

## STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS (SLR)

### Hadlow Down Parish Council Liaison Meeting

16 March 2015 at 9.30am

### In Meeting Room 1 Ringmer Highways Offices

## MINUTES

**Present:** Highways: Ian Johnson (IJ), Sam Clee (SC)  
Hadlow Down Parish Councillors: Graham Terry (GT) (Chair) and  
Clare Emsden (CE)

1. Apologies: ESCC County Councillor: Roy Galley (RG)
2. Minutes from the meeting on 22 September 2014 were agreed.

Matters arising from the last meeting:

- a. To check whether the ditch in Stonehurst Lane has been cleared  
**SC had raised this but would check it had been done. SC**
- b. To check whether the 30mph roundel in School Lane needs repainting  
**SC had raised this but would check it had been done. SC**
- c. Leaning 30mph sign in School Lane – to confirm if it has been cemented back in  
**SC confirmed this had been done. Closed**
- d. To report new entranceways at Pound Green and on Main Road  
**CE reported the entranceway at Pound Green had been flagged-up by HDPC Chair to Buxted Parish Council. The Main Road entranceway had been subject to a planning application which had been withdrawn. GT confirmed this was now with enforcement. An update would be given at the next SLR. CE**
- e. To check dates and locations of verge cutting and find out if they can be cut further back at junctions  
**Concern had been expressed over the lack of verge cutting and the loss of visibility at junctions, even after a cut has been undertaken. GT reported that cutting back had taken place in Five Chimneys and Stocklands and wondered if this had been done by or on behalf of Highways. SC would investigate who had undertaken this work. SC**
- f. To identify visibility problems at junctions  
**GT asked SC to check this issue particularly the Five Chimneys Lane junction with the A272. SC**
- g. Gully survey – to raise high priority ones with line manager  
**GT asked whether it was possible to let the Parish Council know when the contractors would be in the Parish.**

The gully below the old School House had been raised by SC.  
SC would check the situation on Stocklands Lane and Waghorns Lane. **SC**  
SC would ask if details of gully clearance could be added to the “Highways in your area” E-mail which is sent out by ESCC to Parish clerks. **SC**

- h. Cutting of vegetation at the top of Waghorns Lane  
SC confirmed this had been done. **Closed**
- i. To confirm the area requiring verge repair in Wilderness Lane and to visit the site  
CE confirmed this was between Gillhope Farm and Crowpits  
Note: See Item 7. **SC**
- j. Raised sections of carriageway on the A272 nears Curtains Hill, to visit and see if further repairs are required  
SC confirmed repairs had been done. **Closed**
- k. To view the report regarding the problem with the gully on the corner of Stocklands and School Lanes  
SC said the gully had been repaired **Closed**
- l. Highways stewards visit to Hadlow Down with Cllr Terry  
GT thanked SC for coming and going round the Parish with him. It had been a useful meeting. SC offered to come again soon. SC and GT would liaise to find a suitable date **SC/GT**

- 3. Potholes in Stocklands Lane  
SC to check the situation in Stocklands Lane. **SC**  
GT reported a pothole in School Lane, midway between old School House and Five Chimneys Lane. SC to check this. **SC**

- 4. Pedestrians crossing sign on the 30mph sign entering the village from the west  
IJ said he believed there were signs on the A272 near the school showing pedestrians crossing but would look to see whether enhanced signage was warranted. **IJ**

The black and yellow speed posters were discussed. IJ explained these were usually put up for six months and then removed. If the PC wished them to be taken down it could be arranged but a list of where they were would be helpful. This would be raised at the next PC meeting. **GT/CE**

- 5. Gullies:
  - a. Main Road opposite the top of Tinkers Lane, to discuss what action can be taken  
A gully had been unearthed during recent works and an “apron” would be put round it. SC explained that the field flooding would continue to be an issue.
  - b. Gully in School Lane  
Done. **Closed**

- 6. Cleaning of signs – to discuss those on both A roads and rural roads  
SC had raised a Category 2 on all 10 items raised by the Parish Clerk. **SC**  
GT explained the fingerposts in the Parish were currently been repaired after a survey had been done and it was hoped this would be a two year rolling programme of maintenance/repair monitored by the PC.

