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Roads & Traffic Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.30pm on Thursday 12th December 2024

Present: Mrs J White (Chairman), Mrs A King, and Mr M Sheldon

In Attendance: Ms N Ripert (Clerk), Mrs Kate West (Communications & Admin Officer), Mrs M

Dormer & Cllr Bradbury

Public Question Time: Cllr Bradbury and a member of the public joined the meeting. Cllr Bradbury confirmed that a Cuckfield highway assessment had been requested to review the village's traffic issues and needs. This strategic review would help to set the parameters and collect all the information necessary to produce a strategic traffic plan before the end of next year. Cllr Bradbury advised that the main traffic issues experienced in Cuckfield should be included in the highways strategic traffic assessment to be carried out by WSCC.

The member of the public shared his concerns about the pedestrian safety and visibility issue on South Street and suggested that a pedestrian path could be added on the eastern side of the street, that could reduce the width of the road and slow traffic down. The member of the public also shared his interest in the proposed 20mph zone and was concerned that CPC may seek to install sleepers on South Street, which would potentially cause damage to his home, and or traffic lights, which would incur noise nuisance. CPC reassured the member of the public that this was not part of the plan.

- RT015 To receive apologies for absence.
 - Cllrs Burton and Oversby-Powell offered their apologies which were accepted. Cllr Ceccherini was noted absent.
- RT016 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda (The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.)

 None
- RT017 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2024 were approved and signed.

RT018 To note the Actions List.

All actions were noted.

RT019 To receive an update from the Assistant Area Highways Manager at WSCC.

No updates were available. The Assistant Area Highways Manager joined the meeting as an observer.

RT020 To receive an update regarding the proposed 20mph zone within Cuckfield along London Lane/Broad Street/High & South Street.

No further updates were available at this time. This was to be included in the Strategic Traffic Assessment to be carried out by WSCC.

Cuckfield Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on 18th May 2023, all decisions made during this meeting are done so under this power.

RT021 To receive an update regarding the implementation of a 30mph zone from the roundabout at Tylers Green through to the Bolnore roundabout.

No further updates were available. Although committee raised the question of reducing the speed to 30mph with Cllr Bradbury, Cllr Bradbury re-asserted that changing the speed limit in that section would not change the driver's behaviour and speed. This was to be included in the Strategic Traffic Assessment to be carried out by WSCC.

 ${\bf RT022} \quad {\bf To\ consider\ the\ installation\ of\ pedestrian\ crossings\ at\ Whitemans\ Green.}$

Committee resolved not to proceed any further with this item.

RT023 To consider Warden Park Secondary Academy Sussex Learning Trust proposal to close the school drive for parents/carers picking up and dropping off their children between the hours of 8.15-9am and 2-3.30pm to minimise the traffic congestion and the growing concern for students safety.

Warden Park Secondary Academy Sussex Learning Trust contacted the District and Country councillors for their support and advice. The County Councillor, Pete Bradbury visited the school last week and advised that he will be working on a wider project that would support the school's request from the new year. With this in mind Warden Park School will no longer be sharing this consultation with parents at this stage.

RT024 To consider the flooding issues at Hanlye Lane.

Cllr White was to write to Cllr Bradbury to confirm the exact location of the flooding so that he could raise the enquiries with highways directly.

RT025 To note/discuss any accidents added onto the spreadsheet.

Noted

RT026 To note items arising after the preparation of this agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only.

None

The meeting closed at 9.21pm	Signed:	

Next Roads and Traffic meeting: 13th March 2025