

Minutes



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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Public Services Committee which took place on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Jane Gould, Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Cllr David Mack and Cllr Nigel Ricketts.

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Council
Helen Reynolds, resident of Aldsworth and owner of Aldsworth Equestrian.

Meeting chaired by Cllr Gould. No members of the public were present.

1. Election of the Chair of the committee: Cllr Gould was proposed by Cllr Barker and seconded by Cllr Briscoe. A vote was carried out and all were in favour. Cllr Gould was **ELECTED** as Chair. Members thanked Cllr Mack for Chairing previously and all the work he has done for the Committee, including the Community Speed Watch Group and speed indicator devices.

2. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies.

3. Election of the Vice-Chair of the committee: Cllr Hitchcock was proposed by Cllr Briscoe and seconded by Cllr Mack. A vote was carried out and all were in favour. Cllr Hitchcock was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chair.

4. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda: There were no declarations.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 24 March 2022: Members **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the minutes as a true record and they were signed as such by the Chair.

6. Issues and updates from the minutes of 24 March 2022:

Item 4.7: It had been **AGREED** to contact Anna Tonkin about the village website. Cllr Hitchcock said that he would do this.

7. Update on projects around the Parish: Members discussed the following:

- Village gateways: Cllr Mack had spoken to a window cleaner about cleaning the gateways which had become dirty. A first clean to scrub and spray them down would cost roughly £150 and it would be less for future cleans. Members **AGREED** to go ahead with this.
Cllr Hitchcock **AGREED** to contact WSCC Highways again about gateways in Aldsworth. There had been an initial discuss about where they could be placed but this had not been progressed.

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- SIDS: It was **NOTED** that the one on Foxbury Lane was still working well, but the one in Aldsworth was too sensitive, although when it was placed on the bottom post it seemed to work. When it was placed on the top post it flashed on and straight off again and sometimes had not been working at all. Members thought that the top post had not been put in the right place as it was under trees, the pole was too short and it was on a corner which meant that it didn't have enough time to register passing vehicles. It was thought that it needed to be on a straight rather than a bend. Cllr Mack suggested that the data was downloaded as that would show if it was working and picking up vehicles. The data would also be useful for evidence to understand passing speeds. Helen Reynolds **AGREED** to download the data.
- Community Speedwatch Group: It was **AGREED** that more volunteers were needed and members said they would try and promote it at the Annual Parish Assembly on 18 June.
- Highways issues and parking in The Square: It was **AGREED** not to progress parking in The Square at the meeting. It was **AGREED** to continue to promote the HGV ban petition. Helen Reynolds said that there were roughly 12 accidents every year on Emsworth Commor Road in Aldsworth, yet they were not always reported. It was discussed that the police do not always record all RTCs, especially if there are no injuries. However, WSCC Highways looked at police reports which is why they didn't think there was an issue in this location. Helen Reynolds said she would speak to residents in Aldsworth to find out people's experiences in case the information could be passed on to WSCC Highways. Helen Reynolds said that a fellow horse rider had camera footage of an HGV passing a horse at speed which nearly caused an accident. The footage had been sent to the haulier as part of a complaint about driving. It was **AGREED** to put the highways issues at Aldsworth on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting as it seemed that few people at WSCC were listening about the problems. The undulating hills and several bends were problematic, and it was thought that there should be permanent traffic lights on the bridge as it was too narrow for a lorry and car at the same time. There also needed to be motorway barriers deeply buried in the ground to prevent vehicles going into the river.
- Trees and tree champions: It was **NOTED** that a member of the public had contacted the Parish Council about the whips that had been planted at Monk's Hill recreation ground a few years ago. Members discussed that some of them had been broken down by and as they were only small whips, it was thought at the time that they probably wouldn't survive.
- Defibrillators: Cllr Hitchcock **AGREED** to speak to Peter Bridger, Chair of the Woodmancote Residents' Association, to see if the defibrillator at Woodmancote is being maintained.
- Westbourne's buses: It was **NOTED** that the Bourne Community Bus had been launched, and that WSCC had recently promoted a survey to residents about local buses.
- Noticeboards: There was no further update.

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- Fingerposts and street lights: The Clerk suggested that a councillor might like to take on the fingerpost signs as a project, which would involve working with Tim Ralph of Ralph Restorations to continue the Council's programme of renovations. There was no further update about street lights as the Clerk was still waiting for a quote from SSE to convert the bulbs to LED.
- Flooding: It was NOTED that there was a problem with flooding outside a resident's property due to blocked culverts. WSCC Highways had been informed but progress on resolving the issue was slow.
- Grit bins: It was **NOTED** that although the grit bins were quite full, salt breaks down overtime and may need replacing.
- Benches: There was no further update.

8. New issues for the Committee to consider: It was agreed that more horse signs were needed in Aldsworth. Helen Reynolds said that none of her horse riders liked using Emsworth Common Road but it was a necessity to get to the bridle paths. It was a small stretch of road and vehicles seemed to be oblivious to the issue as there were so few signs to say that drivers were entering a small hamlet where there were horse riders. Cllr Gould **AGREED** to work with Cllr Hitchcock on writing a letter to WSCC Highways to arrange a meeting.

9. Announcements and items for the next meeting: There were no announcements.

11. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm.