

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Highway Committee held on Thursday 8th September 2011
at 7.00.pm in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr J Anderson (Chair)

Mr D Mack Mr K Morgan Mr W Morgan Mr R Pike Mr P Stanger

Mr L Wilkinson

Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

1 Parishioner

Mr Anderson welcomed Mr Pike to his first Highway Committee Meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Break for Parishioners to Speak

Mr Spinks said he just came along to listen and did not wish to speak.

4. General Matters

(4.1) Action points from last meeting.

Everything had been sorted out or was on this Agenda for an update.

(4.2) Bus Shelters

The Handyman had painted three of the bus shelters and it just left two needing attention. It was left for the Clerk to liaise with the Handyman.

(4.3) Chicane Drayton High Road/Hurn Road

Mr K Morgan had asked this to be put on the agenda and after much discussion, mainly on the safety of Non-locals and HGVs, a proposition that the Council contact the Highways Department to re-engineer the road. Mr K Morgan proposed and Mr Wilkinson seconded this motion and it was agreed by all to contact the Highways Section.

(4.4) Keep Left sign at Badgers Brook Road Roundabout

There was much discussion on the merits of if a sign was needed or not. On the proposal of Mr K Morgan, seconded by Mr Pike and carried by 5-1, that the Clerk should contact the Highways section to request a Keep Left sign.

(4.5) Parking on Verges

There had been concerns raised about cars parking on the verges, thus making the vision to check the safety of cars coming out onto the road difficult because of the obstruction. Another point raised was vehicles parking on verges advertising a business in Pendlesham Rise. On proposal of Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mr K Morgan the Clerk should write to the Highways section and police voicing our concerns. Everybody was in favour of this motion.

(4.6) Highway matters re Skatepark

There had highway problems of parking on the road and the safety of children crossing the roads, whilst using the Skatepark. On proposal of Mr Stanger and seconded by Mr K Morgan that the Clerk should write to the Highways Section for a zebra crossing to help alleviate the problem. Copies to be sent to Taverham Parish Council to ask for their support.

(4.7) Speedwatch

It was decided to ask the Speedwatch group on feedback of roads checked and the results of each check on speeding vehicles.

(4.8) School Road Speed Limit

Mr W Morgan had expressed concern on the speed limits on School Road of changing limits between 20 and 30 miles per hour and wondered if it could be changed to be all one speed of 20 mph. After much discussion on the merits of the changes, Mr W Morgan agreed to leave as it is for now.

(4.9) Trees Carter Estate

A Parishioner had sent a letter to the Clerk with their concerns of the state of the trees on the Drayton Park Estate causing obstructions both to the pavements and people's properties. On the proposal of Mr Wilkinson and seconded by Mr K Morgan and agreed by all to write to the Tree Officer at Norfolk County Council to come to view the problem.

(4.10) Footpath George Drive

As per the previous agenda item the same Parishioner had pointed out the overgrown estate of this footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk should find out the owner and try to get the footpath cleared.

(4.11) Recent Road works in Village

There was much discussion on how the management of the recent road works was handled and the disappointment of how certain promises made before the works had not been carried out. Mr Wilkinson reported of severe traffic on the Drayton Park estate, a no through road, because of bad signage and also problems because the engineers would not let residents and business owners into their roads when it had been promised there would be 24 hour access to such people. Mr Anderson proposed a letter be sent to the Chairman of Norfolk County Council with our unhappiness of the project. Mr Pike stated that the final surface seemed to be a good finished article.

(4.12) Right turn into Costessey Lane

This matter was raised again because of near misses of traffic with cars turning right from Costessey Lane into Fakenham Road, which is a traffic offence. It was felt also the road signage was not adequate and some road markings needed painting up. Mr Wilkinson proposed and Mr K Morgan seconded that a letter be sent to the Police asking if they would enforce this traffic violation. It was to be noted in these minutes the intention of contacting our MP if there is a negative answer from the Police.

5. Exchange of Information

Mr D Mack

Mr Mack reported of the overgrown trees leading up to the Church, the Clerk will again chase up the Highways section.

Mr W Morgan

Mr Morgan reported of the road sign at Drayton Grove being broken.

Mr K Morgan reported of a broken top on the fire hydrant near Budgens.

6. Date, time and venue of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on the 10th November 2011 at 7-45p.m. at the King George Fifth Playing Field.

The meeting closed at 8-12 pm.

Signed by.....

Mr Jeffrey Anderson

Chairman of Committee

Dated 6th October 2011