

LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS & BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
7:30 pm 26th March 2018 - Jubilee Pavilion

Present:

Mrs B Mackwood - Chairman
Mr C Cave
Ms S Hardingham
Mr M Harris
Ms L Lansley
Mr S McQuillan
Mr N Moorcroft
Mr I Scoones
Mr R Sterland
Mr A Wilkinson

Absent:

Mrs S Hughes
Mr A Batt
Mr A Cartman
Ms G Collins
Dr P Jackson
Mr A Johnson
Mr J Thomas
Mrs J Pullin
Mr M Semple
Miss M Uppington

In attendance - The Clerk, Dr J Turp and Ms E Price (minutes) and 2 members of the public

Hb18.23 – Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Batt, Cartman, Collins, Jackson, Mrs Pullin, Miss Uppington and Semple.

Hb18.24 – Declarations on Interest and Grant of Dispensations

Interests to be declared during the meeting and no dispensations were requested.

Hb18.25 - Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January 2018 copies having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Hb18.26 - Matters arising

- a. Hb18.04a – Repair of footpath gate – the gate on the Festival Way nearest the churchyard has been repaired and the gate where the A370 is crossed has been replaced.
- b. Hb18.04d – Tree planting – the PC has asked North Somerset Council (NSC) for information about the ownership and management of the SBL exchange land. From initial information supplied it would appear that this has not happened as described at the public inquiry. The PC will ask to see the Management Agreement to see if NSC has complied with the terms. The trees planted to provide screening of Parsonage Road from the SBL do not appear to be thriving and the PC is not satisfied with their quality.
- c. Hb18.09 – Update on grit bins – The lost grit bin at the top of Glebe Road and the broken bins in Highlands and Theynes Croft should be replaced soon. Clerk to put on social media that grit bins are not to be used for rubbish.
- d. Hb18.10 – Response from NSC to request for bollards – NSC do not believe the number of fly tipping incidences on Clarken Combe where it is crossed by the footpath warrants bollards being installed. However, the PC believes that not all reports are reaching them as Cllr Sterland has reported 4 incidences himself.
- e. Hb18.20 – Dog Bins – Ten dog bins have been ordered and are due to be delivered by 31st March. The surplus bin by Dawson Walk to be removed.

Hb18.27 - Ashton Brook and Flood Management

- a. Update on flooding issues and to agree any action if required / Meeting with North Somerset to discuss FoI response. Meeting with NSC should take place soon.
- b. Response from Greenbelt to query re the management of the bund and flood alleviation scheme – Cllr Moorcroft reported that he had contacted Greenbelt Services to say the traps were full, the Clerk confirmed that Greenbelt had informed her that they were cleared on the on the 22nd March. Greenbelt has yet to comment about the effect of silt build up. It was agreed

that the Clerk to write to Environment Agency to ask why they asked for the bund and flood alleviation scheme to be built but did not adopt it and why it is not taken into account in their flood modelling.

Hb18.28 - Footpaths

- a. To receive working group report and discuss any proposals – Cllr Lansley gave a report there are issues of posts on footpaths around the South Bristol Link Road north of Longmoor Brook pointing the wrong way. Clerk to write to ask NSC (copying in Andrew Carroll) to get the contractors to re-do signage asking them to contact Cllr Moorcroft for further information.
- b. Dawson Walk update and to response from Greenbelt. The boardwalk has been partially repaired. There has been no response from Greenbelt to the PC suggestion that they should use local contractors - the Clerk to chase.
- c. Parsonage Road footpath – There has been no response from Persimmon Homes but NSC have provided a model agreement for permissive paths.
- d. Digital footpath maps – one of the village walks is to be included in the May or June 'Life' magazine and this digital map will be made available to the PC.
- e. Bench in memory of resident – sufficient funds have been raised to provide the bench so no additional contribution is required.
- f. Letter from resident re condition of gates. A resident has highlighted several footpath gates in disrepair. It was noted that due to lack of funds NSC will not repair a gate unless it serves a purpose eg for livestock control. The PC is in contact with the landowner re the gate on 12/9. As the gate by the railway bridge on 12/5 serves no additional purpose, NSC won't repair it so the PC will ask NSC to remove it. The gate at the top of the steps on 12/4 is broken and the Clerk to write to NSC to ask for repair or replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 8.10pm to allow a member of the public to speak.

Meeting reconvened at 8.12pm.

- g. Ironwood run – The Chair has spoken to the organisers, highlighting her concerns. These will be taken into account and the organisers will make sure local people are aware of the event so that they can take part.

Hb18.29 - Burial Ground and Closed Churchyard.

- a. Report on Heaven Scent Garden – report had been circulated.
- b. To consider request for an entry in the Book of Remembrance with no burial or interment of ashes – it was RESOLVED to change the rule to allow an entry in the Book of Remembrance if the person being remembered meets the requirements to be buried in the burial ground. Proposed by Cllr Ms Hardingham. Motion carried. (5 for, 1 against, 4 abstentions).

