of his and will get him to formally quote to the Clerk and confirm his Public Liability status. It was proposed, in order to progress this matter quickly, that the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £650 on the works proposed Cllr Rabbitts, seconded Cllr Beck. All Agreed.

### **Road Markings and Enforcement**

Although Road Markings will be discussed with ESCC Enforcement issues appear to be in consultation between the Police and Wealden District Council.

### **Temporary Structure at Level Crossing**

The Clerk reported that the structure had re-appeared and he has emailed Network Rail to obtain an explanation and will continue to press.

### **Footpath Reports**

Although not sure whether it is an official Footpath Cllr Beaney reported that the gateway into the Recreation Ground from the Town Trust Car Park is now in poor state of repair. It will have to be investigated as to ownership before any work is instructed.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Update on Works**

Nothing to Report

**Matters of Urgent Public Safety (MUPS)**

The surfaces by the traffic lights are still deteriorating but last time the Highways Steward said they weren't sufficiently bad for attention to be given. This will be taken up with ESCC at the forthcoming meeting.

**Faulty Street Lights**

A new column has been erected outside the entrance to Wallsend Road Recreation Ground but so far no lantern.

Before closing Cllr Hills paid compliment to Cllr Rabbitts for the immaculate way he attends to the grass area outside Riverview.