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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

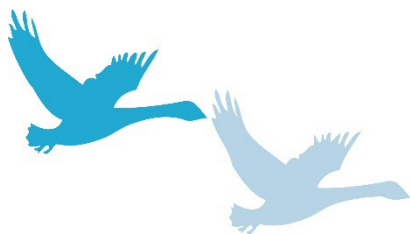
1. Apologies: Apologies received from Adam Bazley & Charlotte Kenyon (WSCC)

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

This was noted by the committee.

3. Terms of Reference & Overview:

- The meeting began with a discussion on the Pulborough Transport Plan, covering District, Planning and County aspects.
- The importance of updating changes to the Transport Plan was emphasised and to come out with a formal document.
- The goal was to establish a strategy for transportation, including roads, side roads, bridleways, and footpaths, both short-term and long-term, to support the neighbourhood plan and underpin possible future development of the village. This to serve as a consultation document for both Horsham District Council and WSCC.



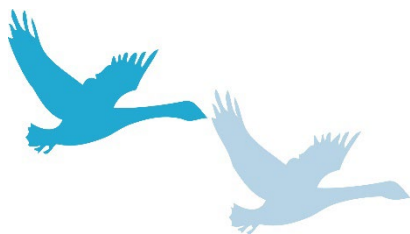
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- The terms of reference were to be emailed after the meeting. No changes were made.
- 4. Review of Historical Documents and Updates:
 - The need for a 3-6 month transport plan that aligns with the neighbourhood plan was discussed.
 - Participants stressed the importance of a comprehensive document to guide future transportation planning.
 - A unified approach to transportation planning was highlighted, particularly in addressing traffic congestion.
 - Several key issues were discussed:
 1. A complete topography of Church Hill was shown.
 2. One of the key engineering projects related to Pigeon Gate Bridge in Pulborough was discussed, including the sale of County property on where the bridge was to be positioned.
 3. The need to revisit the 2020 transport plan in light of recent incidents, such as a fatal motorbike accident at a junction A283, pedestrian death on Swan corner and others.
 4. Weight restrictions on the A29 was discussed and the feasibility of limiting HGV access via the village.
 5. Review of key documents, including the 2010 Transport Plan, the 2020 Pulborough Possible Transport Options document and the A29 Future and Current Issues document.
 6. Identifying transportation options and ensuring accuracy.
 - Several engineering projects were identified and discussed:
 1. Footpath 2330
 2. Ramped Footbridge & Pigeon Gate Bridge
 3. Development at Sopers, how best to move pedestrian traffic away from the A29.
 4. Access and safety concerns were discussed for each project.
 - Discussion regarding future proposed planning developments included:



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1. When discussing the New Place Nursery development, it was mentioned about an access road through the housing estate. It was mentioned about the level of traffic being fed towards the existing developments and the impact it would have on the A283 and the side roads.
 2. Consideration of footbridge options and connecting pathways over the railway bridge. It was mentioned that this is part of the outline proposal. Network Rail would object to no bridge being installed. Engineering study results showed a present-day cost depending on the option chosen of between £479,000 to £1,743,000.
 3. Challenges in obtaining approvals for complex engineering projects.
 4. When discussing Stopham Road development, it was mentioned about the new car park installation. This was centred after providing disabled access to the Northbound London side meaning people could access the station more easily. Also facilitating access between both sides of the station under the road bridge for pedestrians.
 5. It was mentioned around the potential issue of traffic (and dangers related to it) going through a housing estate to catch a train.
5. Future Considerations:
- A "wish list" for future considerations were presented, including:
 1. Weight restrictions and declassification on the A29
 2. Improvements on the A283
 3. Broomers Hill width restrictions replication
 4. School crossing patrols and the requirement for this or pelican crossing
 5. 20 mph zones and speed limit policy changes
 6. Use of Section 106 funds for the bridge

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting concluded at 1:03pm.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 11:30.