



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross,
Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS LIGHTING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN6 3LX**

Cllr. A. Martin (Chair)

Cllr. J. Kitchenham (Vice Chair).

Cllr. G. Farmer

Cllr. R. Harris

Cllr. L. Henrick

Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

Cllr. N. Wickenden

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Cllr. T. Gilbert

ALSO PRESENT

The Parish Clerk, Trevor Thorpe and two members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85)

None.

b) Declaration of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests.

None declared.

c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 17th July 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Draft minutes were circulated to the Councillors prior to this meeting. Cllr. Henrick noted that the resolution in respect of item 2b) was incorrect as it is Cllr. Martin who was to accompany Cllr. Harris and not her; also, that the "footer" of the minutes document are incorrect and should be amended to reference this Committee. **RESOLVED** that, after manuscript amendment of item 2b) of these minutes, that they be adopted and signed by the Chair as a true record.

d) Budget report to date for this Committee and consider any actions required.

Circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Clerk reported that this Committee's spending remained within its budget. **RESOLVED** that the report be accepted.

e) Report and updates regarding matters arising and actions from previous meetings

• **May 2018**

Fingerpost inspection/maintenance.

- Contractor again requested for a progress report.

Licensing applications to maintain various Parish verges.

- Progress has been chased, still work in progress due to ESCC's backlog.

Streetlamps.

- Column 68 in Hornshurst Road has been replaced and awaits reconnection to power. Column 16 on B2101 awaits replacement, believe that this may have been deferred to enable the work to take place during the impending closure for water main work.

• **July 2018.**

- CCTV installation in Rotherfield centre. Work scheduled to commence on Monday with completion the following day.

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Resurfacing

Response from ESCC Highways to recent enquiry from the Parish Council re: B2100 resurfacing work.

“...Unfortunately, I still do not have any further information regarding a date for works on B2100 Rotherfield Road. Upon checking our programme, it appears that the type of works have been changed. This will now consist of extensive carriageway patching, with a view to surface dressing next year”.

2. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION AND MAKE DECISIONS ON ACTIONS AND EXPENDITURE AS REQUIRED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

a) Eridge Station – response/action in respect of “Access for All” funding information from Network Rail.

Cllr. Hardy, the Council’s representative regarding rail and Eridge Station issues, has reported that it is hoped the fund will enable improvements for access to the station’s platform for the mobility impaired. However, concerns have been expressed that this may affect the station’s appearance.

RESOLVED to accept Cllr. Hardy’s recommendation to defer any comment/involvement by the Council on this matter until full information is received from Southern or Network Rail regarding these proposals.

b) Long vehicle enforceable ban. Receive progress update and consider means of raising profile of ban via local media, direct contact with hauliers and by direct approach to the Freight Transport Association.

ESCC have advised that the ban is in place and legally enforceable. Updated version of letter sent to hauliers noted by the Parish “Lorry Spotters” circulated for information. Clerk reported that he is still receiving reports and photos from the team and follows up with letters to hauliers involved when possible. Clerk also suggested the following:-

- i. Involvement of local press/media to publicise the ban.
- ii. Contacting the Tunbridge Wells based Freight Transport Association requesting they publicise the ban.
- iii. As it is unlikely Sussex Police will be enforcing, that the Highways Agency be approached to organise “vehicle checks” on the Village approach as it is believed they are able to enforce bans of this type.

RESOLVED that Communications and Social Media Committee draft a suitable briefing/release to raise profile of the ban and that **CLERK** approach the Highway’s Agency regarding vehicle checks, and report outcome. A member of the public present at advised that, based on their observations, there had been a drop in the number of long vehicles passing through the Village.

c) MARK CROSS

i. Information regarding options and costs for installing a lamp column in the Millennium Green car park.

Costs and other information circulated prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED** that Clerk to contact ESCC Highways regarding the following actions:

- Confirm situation regarding power supply to the site; there are traffic island illuminated bollards at the B2100 junction which could provide a source.
- Arrange site visit to discuss options of “car park” standard lighting, at additional cost to a standard street lamp, or illuminated low level bollards which would reduce “light spill”.

ii. Information regarding extent of Highways owned land in the Village Centre and feasibility of installing pavement from opposite the Church to the bus shelter.

HMLR plan circulated prior to meeting. **RESOLVED** that **CLERK** submit application to licence the land to the Parish Council for possible installation of a length of pavement.

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- iii. **Concerns raised regarding the speed of vehicles passing the Church.**
Cllr. Watson Smith is to ask complainant to provide more information regarding their specific concerns and report.
- iv. **Progress regarding provision of additional safe crossing point on the A267.**
It had not been possible to arrange the meeting/consultation agreed at the July meeting of this Committee it was **RESOLVED** to arrange this and report views of residents on the matter.

d) ROTHERFIELD

- i. **Progress regarding Speed awareness measures in the Village Centre**
As a parishioner was present in connection with this item the Chair agreed that it be dealt with at the start of part 2 of the Agenda. It was agreed that the measures being sought, such as reminder roundels and rumble strips, could not be installed until after the long-awaited repair work to the B2100 had taken place.
RESOLVED that Cllrs. Martin and Henrick arrange a meeting with the parishioner to agree measures and complete the ESCC Community Match Business case application for submission to ESCC Highways prior to the 31st October deadline for the current round of projects.

3. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

Tuesday 20th November at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall. This meeting will also consider the 2018 - 19 Budget.

4. REPORT DETAILS OF ITEMS AND ISSUES FOR INVESTIGATION, FURTHER ACTION OR FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Cllr. Henrick is to feature Recreation Ground and Court Meadow Green “dog fouling” issues, also the clearance work in St. Denys’ Churchyard, in the Council’s page of the forthcoming parish magazine.
- **CLERK** to remind our Contractor to cut the bank on the B2100 Rotherfield Hill.
- Clerk is investigating provision of “Paediatric” type pads for the defibrillator following a suggestion from the Pre School, also replacements for those already installed.
- Clerk has received two phone calls in respect of a caravan and “portacabin” style building recently appearing in a field on the village outskirts. He will investigate and report to the Wealden planning team to establish if there are any planning issues arising.
- Chair reminded that the September Council meeting is to be held in Eridge Village Hall at 20:00 on Wednesday 26th, also that there is no WiFi available in this hall. Cllr. Farmer tendered an apology for absence in advance of this meeting.
- Cllr. Wickenden advised that the “Silent Soldier” figures in the Village will be installed after the Carnival.
- Cllr. Martin reported that matters remained ongoing regarding the Pre School decking issue, holiday absence of ESCC officer involved had hindered progress. Also reported that the base slab for the new War Memorial is to be installed shortly.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:50.

5. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

**Adopted as a true record and signed by the Committee Chair
at the 20th November 2018 meeting of this Committee**

.....Chair.....Date

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