Hb18.30 - Road safety issues

- a. Vehicle Activated signs – Cllr Sterland reported. The sign has been located opposite the junction with Hobwell Lane. The data showed average speeds of just over 24 mph and 85th centile speed of around 28.5mph. The highest daily speeds recorded were between 55 and 65 mph. It was agreed that the speed sign data should be put on the PC website.
- b. A370/B3130 junction – A plan showing the changes planned by NSC had been circulated, it was agreed that this would give some improvement but that further improvement would be obtained by reducing the corner at the right hand turn to continue travelling along the B3130 travelling from Cambridge Batch. The PCs preferred option is still for the original layout to be reinstated.
- c. Speed limit changes – Following work by Abbots Leigh, and Wraxall and Failand PCs NSC have agreed to reduce the speed limit on Beggar Bush Lane from the A369 to the B3128 Clevedon Road Failand and on Belmont Hill, from the Failand Triangle to Clevedon Road Flax Bourton from the national limit to 50 mph.
- d. Longwood Lane/Providence Lane/B3128 junction – The PC comments have been passed to NSC. The Clerk now has plans showing the changes to the junction included in the Quarry plans which will be circulated. Clerk to query with NSC that the proposed speed limit reduction on Clarken Coombe from Failand to the junction with Long Ashton Road is happening.

- e. Yanley Lane – NSC have replied informing the PC that the costs of speed surveys will be £420 for two surveys. It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hardingham and seconded by Cllr Moorcroft that the PC proceeds with the NSC speed surveys at a cost of £420. All in favour.
- f. Works on A370 – concerns were expressed about how these works were carried out. Residents likely to be affected by the night time works did not receive the promised letters and ‘road closed’ signage was not removed when the A370 was open. In addition the entrance to the road through Barrow Gurney was coned off, which was not included in the traffic order.

Hb18.31 - Festival Way - Nothing to report.

Hb18.32 - Biodiversity

Hedge on Yanley Lane near Northleaze School – the contractor expressed some concerns about the inclusion of the willow as they thought they may take the water from the hedge. However, these have been planted off the hedge line and the contractor will be asked to complete the work.

Hb18.33 - Village Enhancement Scheme working group

Report and discussion of phase 1 plans and suggestions for safe crossing arrangements at Brocks Lane – Cllr Hardingham reported a good discussion with Rob Thomson before the meeting. Once costings and final plans for the proposed table between Brocks Lane and Yeo Lane are available the PC will talk to Piccolos and other businesses about the plan and then consult residents on the proposals. It was noted that Taylor Wimpey are keen to see the plans for the VES as they realise “The Vale” would have a significant effect on traffic through Long Ashton.

Hb18.34 - Bristol City Council plans for Park and Ride

Response from Bristol City Council to PC request for information – until the legal issues have been resolved BCC are unable to share any further information with the PC. It was agreed that the Clerk will reply that the PC should be consulted on any changes.

Hb18.35 - Tree Works

The tree works in Chancellor’s Park have been completed and a quote has been requested for work to the Walnut Tree and the trees shading the Garden of Remembrance.

Hb18.36 – Gullies - No report.

Hb18.37 - SBLR and MetroBus

Officially the MetroBus is due to start running in May/June this year although there have been suggestions it may be later.

Hb18.38 - Cycle Forum - No report.

Hb18.39 - Leigh Woods - Parking issues and yellow line progress

The plan has been agreed by NSC and consultation on the plan will take place. North Road is used as an early morning ‘rat-run’ so a survey has been undertaken on its use to provide evidence to the police.

Hb18.40 - Response of NSC CEO to PC letter

Mike Jackson has responded to the PC’s concerns admitting that in some cases consultation hadn’t occurred as it should and committing to maintaining good relationship with the PC. The PC will monitor whether consultation actually occurs.

Hb18.41 - Correspondence

- a. From resident re signage on traffic islands – suggesting that Night Owl bollards are used on the traffic islands around the Clarken Combe/Ashton Road area rather than the lit bollards that can fail and are easily damaged. It was agreed that these are an improvement and the Clerk will write to NSC to ask they are used to replace the lit bollards when they fail.

- b. From resident asking for information relating to the PCs request to extend the 30mph limit on Yanley Lane to the railway bridge. However, the PC request is to have a 30mph limit in Yanley Hamlet. The clerk will reply.
- c. From NSC re path extinguishment order – there is a PROW which runs alongside the tarmacked path from Long Ashton Road to Catley Grove but the route lies within several gardens. If it is extinguished it will make no change to the current arrangements.
- d. From resident re path extinguishment order – a resident objected to the above order but after discussion with NSC has withdrawn his objection.
- e. From resident about his concerns about VES costs – the resident's views are noted and it is hoped that some external funding will be available to the PC to help with this scheme.
- f. From resident re addition to suggesting that the extinguishment order also sort out the termination point of LA12/13 i.e. where it meets Yanley Lane and asking that the PC support him in this. NSC has confirmed that they are unable to add it to this order but will look at it later. The PC will support this.
- g. From resident asking if there is a tree wardens group – the Chair to reply.
- h. From resident re the large amount of litter he and another resident had picked up around Keeds Lane and Wild Country Lane litter - it was noted that interviews are being held for the Village Orderly this week and this may improve the litter situation.
- i. Letter from resident regarding the Wild Area in the churchyard. It would appear that this is again going to be actively managed so the PC has no objection for it continuing for another two years or for a board to be erected.
- j. Letter from resident re. footpath at the cricket ground. The PC is aware that of the issues surrounding the path around the cricket ground and is already in contact with NSC about it.

Hb18.42 - Other Items for Information - No items.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Date of next meeting – 4th June 2018