

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Highways and Byways Advisory Committee (HABAC)**
held at Harting Congregational Church Hall at **6.00pm** on **Wednesday 12 April 2023**.

Present: Anthony Palmer (AP)(Chair), Sheila Bramley (SBR), Penny Curran (PC), Vicky Maxwell Davies (VMD), John Miller (JM) and Nigel Johnson Hill (NJH)

In attendance: Trish Walker (TW), Parish Clerk.

The meeting commenced on site in The Street to assess potential locations for bike stands. Following this the members continued the meeting at the Congregational Church Hall. Mr Johnson Hill left the meeting at this point.

1. Apologies for absence: Andrew Shaxson (AS).

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 4 January 2023: The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1. South Downs Classic event

The WSCC Roadworks online map appears to indicate a road closure for the cycling event due to take place on Sunday 25 June, this is worrying as the published information about the event does not refer to any road closures. Kate O Kelly, Council and District councillor, is following this up with the Highways department for further information. It is hoped there will be an update for the Council meeting on 20 April 2023

The following recommendation was agreed:

That the committee should recommend that the Council consider any further information available from WSCC with regard to the South Downs Classic event.

5. Bike Stands

Following the site meeting at the start of the meeting the members discussed the ongoing issue to find suitable locations for bike stands in South Harting.

It was noted there were sufficient bike stands at the rear of the White Hart pub to hold ten cycles. However, they were not visible from the main street and it was felt unlikely the landlord would continually welcome non patrons using the stands, although it had been indicated this may not be the case.

The previously considered site outside Port and Starboard cottages (the old Ship pub) were felt to be unsuitable. The site on the verge opposite the village shop had also been deemed unsuitable by the WSCC Highways officer.

After some consideration it was agreed the only potential location for bike stands would be against the wall of the public toilets to the north side of the telephone box. Currently

this area is filled with a shrub which has grown over the wall from the neighbouring property. The owners will be approached about cutting back the shrub and the recommendation to approach WSCC to place a bike stand by the phone box will be taken back to the Council.

Action – AP to contact owners of The Old House regarding cutting back the shrub adjacent to the phone box

AP to update village store owners

The following recommendation was made:

That the committee should recommend that the Council agree to put forward a proposal to WSCC for a bike stand sited to the north side of the phone box in The Street, South Harting.

6. Litter Pick

The Litter Pick had taken place on 18 March 2023. There had been a good turn out with over 20 people taking part on the day with several other people, who were unable to make that date, clearing other sections earlier in the week.

The event had been a great success with around 25 bin bags of rubbish being collected. It was noted that there had been some extensive fly tipping in West Harting and this had been reported to Chichester District Council.

7. Highways/Traffic Working Group

7.1. Community Highways Scheme update

There was no further update on this. AP had tried to find the project on the WSCC Highways website but it was still showing details for the previous financial year. The next stage of the project will be meetings with the WSCC engineers to assess the feasibility of the proposals.

7.2. Community Speed Watch update

TW has been emailing the PSCO in charge of Speedwatch training and, despite four emails, has not had a response. It is hoped training might be given to the whole group of Speedwatch volunteers at the same event.

7.3. B2146 Hurst to Stanbridge road meeting in liaison with Buriton PC with Hampshire and West Sussex County Councils

This meeting is due to take place on Wednesday 19 April. It is hoped a verbal update can be given at the Council meeting on 20 April.

The following recommendation was agreed:

That the committee should recommend that a verbal update will be given, if possible, at the next Council meeting.

7.4. Pot holes

Pot holes are now reported via the 'Report a pothole online' website or phone app. It was felt, in the majority of cases, this had worked well and there had been a good response. It was noted that the unresolved problem with the stretch of road in West

Harting, south of Deer Park Farm, was related to the camber of the road rather than potholes.

There was some discussion around the criteria used to decide if a pothole should be given a permanent repair as opposed to a temporary one. It was agreed TW would make some enquiries about this.

Action – TW to contact WSCC to ask if there is a criteria for permanent pot hole repairs rather than temporary ones.

7.5. Road sign cleaning

AP confirmed he had recently cleaned the direction sign opposite the T junction in the Street as it had become very green and increasingly illegible. The result was good and it was felt others should be encouraged to clean signs where it is safe to do so.

VMD left the meeting.

8. Flooding/drainage/gulleys/grips

There were no reported flooding issues and the situation on the stretch of road leading from Petersfield into the village had been vastly improved since the drain clearance was carried out.

It was noted the Nyewood gulleys were still causing a problem and water spreads across the whole road by Furze Meadow in extremely wet weather.

A further update was awaited regarding the gulleys in East Harting and outside Coombe.

*Action – AP to ask Alex Olphert for an update for East Harting
VMD to give Coombe update*

9. Hedges

The ongoing issue is the hedge at Lower Culvers which is overhanging the path. It is thought this is owned by Hyde.

Action – TW to contact WSCC/Hyde about ownership.

10. Footpaths

It is unknown if NJH is wishing to continue as a co-opted member of HABAC and specifically as the lead on footpaths. VMD had indicated she would be willing to take over this role if needed.

Action – AP to check with NJH

11. Items for next meeting

Update on CHS

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 September 2023 at 6pm in the Congregational Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.