

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council

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Planning and Highways Committee (PH12)

Wednesday 16th September 2020

MINUTES

In attendance:- Matthew Harris (MH Chair) David Mullan (DM) Johnny Hunt (JH) Also in attendance Rob Woods (Clerk) (RW) Sarah Evans (SE) (Clerk)

46/20 Apologies for absence and approval

Apologies were received from Paul Bohill and Eric Parkinson and approved.

47/20 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

No declarations were made.

48/20 Agree Minutes of the last meeting (PH11-August 2020) and sign

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

49/20 To consider responses to Planning applications:-

49/20 a) Ref 20/01137/AS -

No objections

49/20 b) Any other applications received before the meeting date

No further applications were received to be discussed.

50/20 Item referred to Committee for comment and consideration -

Highways Information Pack.

The members discussed a previously circulated document.

Action: RW/SE to investigate cost of restoring the previous one way system on Mead Road / Gladstone Road.

Action: Members to complete walkabout previously arranged in Full Council Meeting 7.9.20, and report back any areas relevant to the options included in the Highways Information Pack.

51/20 To consider the impact of the “MOJO” lorry park at Sevington on the SWAN area

RW presented a verbal report on issues raised by Mersham Sevington Parish Council and the upcoming Stakeholder Meetings.

SE gave a verbal report on feedback from the Joint Transport meeting 15.09.20

Agreed:

- 1) SWANCC should attend future stakeholder meetings (**Action** RW SE to request invitation for SWANCC to attend upcoming Stakeholder Meetings.)
- 2) That the site could present problems of HGV traffic using Orbital Park, Crowbridge Road and Newtown Road as an alternative to re-joining the M20 - discussed further under 52/20. (**Action** RW/SE to express concerns with appropriate bodies)
- 3) That the Council needs an understanding of the reasons for Border Force not being involved in servicing of the MOJO Project. (**Action:** As 2 above and convey comments to Joint Transportation Board)

52/20 Items requested for inclusion on this agenda

52/20 a Measures to alert lorry drivers to low bridge on Newtown Road

Agreed: That measures should be taken to avoid traffic congestion by HGV vehicles on the North Western end of Newtown Road if they are unable to negotiate the low railway bridge in that area. (Cross reference with item 51/20)

Action :- RW SE To investigate the introduction of a multilingual sign to advise drivers of low bridge and restricted access on Newtown Road.

Action: RW SE to contact Joint Transportation Board with comments.

52/20 b Damage to Newtown Post Office car park wall

Action :- RW/SE to contact Ashford Borough Council to chase up repairs.

52/20 c Removal of Phone box – Newtown Green

Resolved:- Agreed unanimously that the phone box to be removed.

53/20 To agree the date of the next meeting as 21st October 2020 and items to be included on the agenda

Meeting date agreed, no items requested.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:40 pm

Signed _____
Chair

Date _____