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Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee Meeting of Nuthurst Parish Council held at Copsale Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to commence no earlier than 7.45pm.

**Present:** Cllr C Kenny (Chairman), Cllr V Court, Cllr S Newell, Cllr S Catterall, District Councillor Dennis Livingstone.

**Apologies:** Cllr D Cotton, Cllr W Bayley, Cllr K McGovern

**Clerk:** Lisa Wilcock.

There were 2 members of the public.

*Meeting commenced 2006hrs*

**OS62-24/25 Apologies for absence**

It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr D Cotton, Cllr W Bayley, Cllr K McGovern.

**OS63-24/25 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**OS64-24/25 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

**OS65-24/25 PUBLIC SESSION**

Noted that a recommendation was made for replacement trees outside the old shop by the tree warden. The Clerk displayed the recommendations to council by the tree warden and the trees were discussed. It was **agreed** to make a further recommendation at the next meeting following consultation with the homeowners opposite.

*2101hrs Chairman reopened the public session* to hear from a MOP who updated the council on the deer population within the parish. The issues with deer and traffic were discussed as well as how the population is maintained. The council **agreed** to provide the MOP with details of the routes where signage may be required and for the MOP so see if the recommendation was appropriate for deer movements. Cllr S Newell to raise this again at the next meeting.

**OS66-24/25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 the Chairman signed the minutes.

**OS67-24/25 PLAYGROUND**

- i) POST AND BOLLARDS – noted that the bollards for the lane opposite the playground are now with the Chairman and are ready for installation.
- ii) SIGNAGE – the committee considered the quotation for replacement white signs around the playground and cricket pitch. The total cost is £575 excluding VAT. Noted that the signs are with the same wording as previously, proof to be issued for approval at the next meeting. It was RESOLVED to recommend this payment to full council.

**OS68-24/25 WINTERPIT LANE** – the council considered the response to the request for a tree survey in the area where cars are being parked. It was agreed there was no clear solution to the issue. It was agreed that Cllr S Catterall would speak to the local residents.

**OS69-24/25 HORSHAM FOOTPATH/BRIDLEWAY/CYCLEWAY** – Noted that the response back from WSCC stated that it is not included in the transport plan. The plan is renewed annually. Noted that there was a positive response from WSCC Nigel Bird about directionn funding and guidance on how to change footpath to and bridleway status. It was agreed that Cllr S Newell and Cllr S Catterall will walk the route and report back to the committee. Item carried.

**OS70 -24/25 STREET LIGHTING** – The committee considered the recommendations made regarding faulty streetlighting.

*Column 3, Church Road - This is an obsolete SRL9es lantern, with 3 pin lamp-holder, Mercury gear with burnt outwiring and badly stained Perspex, so it is beyond economic repair.*

*Column 4, Church Road - This is a PL 36w fitting that has been installed, but never connected to the overhead Line*

*supply, so will require UKPN to connect it. It is on pole 637004 o/s Ingleside.*

*Column 21, Nuthurst Road - Replaced 70w Son-t lamp to get it back in light, SRL lantern with Perspex missing.*

*Column 24, Nuthurst Street - Another old obsolete SRL9es fitting with Mercury gear and beyond economic repair.*

*Also very awkward location opposite school, with access being a problem during school opening time due to parked cars.*

*I would therefore recommend replacement of the lanterns on columns 3, 21 & 24, as the lanterns are obsolete and although 21 is currently working, it is only on a temporary basis as they are not designed to operate without a cover for safety reasons.*

The cost of repair is £1050 for 3 lanterns. Noted that Column 4 will require connection using UK Power Networks. It was RESOLVED to recommend the work to be approved at full Council.

The Clerk noted that a MOP called to report Church Road, M Heath Outside Coombe Cottage/Ingleside was not working. This has been reported to Streetlights for review.

**OS71 -24/25 TREE SURVEY** – Noted that the tree survey will occur in November. Carry item to next meeting.

**OS72 -24/25 BUS STOP/SHELTER** – the Nuthurst bus shelter needs maintenance to the flooring. It was reported that the flooring needed full replacement. It was RESOLVED that Cllr V Court and the Clerk would arrange maintenance. The Compass owned bus stop column in Nuthurst concrete has been blown out. Clerk to report this to Compass.

**OS73 -24/25 WSCC HIGHWAYS/HDC REPORTS** –

a) **It was agreed to raise the issues of overgrown vegetation and concerns in Polecat Lane with fallen vegetation to the new contact at WSCC George Fort. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will arrange for Gerge Fort to visit the Parish to go over the issues raised in recent meetings. Noted that they all have been reported via the WSCC portal.**

b) **Dun Horse bins obscuring oncoming traffic on bin collection days** – item reported as seems to have improved. Item closed but will continue to be monitored and raised again if necessary.

**OS74 -24/25 SAFETY WEAR** – noted that hi-vis jackets have been received and are with Chairman for Councillors to collect.

**OS75- 24/25 MEMORIAL BENCH** – the council extends its thanks to Garry Evans who installed the bench free of charge. All parties were informed of its installation by the Clerk. Item closed.

**OS76- 24/25** To note the date of the next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Meeting closed 2118hrs

Signed..... Dated.....