

Notes of **Strengthening Local Relationships** meeting between  
Battle Town Council (BTC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC)  
Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 2.00pm at The Almonry, High Street, Battle

**Present:** BTC: Cllr J Boryer (JB) – took the Chair  
ESCC: Cllr K Field (KF)  
Ian Johnson (IJ) Traffic & Safety Manager  
Isla Darcey (ID) Highway Steward  
Samantha Channon (SC) Customer Service Manager  
Mick Kendall (MK) Enforcement Supervisor  
(t) Deputy Town Clerk Jane de Garston (JdG) – took the notes

1. **Apologies** – No apologies
2. **Notes of meeting held on 17 October 2018 were agreed.**
3. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting (not elsewhere on the agenda) –**
  5. JB asked for any update regarding reducing use of A2100 – SC advised there is no update at this time regarding the reclassification of the road but request for information has been made.
  8. The brown signs signposting Battle Golf Club are redundant but require the Club to request and fund removal. ESCC will write to advise that the signs are redundant due to the closure of the Golf Club and advise the signs could be considered a driving distraction.
  10. KF advised she has received a request for a bollard or block to be placed at the scaffolding on Nationwide Building Society to prevent vehicles hitting the scaffold when turning from Mount Street. ID responded this is not possible as any block or bollard would need to be sited in the Highway due to the proximity of the scaffolding to the edge of the footpath.  
20 is plenty campaign – KF had advised the campaign group if they wanted any assistance with presenting the petition to let her know but nothing has been forthcoming. IJ reported nothing has been received by East Sussex.
4. **Telham Lane drain**  
Location was confirmed as outside property 'Patches', ID to review.
5. **Powdermill Lane roundabout & road markings**  
ID reported overnight works were planned to repaint the markings but snow fall prevented the works taking place. This work is being actively scheduled but no date is available at the current time.
6. **Darvel Down hedge**  
ESCC Highways have issued a hedge cutting notice card. If this work is not carried out within 14 days an enforcement notice will be issued.
7. **Battle Hill Hedge**  
KF advised she has also received a concern regarding the hedge at property Little Sunbeams. ID to arrange for hedge to be assessed.
8. **Bench at bus shelter Battle High Street**  
BTC would like to re site the bench on the High Street into the bus shelter. MK advised if this is just bolted to the pavement it would only require a placement licence and not an excavation licence.

## **9. Tarmac outside Bluebells**

The exact position of the tarmac was unclear but ID advised that a licence for a utility repair had been made for that area of the High Street and that this was still within the reinstatement time permitted under the licence.

JB mentioned the general condition of the paving by Battle Memorial Hall and asked if any remedial work would be undertaken on the cracked paving. ID advised she could request this be considered as an aesthetic repair but unless there was a specific trip hazard (this would be a raise of more than 20mm) no action would be taken currently.

## **10. A frames at Powdermill roundabout**

SC has approached the company which supply Highways England with their frames to seek removal.

## **11. Netherfield Road pothole**

Thanks were noted.

## **12. Cones at Netherfield School**

The situation at Netherfield was discussed. It was agreed that a permanent solution of yellow lines could be sought under CPE.

## **13. Mount Street cones**

MK reported this issue has been resolved along with the High Street cones.

## **14. Any other business**

Mount Street car park finger posts – KF reported the fingers has been moved so are not pointing in the right directions. JdG to ask BTC staff to realign fingers.

Oak tree overhanging Raven Court – KF reported a concern she had received regarding a tree overhanging from the highway. ID agreed to ask tree officer to visit and review.

Speeding at Netherfield – KF has received concerns regarding traffic ignoring the speed device. IJ advised this is a police issue.

Grit bins – KF has received requests for grit bins on Netherfield Hill/Road. ID advised there are several bins already in place. Any additional bins would not be provided by East Sussex Highways. She believes the cost of a bin, licence and a fill is around £250

Pedestrian crossings update – The new pedestrian crossing for Battle Hill is with the Strategic Infrastructure Team for assessment.

The lighting of the crossing at Lower Lake is being assessed. IJ advised he is chasing this.

Wall lighting on the High Street – KF has received concerns regarding lights either shining into properties or day burning. ID advised UKPN are aware and they are investigating the day burning.

Saxonwood Road parking issues – KF reported concerns have been raised regarding parking, especially at school times, as properties drives are being obstructed. IJ advised as this is an adopted Highway residents could apply for an APM (Access Protection Marking), these are white lines which can be painted across the driveways. The cost is £46 but the lines are not enforceable. Yellow lines could be sought under CPE.

Virgins Lane visibility splay – KF asked if bollards or an island could be placed in the mouth of the junction with Virgins Lane at A2100 as vehicles turning into Virgins Lane from A2100 are cutting the corner. IJ advised the junction is not wide enough to include an island and this issue is caused by lazy driving.

Leaning tree trunks on A2100 banks – ID advised these areas are not adopted highway and are therefore the responsibility of the land owner. If anything overhanging the highway is below permitted height restrictions it will be hitting the lorries and they are likely to report issues. ID reported this is being investigated.

Condition of footpath on A2100 – ID advised that work has been undertaken on the footpath, which is not of an acceptable standard, at the top of the A2100 but she has been unable to ascertain who undertook the works. Patching south of Netherfield Road has been completed by ESCC. JdG to ask Councillor raising the concern to identify the specific area of concern.

Broken kerb stones at Virgins Lane/Whatlington Road – ID will investigate.

**15. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 2pm in The Almonry, High Street, Battle**

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