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Pulborough Transport and Infrastructure Working Group

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Date: 29/09/23 Time: 11:30 Location: Sports & Social Club Pulborough

Present:

Councillors (all PPC apart from Charlotte Kenyon):

Paul Clarke (Chair of the Working Party)

Jon Campbell

Len Ellis Brown (Parish Chair)

John Wallace

Other Stakeholders:

David Hurst Pulborough Community Partnership

Nigel Weston HDC

Harry Quenault PPC Clerk

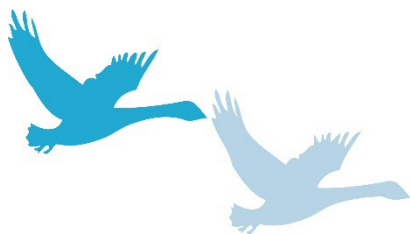
1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Adam Bazley, Charlotte Kenyon (WSCC) & Jon Campbell

2. To note 'Sinclair Drive Footpath Link' options report. (appendix A):

The committee discussed the feasibility of implementing options 1 and 2, both priced at £92,000, each coming with a 20-year lifetime guarantee. It was emphasised that the proximity to the sewer and the easement to the sewer should be considered. It was mentioned there should be consideration of the gas networks. Additionally, attention was drawn to the Section 106 funds enabled for this project.

A significant aspect of the discussion revolved around the proposal to construct new footpaths across the railway. It was highlighted that, in the event of the county council not allocating funds for the bridge, the possibility of redirecting the funds towards enhancing the transport infrastructure near the existing development was considered. This contingency plan would only be activated if the bridge proves to be unfeasible. The focus of this



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reallocation would be specifically tailored to the facility in question, ensuring a strategic and targeted approach to transport infrastructure improvement.

The group discussed concerns about a land grab involving the appropriation of a section of land not owned by the social landlord but occupied by its tenant. Legal advice on this matter was discussed, with a recommendation to revert the social landlord's land to its original deed outline in accordance with the lease agreement between tenant and provider.

Furthermore, it was noted that Cllr Paul Clarke will liaise with the legal team in Horsham to address the issues surrounding the alleged land grab and to explore the feasibility of the proposed bridge with Nigel Weston. The committee acknowledged the importance of resolving this matter promptly.

3. Short Term issues:

The discussions on the closure lessons from A29 Church Hill were postponed to the next meeting to allow the County Council to provide input. Issues highlighted included damage to the old walls at Church Lane, opposite Chequers Hotels as well as damage to the milestone. Lessons learned from the use of no-parking cones at the school emphasized the necessity of quick actions by WSCC Highways and the potential need for school patrols and crossings for the closure. Although there has been land slippage on the A29, it is not sufficient for a long-term closure.

Reporting on Soper's Hill tree branches and land movement was also deferred to the next meeting, awaiting the County Council's attendance. Concerns have been raised about potential movement incursion on the verge leading to the footway.

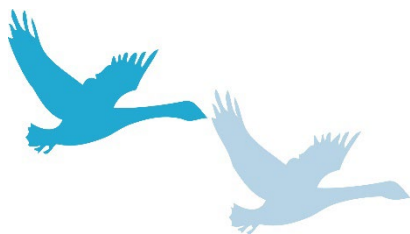
4. A29 issues:

Plans for the A29 and potential impacts on Pulborough and neighbouring communities will be discussed at the next meeting as WSCC presence is required to progress this.

Mechanisms to limit the weight, speed, and/or width of vehicles on A roads will also be deferred to the next meeting.

Practical actions for addressing the A29 in Pulborough will be postponed to the upcoming meeting.

Steps to secure a successful Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and associated costs will be deferred to the next meeting, allowing the County Council representatives to handle the matter and prepare responses for the agenda item. The Clerk mentioned that he had some previous experience in this matter and briefly explained the requirements.



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5. Review and update the Pulborough priorities:

The significance of this document was emphasised, underscoring the importance of prioritising the actions in it.

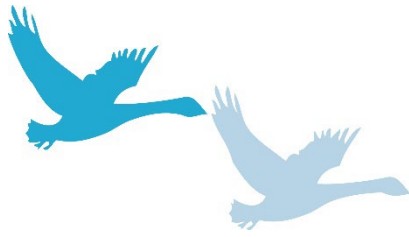
The original list of priorities was reviewed by the Chair, with the first item addressing Swan Corner. The discussion focused on the necessity for improved visibility at the junction to benefit all road users. There was discussion about the installation of soft verges. The idea of mirrors to enhance driver visibility was considered, it was ultimately dismissed due to liability concerns.

Concerns were raised about the Pidgeon Gate Bridge, where protected barriers were consistently damaged. One potential solution discussed was implementing one-way traffic flow over the road bridge. It was also mentioned to explore ways to redirect pedestrian traffic away from the bridge through alternative infrastructure. There was considerable discussion surrounding this. Notably, it was mentioned, that the SW main sewage pipe passes through this bridge.

The bridge near Willowmead is a priority due to drainage issues (PUL003 and PUL0004) causing water to run across the road under the bridge. It was stressed that Network Rail and Highways needed to collaborate to address this problem. David Hurst was tasked with communicating the safety challenge to Network Rail, copying in both Highways and Harry Quenault. WSP's involvement in the project with Network Rail was also mentioned.

The Cinder Path to Church Place was identified as an area with insufficient lighting and improving the lighting is a new priority not included in the original priorities document. Similar concerns were raised for other locations with inadequate lighting, including Lower Street to Old Rectory path. Separately, the need for more lighting in East Glebe Field was highlighted, emphasising the importance of low-level lighting to avoid issues when viewed from the South Downs. It was noted that the area was owned by the Diocese.

Bus stop priorities were addressed, including the completion of bus shelters. Bus information for real-time data implementation was mentioned as a future improvement.



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An active Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation for Broomers Hill was noted, specifically a change from 60 mph to 30 mph on the highway.

The discussion extended to other priorities, such as the standing water outside Tesco's at the front of the property, emphasising the need for Southern Water to address this and acknowledging the existing work undertaken as a result.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 12:52am.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th at 11:30 subject to WSCC attending.