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CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. August 26th 2021

At St Peter's Church, Chailey

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan; Elizabeth Berry; Nick Belcher.

Mike Berry as Chair New Heritage Residents' Management Committee.

Officers: Ian Johnson; Chris Tree; Ruby Brittle; Corinne Black

1. *Apologies:* Cllr Matthew Milligan; Rob Stevens
2. *Approve minutes from the meeting held in March 2021:* Record circulated previously.
3. *Matters arising from record of previous meeting and not elsewhere on the agenda:* ref. [AOB item 22.3.21 - drainage repairs on Cinder Hill at and around the exit from Roeheath Drive]. Ken Jordan wished formally to congratulate Highways and the team responsible on site, not only on a first-class piece of engineering but also for the exemplary way that they liaised with all householders who were affected by the four-day works. Ken Jordan mentioned, in particular, the heavy machinery involved and the ready access made for residents to pass and re-pass. The work done had performed well during the recent exceptional rainfall.
Corinne Black acknowledged his thanks and readily agreed to pass them on within Highways.
4. *New Heritage Section 106 monies: management and proposals to include:*
Management- Mark Evans referenced his e-mail of 17 June following discussion with Chris Tree and his understanding that the monies rested with East Sussex CC and we should work with Highways to develop any projects. Chris Tree confirmed this and drew attention to the role of Lewes DC.
Mike Berry updated the meeting on discussions with the developer and Lewes DC in regard to outstanding responsibilities for amenity land at the New Heritage, and referred to the 'accessibility' money (for a footpath which could not be) and how best this money might be used to fund projects of immediate benefit to the community.
Improvements to on-site parking [Chapel and Meeting-room]: He went on to explain the rationale behind a project to create a parking area off Banks Road for residents' vehicles which currently had no parking other than at the Chapel. The listed Chapel could not be offered more widely as a meeting-place because there was no restricted parking area; it was not reasonable to suppose that villagers and others wishing to use the Chapel for meetings would arrive other than by car.
The Committee's project would resolve parking for those who had more than one car (eg. sole traders) and those who had no parking attached to their property.
Chris Tree acknowledged the difficulties in using land for parking and offered to check that the main parties would accept such a project. He had sufficient information on the project; Ian Johnson suggested introducing a feasibility study as a variation.

Action: Chris Tree & Ian Johnson

Various improvements to safety along Warrs Hill:

Sign [Concealed Entrance] on uphill approach to the New Heritage: Ian Johnson warned that national regulations restricted how such signs might be used and suggested that a detailed request be made for assessment of the problem, through Customer Services: Corinne Black. **Action: Mike Berry/Parish Council**

White-lining or demarcation on exit from New Heritage: Mark Evans had received a note from Road Safety which seemed to indicate this would not be possible. Ian Johnson clarified that white-lining Warrs Hill would not be possible (highway too narrow) but asked to be sent the advice received so that Highways could look into white-lining at the exit from New Heritage. **Action: Mark Evans**

A275/Mill Lane junction: flashing amber lights at School hours: Mark Evans stated that he had not formally consulted the Parish Council about a proposal (see previous Minutes §1) to instal amber warning lights, but he proposed that this might be a suitable expenditure under the Section. However, he had no idea how much this might cost and it was clearly necessary to agree the Parking proposal before identifying what funds might remain. Ian Johnson would not be drawn on a cost, but said that, if the Parish Council were agreeable to paying the cost out of CIL monies (should the Section 106 monies not be sufficient) suggested the project be put forward for a feasibility study and costing. He emphasised that Highways needed to be certain funding would be available if they were to commit time to Design.

Action: Parish Council

A275/Mill Lane junction: siting of telephone box Elizabeth Berry reported her discussion on site with Robin Hayward who had advised on placement of the box. He had understood that this was a project which would be undertaken by the Parish Council and said the Council would need to apply for a Licence to Excavate on the Highway and a Licence (one-time) to place a Structure on the Highway. Robin Hayward had offered to send the relevant references after he had checked that the land belongs to Highways and whether or not any utilities pass beneath the site. Ian Johnson agreed to liaise with Robin; and Corinne Black agreed to forward the website references to the Licences.

Action: Ian Johnson and Corinne Black

A275 surface deterioration between Beggars Wood Road and St Peter's School The Parish Council reported the continuing deterioration of this surface, leading to the gradual development of serious depressions and possible break-up on the nearside each way.

Action: Corinne Black

5. *Various roadworks: Speed-reactive sign (Northern) at St Peter's School not working and both signs obscured by foliage* Rob Stevens had reported the inoperability of the Northern sign was known but Highways were waiting on delivery of a key part to repair. He would ask the owner of the foliage to cut it back. Mark Evans believed he knew who owned the field adjacent to the highway at this point.
Action: Mark Evans
6. *Fletching Lane: edges of highway severely degraded:* It was confirmed that the road in question led past Lane End Common and that traffic had at certain places to stop to let opposing vehicles pass because the roadsides had fallen away. Rob Stevens had confirmed that he would visit and assess.
Action: Rob Stevens
7. *Any Other Business* Nick Belcher discussed with Ian Johnson advice received on displaying safety banners.

Mark Evans mentioned the footpath from the Village Hall to South Street (A275 unrestricted between 40mph signs). The grass should also be cut on hedge-side of footway as it falls across the footway, especially when wet. Highways saw no obvious solution, as the contractor cuts from the road to a depth of one metre on either side of the road.

Ken Jordan reported that Chailey Heritage have said the concentration of their students is being adversely affected by road traffic sounds from the A272. The Heritage asked whether there is any sort of sound-deadening road surface that could be put on the section of the A272 immediately outside their premises. Ruby Brittle said the road was not slated for re-surfacing in the immediate future and that it would not be possible to make such an adjustment.

8. *Next meeting – date time and location* not discussed.
[NB. the next meeting should probably be scheduled for a Monday morning in late February/March according to the existing bi-annual schedule]