

## **HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL STRENGTHENING LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS MEETING** **HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Report of the meeting held in the Members' Room at Hailsham Town Council, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 8th December 2010 at 10.30a.m.

### **Present:**

#### East Sussex County Council

Cllr. W. A. Bentley

Cllr. R Thomas

Mr. B. Banks (Traffic and Safety Manager)

Mr. J. Hore (Principal Engineer, Transport Development Control)

Mr. E. Rogers (Maintenance Engineer)

Mr. S. Hall (Team Manager Highway Lighting & Traffic Signals)

#### Wealden District Council

Ms. C. McIntyre (Team Leader Major Applications)

#### Hailsham Town Council

Cllr. N. Coltman

Mrs. E. Jones (Town Clerk)

Mr. M. Caira (Deputy Town Clerk)

#### Sussex Police

Sgt. H. Neville (Hailsham and Hellingly Neighbourhood Policing Team)

341 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Ken Sorhaindo.

342 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010**

The minutes were of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 were agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

343 **Pedestrian Sign at Tesco Store**

Mr Banks said that a sign to direct pedestrians from the Tesco store to the High Street could be fixed to a lamp column north of the store. This would have limited impact and would not be viewed by those using the Tesco car park.

Councillor Bentley stated that Tesco had a responsibility to reduce the impact on the local economy and should provide signs within their premises/car park to direct the public to the town centre shops.

It was agreed that Mr Hore would follow this up with Tesco and that the proposed pedestrian sign north of the store would be put on hold pending negotiations with Tesco.

344 **Street Lighting on New Developments**

Mr S Hall confirmed that street lighting was not a legal requirement except for safety and traffic calming issues. He stated that East Sussex would adopt lighting schemes to the British Standard, and as a result of decreasing budgets ESCC could not adopt new schemes without an appropriate commuted sum, and were also standardising the type of lanterns used to be more efficient.

Ms McIntyre stated that the planning issues included lighting of sensitive sites, safety measures, and aesthetics. She confirmed that WDC could not force lighting schemes onto developers or demand high commuted sums.

It was agreed that a standard lantern on new developments should be considered to meet the requirements of all councils, developers, and public expectations, and that a meeting in the new year between the councils should take place to explore this proposal.

345 **Lighting of South Road Pedestrian Crossing**

Cllr Bentley asked when the additional lighting for the crossing was to be installed. Mr Banks confirmed that it had been installed. Cllr Bentley stated that if this was the case then it was still not good enough. Mr Banks stated that he would follow up a further safety review.

346 **Double Yellow Lines Diplocks Way**

PCSO's have requested double yellow lines are placed on Diplocks Way to prevent the lorries from parking and causing obstructions. Whilst this is possible following a parking review of Hailsham it was considered that this may force more vehicles to park on the footway.

Sgt. Neville agreed to contact the businesses on the estate to resolve this issue before any decisions are taken to request double yellow lines.

Cllr. Bentley stated that it would not be appropriate to pursue the footway repairs with ESCC all the time they were being abused by vehicles picking up/dropping of at the businesses.

347 **Control of Parking by the Lake in Gleneagles Drive**

The issue of staff from Chandlers parking on the highway adjacent to the lake remains and is a safety issue for those living and travelling through this area.

It was suggested that the Town Council needs to pursue this through WDC Planning enforcement and direct contact with the business concerned.

348 **School Warning Signs Gleneagles Drive**

Mr Banks has assessed the site and is able to provide signs but will await the outcome of the traffic calming scheme that may provide the required signs before taking any further action. Cllr Bentley asked if the school had been consulted and if they supported the signs, and if this is the case he considered they should contribute towards the cost of installation from the school's budget.

349 **Adoption of Roads in Gleneagles Drive**

Mr Rogers confirmed that the following roads had not been adopted by ESCC as yet. This is as a result of Southern Water Services not adopting the sewers. ESCC will not adopt until this issue has been resolved between Southern Water and Redrow.

Cllr. Thomas stated that a legal challenge should be made to Redrow re this issue and agreed to discuss this with the ESCC Legal Department to see if anything could be done to challenge the situation.

St Boswells Close  
Holyhead Close  
Lavender Close  
Dunbar Drive (Part)  
Mountain Ash Close  
Melrose Close

350 **Road Gritting and Salt Bins**

Cllr. Bentley thanked all those involved in keeping Wealden moving over the past week. Mr. Rogers confirmed that ESCC would provide salt bins to Parishes or community Groups at cost. £270 for bins and contents a further £70 to top the bin up. He also stated that these

bins would not be classed as a priority therefore may not be refilled quickly if adverse weather persists.

351 **Keep Clear Sign Outside Corn Exchange in Hailsham High Street**

The local PCSO's had been challenged over the issue of a parking ticket on this keep clear sign, as it appears not to be relevant to the current road layout.

Mr. Banks agreed to review the reasons for the keep clear notice and report back.

352 **Construction and Planned Maintenance**

Details supplied by Mr. Watt were noted. ( Mr Watt is retiring on 31.12.2010)

353 **Overhanging Vegetation Enforcement – Polite Notice**

The template supplied by ESCC was noted and will be used as appropriate by HTC.

354 **Any Other Business**

Sgt. Neville asked if a roundabout could be constructed on the A22 at the Hempstead Lane Junction.

This had been requested previously by ESCC as part of the new development but the local traffic police had opposed it!

It may be possible to use commuted sums to pay for this if it can be demonstrated that it is a priority.

355 Sgt. Neville asked if the zigzag lines could be made enforceable.

Mr. Banks stated that they could but it would require traffic orders and a parking review that he could not undertake at present as a result of very limited resources.

356 **Date of Next Meeting**

10.30am, Wednesday 2 March 2011 at Hailsham Town Council Offices.