

## HUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 2015 in the Annexe at Hunston Village Hall to transact the following business.

Present: Mr S Baker (Chairman), Mr A Knowlson, Mr S Solliss

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk)

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

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

None.

**16/15E Apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Kenney.

**17/15E Declarations of Interest.**

None.

**18/15E Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 2 September 2015.**

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2 September 2015. These were **AGREED** and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

**19/15E Updates:**

19.1 Ditches and flooding

The work in Church Lane had taken place. The new culvert on the Church side of Spire Cottage was much larger and the ditches had been cleared from the Pond down to the Church. It only remains for the culverts to be inspected and where necessary jetted out. It was hoped that now this work had taken place the flow of surface water from the surrounding fields into the Rife would now be eased.

19.2 Cycle routes

Two areas had been highlighted as being suitable for cycle routes. One was the extension of the existing path to North Mundham which could be routed round the back of Hunston Dairy. The other was from the shops down to the playing field by means of acquiring small sections of the fields either side of Church Lane. It was agreed to add these to the list of highways issues to be put forward to the West Sussex County Council highways people. It was also felt that the route along the main road should perhaps link up with the proposed cycle route from Selsey to Chichester.

19.3 Footpaths

There was discussion on the state of the footpaths and cycle routes in relation to overgrown vegetation. The Highways Rangers now only carry out work on the footpaths on a rolling nine month cycle. This means that during parts of the growing season the paths can become very overgrown. Consideration was given to asking residents to get involved with helping with clearance on a voluntary basis. There was some concern about how to get rid of the vegetation that had been cut away.

19.4 Tree Management

The need to undertake a Tree Audit was highlighted to the Council. It was noted that Strutt & Parker had advised that they would be undertaking such an audit earlier in the year and the Clerk was requested to ask for details.

## **20/15E Traffic calming proposals.**

It was agreed that the current situation through the village was not acceptable and that measures needed to be identified to slow traffic down, to ensure the safety of pedestrians using the footpaths through the village and to provide safe cycle routes to encourage the use of alternative forms of transport.

Reference was made to the traffic signs and road markings regulations which state that where there are road markings they must conform to regulations but that it is down to the relevant local authority as to whether such markings should be in place. This means that it is not a legal requirement to have central white lines but if they are in place they have to conform to regulations.

A number of traffic calming measures were highlighted and discussed including;

- The use of textured colour strips across the road where people are likely to cross the road.
- The use of dragons teeth markings to highlight upcoming bends in the road.
- The use of chicanes.
- The replacement of the damaged black plastic bollards with fewer larger wooden posts with reflectors.
- The replacement of the 30mph signs at the North and South of the village with larger village signs creating the concept of a village gateway.
- The provision of a zebra crossing outside of the village hall to aid access to the playing field.

A review of the ideas presented by Ben Hamilton-Ballie were also considered. The idea of the footpath crossing Southover Way was thought to be useful but it was accepted that for blind or partially sighted people it was important to have raised kerbs.

There was some discussion as to how all of the measures that were to be put forward would be funded. It was noted that there may be some funding for road improvements from the developments taking place in Selsey. This avenue to be explored.

**RESOLVED** that a meeting would be sought with relevant Highways personnel to put the proposals forward. The Clerk, Cllr Solliss and Cllr Knowlson would take part in the meeting. The purpose of the meeting would be to explore the viability of the proposals put forward and to ascertain costs and funding for the proposals.

## **21/15E The date of the next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 16 December 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

