

PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS COMMITTEE held at St. Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay on Tuesday 7th February 2017

Present: Councillors Hills (Chair) Brookbank, Beaney, MacKinnon, Slater, Sargent, Beck and Lowton

Apologies: None

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were duly signed

Election of a Vice Chairman

There were two nominations for the post of Vice Chairman

Norman Beaney proposed Cllr Sargent seconded Cllr Hills
Robert Slater proposed Sue Beck seconded Cllr Withey

The Clerk advised that following a vote the new Vice Chairman is Cllr Slater.

Matters arising from Minutes:**Old Entrance to Sluice Lane**

Nothing will be done about siting the boat planter until the weather improves.

Road and pavement cleaning

Nothing to Report

Temporary Structure at Level Crossing

Cllr Beck advised that the structure was removed earlier this afternoon. The Clerk had been promised it would be gone by the end of February.

Footpath Reports

For clarification the Clerk advised that this section relates solely to adopted Footpaths – not pavements or bridges.

Correspondence

Apart from 2 “holding” emails from ESCC regarding the question of traffic through the Pevensey Village the Clerk had no other correspondence. Cllr Hills passed over a letter addressed to him as a private householder regarding the overnight closure to the A27 at Polegate.

He also made reference to a BBC Southeast Today programme from 28th January 2017 which showed Pevensey filmed regarding the usage of car type Sat Nav by lorries. He suggested that the interviewee Martin Tett of the Local Govt Association might be a useful contact for the future.

Update on Works

Apart from the continued work in Coast Road, nothing to report

Matters of Urgent Public Safety (MUPS)

Cllr Sargent wished to express her huge disappointment at the confusion which has been the focal point of the works by ESCC on Coast Road including temporary closure to the level crossing at Normans Bay which may have resulted in emergency services being unable to attend.

Cllr Brookbank advised that where the previous heaves were there are now 2 significant “dips” in the road. **(It was later confirmed that suitable protective ramps have been placed on site)**

Cllr Lowton advised that the bollards outside the bend by Priory Court Hotel remain 3 only when at the time it was expected to position 4. Artic lorries have already rutted the grass verge and anyone on the pavement would have been extremely vulnerable. Interesting that the 3 bollards remain intact but he asked if the Clerk could contact ESCC to have the remaining bollard sited. Cllr Withey asked if similarly the 1 remaining bollard on the grass verge adjacent to the entrance to Waverley Gardens might be augmented.

Cllr Beaney advised that cars continue to travel the wrong way up Church Lane to avoid the traffic lights. He suggested that a police presence between 8 am and 9 am could discourage this practice. Also cars are now parking on both sides of Church Lane which could make it difficult for emergency vehicles to access St. Nicolas Close.

Faulty Street Lights

Clerk reported that the column outside the entrance to Wallsend Road Recreation has been removed, clearly following impact from a lorry or other large vehicle. He has contacted ESCC to find out if they have contact details for the lorry so that an insurance claim might be initiated.

Cllr Brookbank advised that no lights in Arundel Close are working but he was aware that works were being carried out there so that it should be a temporary loss.

