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Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee Meeting Held at Copsale Hall on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025 at 7:45pm

Present:

Cllr C Kenny (Chairman), Cllr V Court, Cllr W Bayley, Cllr D Cotton, Cllr S Catterall, Cllr S Newell,

Also Present: County Councillor Nigel Jupp, District Councillor Dennis Livingstone

Clerk: Lisa Wilcock

Members of the Public: 7

Meeting commenced at 2011hrs

OS028-25/26 – Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: None received.

OS029-25/26 – Declarations of Interest

None declared.

OS030-25/26 – Chair's Announcements

None.

OS031-25/26 – Public Session

Several members of the public raised concerns about the local bus service, specifically:

- Limited service through Maplehurst (one bus per week from Storrington on Thursdays).
- Need for more frequent and reliable services for school children, especially post-16 students.
- 75B bus service is praised, but the 17 route bypasses Maplehurst.
- Monks Gate residents expressed frustration over school transport difficulties, noting issues with scheduling and higher fare structures for Horsham compared to Worthing or Brighton.
- Residents support improving the route which currently ends at Partridge Green despite high usage.

District Councillor Dennis Livingstone noted the need for a survey on potential bus usage.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with AiRS regarding conducting a bus service usage survey and raise the issue at the next Full Council meeting.

OS032-25/26 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.

OS033-25/26 – Playground

RESOLVED:

- The Council noted and accepted the playground inspection report.
- One bolt requires replacement.

- Ongoing maintenance of the playground equipment was discussed and noted.

OS034-25/26 – Open Space (Lime Kiln)

Discussion held on purchasing a replacement tree for the Lime Kiln open space.

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL: Purchase a replacement tree via WSCC Trees.

Suggested Species: Crab Apple, Rowan, Field Maple, Small Leaf Lime, or Hazel.

ACTION: Clerk to raise at the council meeting in September.

OS035-25/26 – Speed Indication Device (SID) Maintenance

RESOLVED: SID to be relocated opposite the lay-by. Device to be moved from Old Post House to face the opposite direction.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange relocation.

OS036-25/26 – Emergency and Resilience Audit

It was noted that Dee Thornton had contacted the Clerk and will be submitting an initial draft report to the Clerk and Cllr Kenny for review.

OS037-25/26 – Carbon Busters

NOTED: Thermal camera not required. “Blitz Weekend” dates are to be confirmed.

OS038-25/26 – Monks Gate

Item RESOLVED at full Council. CLOSED.

OS039-25/26 – Bus Shelters

NOTED: that a new floor to be installed into the bus shelter in Nuthurst. Carry to next meeting.

OS040-25/26 – Defibrillator and New Right of Way – Sedgwick

Chair reported contact made. Defibrillator pads to be returned to Trimbio.

OS041-25/26 – Matters Arising

- Cycle route
- Bus service improvements
- Photograph required for upcoming parish magazine article

Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 6th August 2025

Meeting closed at 2016hrs

Signed: Dated: