

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 23rd June 2010 at 10.30a.m.

Present:

East Sussex County Council

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

Hailsham Town Council

Cllr. N. Coltman
Cllr. R Kempe
Mrs. E. G. Jones (Town Clerk)

Sussex Police

Sgt. H. Neville

315 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Councillors R. Thomas and B. Burchmore and PC C. Dicker.

316 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 2010**

The minutes were of the meeting held on 27th January 2010 were agreed as amended.

Matters Arising

317 **Salt/Gritting of Roads**

The Town Clerk thanked Mr. Arnold for providing Hailsham Town Council with information on the routes taken for gritting and salting roads during inclement weather. At the meeting Mr. Arnold gave the Town Council details of suppliers of salt and grit used by East Sussex County Council.

318 **School Signs – Grovelands school**

Mr. Banks said that there would be no problem erecting a sign near Grovelands School, but there were a couple more developments waiting for traffic calming measures before.

Traffic Calming Measures – Gleneagles

It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

319 **Highway Trees**

Mr. Piper introduced himself and stated that there were very few highways trees in Hailsham. There were three oak trees in Hawks Road that are decaying. All others were good condition.

The Town Clerk asked if there was a plan showing the trees available. Mr. Piper said there was but there was still some work to do on it. Once complete Hailsham Town Council would be sent a copy.

Mr. Piper advised that an oak tree in The Avenue that was now on the list of veteran trees.

320 **North Street Bus Stop**

Mr. Hore stated that there had been complaints about buses and coaches using the bus stop in North Street.

East Sussex County Council had written to the various company owners saying that the bus stop should only be used as a picking up and dropping off spot. Photographic and time evidence existed to show that the problem still existed.

Possible solutions were discussed and included looking at this in the Hailsham and Hellingly Masterplan with the inclusion of a bus terminus and using the loading bay to the rear of the Co-op as a picking up/dropping off point.

321 **Post Office**

Mr Hoare said that he will pursue the possibility of the Post Office using the gate in Tesco car park to pick up mail. Both Tesco and the Post Office had indicated that they would be happy with this arrangement.

Councillor Bentley suggested that Hailsham Town Council facilitate a meeting with the Post office, Tesco and East Sussex County Council.

Councillor Bentley said that work needed to be done on the markings of the previous zebra crossing as they were still visible. Mr Banks replied that his colleague, Stuart Watts was investigating.

322 **Lighting and Location of South Road Zebra Crossing**

There had been a number of complaints made to Hailsham Town Council about the position and inadequate lighting of the zebra crossing in South Road.

Mr Banks said that the lighting was adequate and any brighter lighting could be objected to by local residents. He acknowledged that the zig-zag should be extended up to the crossing.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of preventing vehicles turning right into Western Road. Mr Banks said that this could be possible but it would need significant policing.

323 **Local Area Transport Plan**

The Town Clerk stated that she had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda as it did not appear to be included in the overall plan for traffic in the town.

Mr Banks responded that Hailsham was the only town in Wealden that does not have a LAT.

It was agreed that a committee be formed comprising East Sussex County Council, Wealden District Council and Hailsham Town Council.

324 **Parking Review**

Mr Banks stated that the Parking Review would still take place, but staff shortages meant that it would not begin soon.

The Town Clerk understood this but said that an urgent resolution was needed to the

problem in Vicarage lane where signs were needed indicating the two-way section of the road.

325 **Park Close – Pot Holes**

Mr Arnold stated that officially deterioration in the road was not a pot hole until it was 1½ inches deep; this was a case of surface problems. He said he would investigate the situation.

326 **Signs – Marshfoot lane**

Cllr. Coltman said that the “New Pedestrian Crossing” signs in Marshfoot Lane had been in situ for two years and requested that they be removed.

327 **Diplocks**

Cllr. Bentley stated that the junction at the Diplocks Roundabout needed sweeping as there was a lot of debris. Mr Arnold responded that this was a matter for Wealden District Council and he would pass it on to them.

328 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 22nd September 2010 at 10.30am in the Hailsham Town Council offices