

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2021.

PRESENT

Cllr. Budd (RB) – Chairman
Cllr. Nankivell (PN), Cllr. Jay (MJ), Cllr. Mark Allen (MA) & Cllr. Paul Rutherford (PR).
Cllr. Margot Power - WCC
Mr K. Fell – Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies from Cllr. Russell

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 27th JULY 2021.

The minutes were adjusted and then agreed, and the Chairman signed the Minute Book.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Nil.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Nil.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR - ROB HUMBY.

Nil.

6. CITY COUNCILLOR'S – Cllr. MARGOT POWER & Cllr. FIONA ISAACS.

Cllr. Power and Cllr. Isaacs had sent reports which had been circulated.

7. SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE.

PN & MA spoke about the results from the Speed Indicator. Mark had analysed the results and he pointed out some significant facts from the period selected. It was felt that the equipment was having a significant effect on speeds through the village although the speeds were generally higher on the opposite side of the road from the indicator. PN had prepared a SID Deployment Programme covering the period 1st January to 31st December 2021 and a copy will be forwarded to Ian Janes, HCC but they will not be put on the website. Mark Allen has prepared a summary for the Minutes: -

With this first set of data, we can see that overall, approximately 64% of drivers through the village are naturally keeping within the speed limit without the need for “help”, for both directions of the road.

The use of the SID only affects the side of the road that it is pointing at. For this side, the device has had a significant impact on driving behaviour:

- *The device has influenced an approximate further 20% (bringing the total up to 84%) of drivers who naturally drive above the speed limit (without realising or don't consider it necessary until they are reminded) to slow down to within the 30-mph speed limit.*
- *In addition, the number of drivers who are still speeding against the SID has more than halved across all of the speed ranges.*

- *Drivers above 40 mph in contact with the SID are now around only 2% from the opposite direction of around 5%. The high-speed drivers (45 mph+) are now a small minority (0.5% (but are still around 1.2% in the opposite direction.*

These improvements are only for one direction of traffic at a time. The traffic on the non-SID side of the road reverts to the higher ratio.

Karl Borges had offered to provide a laptop for the download and storage of the statistics and the Clerk will contact Karl regarding the purchase.

ACTION KF

Members discussed having the poles lockable and also storage of the equipment. The Mills Room in the Village Hall was available, and MJ asked PN to speak to Debbie at the Hall.

ACTION PN

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

WCC Election Register update Aug. & Sept., Next Generation.

Reports from Cllrs. Power & Isaacs.

HCC Lets Keep Life Moving in Hants., New County Permit Scheme – Road & Street works.

Mr Alan Ratner – pedestrian safety.

PN Data from Speed Indicator

Nationwide BS – only open 2 days

CAB First Aid advice.

Census 2021 – Newsletter Aug & sept.

Jackie Sumner – state of footpath to Alresford

Clerk & Councils Direct Sept.

EHDC Wildflowers

Elan City – Offers

Env. Centre – Warmth & Woodburning

CPRE – Countryside Voices

Melissa Simms – email regarding a Bishop's Sutton Festival which would celebrate the rural roots of the village. The Parish Council discussed the suggestion and declared its full support for Melissa Simm's suggestion of a Village Festival next October.

9. FINANCE – CLERK.

The Clerk gave the Chairman an update on the financial position. The Parish Council had received half the Precept from WCC. The Clerk was pleased to report that the new Mandate had finally been accepted by NatWest.

TO PAY

Clerk's exps.	£206.60
Website	£66.62

Proposed RB Seconded PN

10. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING & LENGTHSMAN – Cllr. MARTIN JAY.

Nil. The Lengthsmen are due to visit on the 18th of October 2021.

11. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING – Cllr. BUDD.

21/01644/HOUS Rosemullion, The Dene, Ropley

Stair and balcony to rear elevation of house.

PC No objection.

WCC Planning permitted.

21/01099/FUL Bighton Bottom Farm. Mr Gonszor

Anonymous letter received and passed on to WCC.

Mr Gonszor not happy and after several emails sent a Solicitor's letter demanding the letter through the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Discussed with WCC, they will not forward the letter.

Parish Council deciding at an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 17th August 2021.

Members decided to send the letter to Mr Gonszor and his Agents.

Decision awaited.

12. SUN LANE DEVELOPMENT.

The Clerk had passed on Mr Gregory's letter to the appropriate Principal Planning Officer and received a reply. Clerk to forward copy to MJ.

13. WEBSITE – CLERK.

The Chairman suggested that MA should now takeover the running of the website and all agreed.

14. FACEBOOK – Cllr. NANKIVELL.

PN said that there was no new activity on the Facebook site.

15. HIGHWAYS – Cllr. NANKIVELL.

Clerk to reply to Mr Ratner's letter regarding his concerns re pedestrian safety due to the parked cars at the side of the B3047. Although Members had some sympathy with Mr Ratner it was felt that it did not warrant contacting HCC Highways with regard to the matter.

ACTION KF

16. FOOTPATHS & ROW – Cllr. ALLEN.

Martin Henderson was concerned about grass left on the road after contractors had cut the grass. Martin Henderson had spoken to the Chairman and even swept some up himself. It seemed as though the contractors had stopped blowing the cut grass off the road.

MA had walked some of the paths and all were OK. PR stated that the path from Northside Lane to Sutton Wood had been cut.

MA spoke about the overhanging brambles on the footpath up to the roundabout. This is outside the 30mph zone therefore cannot be cut by the Lengthsmen. The Chairman will speak to Brian Waltho.

ACTION RB

14. OTHER MEETINGS.

Nil.

16. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.

Nil.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12th OCTOBER 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

The Chairman thanked everyone for taking part and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.