



HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT HAVENSTREET COMMUNITY CENTRE, MAIN ROAD, HAVENSTREET ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors V Hattersley (Chair) H Johnson, E Bell, R H Blezzard, N Mills.

IN ATTENDANCE: R Brown, Clerk to Havenstreet and Asheym Parish Council (minutes). Kevin Burton, Isle of Wight Council

APOLOGIES: Councillor V Churchman (IW Council), PC Massey

ALSO PRESENT: 27 members of the public

040/12

It was resolved to alter the order of the agenda to bring forward the agenda item involving Kevin Burton from Isle of Wight Council.

041/12

- **Church Road, Havenstreet** – discussion took place around the possibility of parking restrictions and possible one-way routing of traffic along the road. Any proposals would be subject to surveys, consultation with residents and the wider community.
KB agreed to support calls for parking restrictions to address the issue on Church Road, and will write to the Parish Council to confirm that the Isle of Wight Council will act on behalf of the Parish Council in this matter.
- **Smallbrook Crossroads** – KB explained that this location is a hotspot for collisions and that the Isle of Wight Council has a responsibility to engineer out problems where possible. This junction is therefore a priority for improvement in the 2012/13 plan.
- **Widening of Asheym Road** – KB explained that the road is not wide enough in places to accommodate heavy traffic and coaches. This route is the “softest” option to accommodate the increasing heavy traffic as a relief route from Newport to Ryde; the alternatives are through Havenstreet or via Brading.
KB agreed to write to the land owner of the hedges at the pinch point to request the reduction in height of the hedges to increase visibility/passing room.

- **Speed Restrictions through Ashley** – KB was asked to expend the speed restriction to the seamark on the Downs, and to reduce the speed restriction through Ashley to 30 mph. KB confirmed that the IWC policy regarding speed restrictions follows DfT guidelines. The latest accident data has not yet been analysed by IWC. Once obtained, KB confirmed that the problem will be assessed to determine whether it can be engineered out and the speed restrictions reviewed when needed.

KB agreed that obtain scrim date (which measures the friction between a vehicle and the road) for the stretch of road where accidents have taken place between the seamark and the East Ashley turning.

- Speed through Havenstreet on Main Road – the risk to pedestrians and children catching the school bus were discussed. Parked cars offer natural traffic calming but speed is still too high. 20mph limit is currently not recommended by DfT as the road is a “through route”. A public footpath would be a possibility if the land owners were prepared to **sacrifice frontage.**

KB to arrange for speed measurements to take place on the Main Road at peak commuting times (7:15 to 7:45).

KB to arrange for the children catching the school bus to be assessed by IWC staff to determine if there are any improvements that can be introduced.

Kevin Burton was thanked for his time.

041/12 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Blezzard declared a personal interest in the remaining items by reason of being a member of another council and the IWALC Executive Committee, in Minutes 142/11 by reason of being a member of the Isle of Wight Community Transport Forum.

Councillor Hattersley declared a personal interest in the remaining items on the agenda by reason of being a member of the IWALC Executive Committee.

042/12 Public forum

There were no other questions from the public

043/12 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of 2 February were taken as read and signed with the following amendments:

Minute 032/12/2 to request a staggered junction sign at the East Ashey Lane/Station Road junction.

Minute 034/12 A wood sculpture to be placed in “the Glade” in Ashey, referring to the village as the home of Ashey Racecourse.

044/12 Councillors Question Time

RESOLVED: that the Councils application form for the Economic Improvement Fund should be accompanied by a covering letter explaining that the Parish Council wishes to be considered should any additional funds be available and commits to match funding them.

The Council noted that Havenstreet Community Association is hosting a meeting to seek help for upcoming events in the village.

The Council was informed that the Bestival organisers will be on the Isle of Wight on Tuesday 17th April and have agreed to attend a meeting of the Parish Council on that date should the Council wish.

RESOLVED: to hold an extra meeting of the Parish Council on 17th April and invite Bestival organisers.

The Council noted that plans for a Jubilee celebration at Smallbrook Stadium had fallen through and that the Ponda Rosa plan to host an event to mark the occasion.

045/12 The Council noted that the date of the next meeting is 1 March 2012.

The meeting closed at 20:55

Signed _____ Date _____