7. Flooding by Gillhope Farm, Wilderness Lane  
SC there was a proposal to ditch the whole of Wilderness Lane. CE asked SC to co-ordinate with the Parish Clerk to make sure all issues were captured. **SC**
8. Speed reduction initiatives – to discuss initiatives and confirm whether, if the Parish Council purchased an electronic LED speed sign, whether they would be allowed to install it  
GT outlined the various systems available. IJ suggested coordination with the Safer Road Partnership – Graeme Beattie (GB). IJ agreed to contact GB and ask him to contact the Parish Clerk. **IJ**
9. Road surface between Pound Green and Rosers Common – have Assets Management re-ranked this. It was originally reported to Simon Marchant  
SC reported this section was due to be completely resurfaced over the next two years. CE said some of the potholes had been “white lined” which meant they were due for attention. There was concern this issue had “fallen” between the two parishes (Buxted and Hadlow Down) despite the interjection of RG. SC agreed to check. **SC**
10. Dates for outstanding items to be actioned:
- Dog Kennel Lane drainage near the stream at the bottom, the grating can't cope  
SC explained this was not a Highways issue as it was off Highways land i.e. was a private gully. GT agreed to look at it. **GT**
  - Nursery Lane 2 very large potholes on the right going up the hill  
These were situated at Capricorn. SC indicated these had been dealt with on 05/02. GT/CE to check. **GT/CE**
  - Riverside – damaged road surface  
SC said four defects had been raised and completed. SC indicated these had been dealt with on 05/02. GT/CE to check. **GT/CE**
  - Blocked gully on Main Road opposite the church, ref. 416460  
SC will re-attend and check the gully. **SC**
  - Leaning Give Way sign on Five Chimneys Lane at the junction with the A272  
This had been raised by SC on 19/02 No: 91420 Cat.2. SC to raise it up the priority list. CE emphasised the importance of this junction onto the A272 where the speed limit is 60 mph. **SC**
11. Construction and Planned Maintenance -  
Contact: Simon Marchant, Team Manager, 0345 6080193

Road No	Location from - to	Type	Traffic Management	Start date	Duration	Finish date
A272	Main Road	Drainage Works	2 Way Traffic Lights	2/3/15	15 days	20/3/15
C11	Hastingford Lane - Ent to Huggetts Furnace Farm to Fordbrook Hill	Surface Dressing	Road Closure	22/5/15	0.25 days	22/5/15
A272	Main Road	Drainage Works	2 Way Traffic Lights	30/3/15	28 days	8/5/15

A272	Main Road (YR10)	Drainage Works	2 Way Traffic Lights	7/4/15	23 days	8/5/15
U7583T	Dog Kennel Lane - Main Road to Criers Lane	C/W Reconstruction		3/11/15	5 days	9/11/15
U7583T	Dog Kennel Lane - Main Road to Criers Lane	C/W Reconstruction		10/11/15	2 days	11/11/15
U7580T	Criers Lane - Wheelers Lane to A267	C/W Reconstruction		10/11/15	8 days	19/11/15
U7580T	Criers Lane - Wheelers Lane to A267	C/W Reconstruction		20/11/15	5 days	26/11/15

GT asked why DKL and Criers Lane were now due to be done in November and not October. SC explained this was due to priorities across the County. SC agreed to review whether this was a recognition of the problem encountered in this instance. **SC**

12. Any other business

GT questioned whether the recent work on the A272 could have been completed more quickly and economically by a complete road closure? It was explained National diversions might have been more of an issue. Diversions have to be on roads of equal size to those which have been closed.

It was agreed road closure signs could have been better placed and lessons had been learned.

GT emphasised how useful these SLR meetings were and how HDPC appreciated these opportunities to have face-to-face discussions.

CE asked having attended the Access to the Countryside Meeting whether it was possible to return to adding footpaths, bridleways and byways to the SLR meetings as they had been in the past. IJ agreed this was possible and if details were sent in advance of the meeting either a representative from ESCC Rights of Way Department would attend and/or a briefing note would be provided. **IJ/CE**

13. Date and time of next meeting

Monday 14 September 2015 at 9:30 am in Meeting Room 1 Ringmer Highways Offices.

The meeting closed at 10:45