

Draft subject to amendment or correction

CHAILEY PARISH COUNCIL

Liaison meeting with ESCC Highways. March 25th 2019

Present: Parish Cllrs Mark Evans; Ken Jordan; [item 6] Parish Clerk Stephen Treharne

Officers: Ian Johnson; Rob Stevens; Chris Tree; Corinne Black

1. *Apologies*: Cty Cllr Jim Sheppard; Cllr Elizabeth Berry
2. *Approve Record of meeting on December 10th 2018*
Circulated and agreed.
3. *Matters arising from previous meeting and not elsewhere on Agenda*
 - *South Street – enforcement/advisory notices for 40mph*. Mark Evans reported that the Police warning notices had been moved to a more prominent location at beginning and end of the road past the Stores. Ian Johnson advised that he was considering if there were other ways to alert motorists to pedestrians crossing to the Store, perhaps improving the visibility of the store warning sign.
Action: Ian Johnson
 - *A275 Cinder Hill* Ken Jordan reported that a second warning sign had been put in place following the previous meeting.
 - *Warrs Hill: transit of sewage lorries* Ian Johnson asked if the Clerk had written to Southern Water. Ken Jordan confirmed that we had just received a reply in which the company stated that it was not aware of any restrictions or advice concerning the route taken by its lorries to and from the Sewage Farm. The reply was passed to Ian Johnson.
4. *Warrs Hill Road – footpath and/or measures to improve pedestrian safety*

Chris Tree reported that designers had looked at the potential options discussed on site but concluded that these were not practicable in this location. Mark Evans noted that white-lining on the road was not possible but urged Highways to consider reminder signs in addition to the two existing pedestrian-in-road signs; Chris Tree agreed to discuss further – these might be related to the exit from Red House carpark.

He reported that he had spoken with the Bus company re. School Bus pick-up points at the New Heritage and the company was happy to speak with Cllr Berry.

He further reported that the designers had examined the feasibility of a pedestrian island (crossing) at the junction with A275; it would be necessary to widen and adapt the road, and he had some concerns about utilities. A Finger-in-the-wind estimate would be of the order of £50-75K for this work. It was clear that finance from §106 would be available for this work, and the Parish Council needs to confirm.
Action: Parish Council
5. *Neighbourhood Plan – proposals to reduce speed and to improve safety*

The Parish Council stated that the Chailey Neighbourhood Plan included Policies which would require developers to give attention to Traffic Calming; and to Adequate and Appropriate car parking. Lewes DC's officer had suggested that these policies should be reviewed in the light of ESCC guidance. General discussion followed and the following conclusions were noted:

Traffic calming is not permitted on A-roads, and is difficult on B-roads; it was felt this Policy as stated could not be delivered.

Car parking is the responsibility of the District Council who should be consulted.

If the policies were to include mitigation measures, it would be sensible to consult ESCC Development Control: Chris Flavin and Ellen Reith, for advice on how the Neighbourhood Plan might re-define its wishes.
Action: Ken Jordan for Steering Group
6. *Mill Lane off A275: major building projects 2019-2020*

Mark Evans drew Highways' attention to the concatenation of major building projects along Mill Lane: Gradwell Park; Greenacres; Chailey School rebuild. He asked whether it would

be appropriate to appoint a liaison officer. Rob Stevens, our Highway Steward, has already visited the Lane on several occasions and spoken with the contractors in regard to management of their lorries.

For information.

[The Clerk joined discussions] on the project to build a pedestrian island (crossing) at Mill Lane/A275. Chris Tree reported that Community Match had been re-thought (esp. in terms of financial risk to the County) and transferred to ES Highways. He had the plans drawn up in 2015 (?) but suggested that a meeting be held on site to refine the project and identify what is possible/desirable. He estimated (finger-in-the-wind) the cost of an island at £70K and of a Puffin crossing at £150K. East Sussex had bitter experience of projects proving to be under-funded once work began, and now applied a series of checks as design and eventually work proceeded to ensure no pull-out.

Ian Johnson stated that Community Match could offer up to £50K to a project and the Clerk should contact Ruby Brittle to go through procedures. It was not clear whether the project would proceed more quickly, if Chailey offered to fund the whole. In terms of funding, it was suggested that the §106 New Heritage funds could stretch to paying for the two crossings being discussed at £70K each; however, it needed to be established by reference to Ed Sheath whether both projects fell within its terms. The Clerk had consulted Lewes DC who had appeared neutral in regard to the project.

**Action: Chris Tree/Ed Sheath
Clerk/Ruby Brittle
Clerk/Chris Tree (on-site meeting)**

7. *Any Other Business*

- *Signing defibrillators* Ken Jordan had noted elsewhere at the entrances to villages a sign to indicate the location of defibrillators. It was advised that permission would be needed to place on Highways' land but it was requested that Corinne Black advise as to such signage and/or other permissions. **Action: Corinne Black**
- *Green Lane* Mark Evans reported that Green Lane did not appear to have potholes within the definition on Highways' website; on the other hand, there were places where the road surface was significantly worn down. The Highways Steward agreed to revisit the Lane, and consider whether to report those areas for future repair/resurfacing as appropriate. **Action: Rob Stevens**
- *Siding A272 Westwards from the King's Head* Mark Evans passed over a resident's message, requesting that this length of footway be sided. He took the opportunity to thank Highways for the excellent siding which had been undertaken elsewhere. **Action: Rob Stevens**

8. *Next meeting – date, time, location* It was agreed to meet on Monday July 1st at 1130
Note amended time in the Reading Room..

[Personal Record by Mark Evans, not an official Minute]