



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 8TH JANUARY 2019 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN6 3LX**

Cllr. A. Martin (Chair)

Cllr. R. Harris

Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

Cllr. J. Kitchenham (Vice Chair)

Cllr. L. Henrick

Cllr. N. Wickenden

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

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)

Cllr. G. Farmer submitted an apology and it was **RESOLVED** that this be approved.

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

None.

c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 20th November 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Copies of the draft minutes have been circulated to the Councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted as a true record and the Chair of the Committee signed them.

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

Budget and journal reports had been circulated to Councillor's prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be approved and that no actions were arising from them.

e) Update regarding matters arising and action items from previous meetings.

From November 20th, 2018 meeting:-

2b) Speed awareness measures for Village Centre.

No progress to report, Cllrs. Martin and Henrick are to arrange a meeting with the Parishioners who raised this issue to agree further action so that any work, which would could be incorporated into the resurfacing work scheduled. It is the intention for the Parish Council to fund the work.

2c) Repairs to footpath 31a in the Village.

Work completed by our Contractors, invoice to be sent to ESCC who have agreed a contribution toward the work. Letter received from a Parishioner thanking us for the repairs and commenting that they were to a high standard.

Other items:

- Clerk confirms that "pedestrians in road" warning signs have been installed in Cowford Bridge Lane.
- Clerk has chased progress regarding repairs to the fence rails by Johnson's Pond

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and Brecon Cottages.

- Clerk has again chased contractors regarding inspection/clean of fingerposts – initial request to undertake this work was made in June 2018. Will again contact them, also seek information from ESCC regarding contractors authorised to deal with work on these items.
- Traffic Regulations Act notice has been noticed, attached to the lamppost opposite the top end of New Road; this details arrangement of overnight road closures for resurfacing work on the B2100 from the Village to Western Road Jarvis Brook. Clerk has contacted ESCC for a copy of the notice to publish.
- Chair reported that the Christmas lights have been removed and the annual trim of the Lime trees in Rotherfield Square has been undertaken. Note of thanks to be sent to the Bonfire Society member who undertakes this task.

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

a) Consider remedies for illegal/obstructive parking in the Parish.

The following areas were identified for attention from the Community Warden:-

- Yellow lines outside Rotherfield St Martin.
- Top end New Road on white advisory lines .
- School run time parking – both schools.
- Pavement parking Station Road.
- Time limited parking spaces outside Rotherfield Stores.

ACTION for CLERK to advise Warden of these area, also obtain details of his roster for circulating to Councillors. It was agreed that his initial focus on parking should be the areas by the parish schools.

b) Vehicle speeds between Mark Cross Inn and Nursery – information regarding data gathered by deployment of the Council’s speed indicating device in this location.

Due to issues with laptop Cllr. Martin has only just extracted the data relating to the monitoring. Initial results suggest that most vehicles were well within the speed limit when monitored by the Council’s speed indicating device. **CLERK** to collate results, circulate to Councillors and publish headline details on Social Media. Monitoring was undertaken between 17th December and 8th January on vehicles northbound passing the Church, device will now be deployed to monitor speeds southbound.

c) Consider Council participation/support for the “Adopt A Station” scheme for Eridge Station.

Cllr. Hardy was not able to attend as he is representing the Council at another meeting. **CLERK** to carry forward to agenda for the next meeting of this Committee.

d) Review the “Highways” element of our grass cutting contractor’s “cut list” for 2019.

List for 2018 circulated. We have accepted the ESCC offer of £739 as a contribution toward the Parish Council taking over some of the “urban” grass cutting previously undertaken by them. Some adjustments to the list were made for the new season and it was **RESOLVED** that the areas of grass in the Village centre for which the Parish Council have taken responsibility will be inspected and cut on an “ad hoc” basis.

e) Consider comments in respect of the following planning application on behalf of the Planning and Building Committee :-

i. **WD/2018/1709/F** Woodview, Catts Hill, Mark Cross, TN6 3NQ

Demolition of existing detached garage. Build on partial footprint a 3-bay oak-framed garage with workshop/studio above.

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The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application be **APPROVED**

REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property.

- ii. **WD/2018/2644/F** St Denys Lodge, Eridge Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JU
Proposed replacement of the existing garage with a single storey residential annex.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application be **APPROVED**

REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property.

3. **TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.**
Tuesday 5th March at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- Forthcoming visit of the Mobile Police Station – It was agreed that Wednesday 30th January PM in the Village Hall car park is the best of the dates offered, Councillors will cone off a suitable area for the “dormobile” type vehicle and arrange for the height barrier to be unlocked. **CLERK** to liaise with Sussex Police regarding visit and add share details via Social Media once arrangements are firm.
- Concerns have been raised by a resident regarding a local business in Mark Cross Village letting off fireworks on Monday evening and alarming pets. It is understood that apologies have now be tendered in this respect.
- Cllr. Martin is inspecting the Village CCTV to try and find information regarding a vehicle which damaged property but did not stop to give details.
- Strengthening Local Relationships meeting with ESCC Highways is scheduled for Wednesday 16th January. Items for the agenda to be passed to Clerk.
- Clerk is to shortly issue tender invitations in respect of the pavement installation in Mark Cross village centre.
- Cllr. Kitchenham reported a missing stile and blockage to footpath 44, between Mark Cross Garden Centre and Brickyard. Will endeavour to obtain photographs of the blockage, **CLERK** will report to the East Sussex Rights of Way team.

The Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:45.

5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None.

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

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