

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS MEETING
HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Report of the meeting held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 10.30 a.m.

Present:

East Sussex County Council

Cllr. W. A. Bentley
Mr. B. Banks (Traffic and Safety Manager)
Mr. A. Arnold

Hailsham Town Council

Mrs. E. G. Jones (Town Clerk)
Mr. M. Caira (Deputy Town Clerk)
Cllr. J. N. Ellwood

Sussex Police

PC C. Dicker

304 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Councillors R. Thomas and N. Coltman.

305 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2009**

The minutes were agreed.

Matters Arising

306 **Post Office**

PC Dicker said that the problems with the congestion caused by the parking of the Post Office van outside their office in North Street appeared to have been resolved. There were still some complaints being received about the buses stopping for a long time but he didn't consider this to be a major problem.

307 **Problems Resulting from Recent Inclement Weather**

Councillor Ellwood stated that he was aware that East Sussex County Council would not put in additional grit bins but if residents of an area made a request via Hailsham Town Council and agreed to pay £270 would they consider working with the Town Council on the provision of salt and grit.

Mr Arnold responded that he would be happy to investigate, but said he foresaw a number of problems. He agreed to send Hailsham Town Council a copy of East Sussex County Council's gritting routes. He also agreed to investigate the possibility of providing Hailsham Town Council with a supply of salt and grit to be kept on HTC premises.

Councillor Bentley said that there had been problems with schools opening during the bad weather and asked if it would possible for local schools to have a supply of salt and grit and Hailsham Town Council may be able to provide the labour to salt the area.

308 **Bus Stop Clearway – Battle Road**

The Town Clerk stated that Hailsham Town Council had no objection to the provision of a bus stop clearway in Battle Road as set out in Mr. Bank's letter.

309 **Traffic Calming – Gleneagles**

Councillor Ellwood had requested that this item be put on the agenda. He asked for an update on what East Sussex County Council had done.

Mr. Banks replied that at the meeting of this Committee on 17th June 2009 Councillor Ellwood had said that he would be arranging a multi-agency meeting with a view to taking enforcement action.

Councillor Ellwood asked if East Sussex County Council would explore the possibility of placing bollards to stop Gleneagles being used as a rat run.

Mr. Banks said he would look at the proposal but all schemes like this were subject to priorities.

Councillor Bentley said he would pursue the matter.

310 **Park Close**

It was reported that the residents of Park Close had signed a petition about the poor state of repair of the road.

Mr. Banks said that he had not yet received a copy of the petition, but would deal with it when he did.

311 **School Signage – Grovelands**

PC Dicker asked if there was any progress on the provision of school signs near to Grovelands School.

Mr Banks said he would chase the matter up.

312 **Parking Review**

Mrs Jones asked if the Parking Review was still going to be undertaken. Mr. Banks confirmed that it was.

313 **Pot Holes**

Councillor Bentley informed the meeting that £9.5 million had been secured to upgrade the roads in East Sussex; of this £5 million was ring fenced to deal with pot holes, and a programme had been drawn up for the next five years.

314 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on 31st March 2010 at 10.30am in the Hailsham Town Council offices