

HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 2 September 2015 in the Annexe at Hunston Village Hall.

Present: Mr S Baker, Mrs B Delaney-Beckford, Ms L Kenney (Chairman)
Mr A Knowlson, Mr S Solliss

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk), Mrs M Evans (WSCC)

9/15E Questions/Comments from members of the public.

None.

10/15E Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Furlong.

11/15E Declarations of Interest.

None.

12/15E Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 22 July 2015. These were **AGREED** and the Chairman duly signed the minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

13/15E Updates:

13.1 Traffic calming

Councillors had provided some suggestions which the Clerk was collating. Examples highlighted as possible traffic calming measures included; clear signs on both sides of the road as you enter the village, the village gateway, crossings that impinge on the road effectively narrowing it and use of sharks teeth markings on the road.

Reference was made to the presentation given by Ben Hamilton-Ballie where he had identified five main areas for consideration. These spots were; North Mundham by the school, the bend by the canal, outside the village shops, outside the village hall and the area to the south of the village.

Measures such as the use of the CASPAR and SID devices were discussed, although it was not known whether these were still available for use.

There was further discussion of a 20mph speed limit through the village. Mrs Evans advised that these would need to be considered as Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) and at this time there was still a limit to the number of these that the County Council could undertake and there was a priority waiting list for any TRO.

Measures such as coloured road surfaces and sharks teeth markings would not require TRO's for implementation.

Mrs Evans advised that Joel Sykes was now the contact for Hunston and that he could be contacted to explore the village gateway option.

It was also noted that there was an issue about parking in the village and suggestions were discussed along with a request for a bus shelter at the stop opposite the village hall.

RESOLVED that a working party be set up to look at all the issues and options raised. The working party would look at the pro's and con's of all of the ideas raised. Once some realistic options had been put together the working party would meet with local residents for further discussion before bringing formal suggestions back to the Environment Committee. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Knowlson, Cllr Solliss and Cllr Baker would form the working party with the Clerk in attendance.

13.2 Ditches and flooding

It was noted that Langmead's had responded to the request for information about ongoing maintenance of the ditches in Church Lane. There was some discussion as to whether the work Langmead's have undertaken was due to be covered by the operation Watershed work.

It was also noted that with the weather conditions as they had been over the summer, where ditch clearance work had been undertaken it had already become overgrown. The Rife through the village has recently been cleared by the Environment Agency.

It was agreed that once the Operation Watershed work had been completed then there would need to be some discussion about ongoing maintenance and whether this could involve the local community or would require the help of local contractors.

The field drain at the end of the Selsey Tramway was also identified as a possible flood spot as there was a culvert that ran under the road.

13.3 Cycle routes

Draft proposals for a cycle route from Selsey to Chichester via Hunston had been circulated. The principle of the cycle route was thought to be a good idea but there needed to be some investigations into the actual route.

There was a suggestion to extend the route from Hunston to North Mundham which would involve diverting the existing path from the main road to North Mundham round the back of Hunston Dairy.

It was noted that some cyclists did not use the cycle path from North Mundham roundabout and it was suggested that visibility was an issue.

Mrs Evans reported that a link from the new A27 bridge to the cycle network would be looked at next year.

13.4 Footpaths

The issue of a footpath from the Foxbridge Drive/Farm Close area down to the playing field was briefly looked at. It was noted that at the back of the area there were already public footpaths along part of the stretch but that these needed linking up with the playing field.

Access from Foxbridge Drive/Farm Close would be looked at again.

13.5 Tree Management

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Strutt & Parker advising that they would be authorising an appropriate expert to undertake a tree audit over the summer.

It was agreed to defer any further discussion to the next meeting.

14/15E Date of the next meeting.

To be advised.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairman