



## NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Road Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at Copsale Village Hall. The Meeting started at 20.50pm after to the Planning Committee Meeting.

**Present:** Cllr D Cotton (DC) (P) Cllr W Bayley (WB) (P)  
Cllr V Court (VC) (P) Cllr C Kenny (CK) (Chair) (P)  
Cllr S Catterall (SC) (P) Cllr K McGovern (KMcG) (P)

Also in attendance:

Locum Clerk and 4 members of the public also attended the meeting.

09-23/24 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
There were no apologies sent in for this meeting.

10-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
No declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct.

11-23/24 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS  
None.

12-23/24 PUBLIC SESSION  
One member of the public addressed the committee about Items 7 & 8 and asked whether the council would consider putting in a pollinating highway to reduce the parking on Winterpitt Lane. One member of the public addressed the council and asked why Champions Gate had been placed on the agenda, when it had been confirmed that it didn't fall under NPC's responsibility. The Clerk informed the MOP that she had placed the item on the agenda from the previous agenda and had not been told otherwise. The MOP also questioned why the council had paid for the Clerk to have training on Rialtas when the Clerk is only a Locum and employed by another council. The Clerk informed the MOP that the Clerk is not trained on the Rialtas Accounting and until such a time as when the council employees a permanent Clerk it was wise to have training on the accounts to best managed the council's finance. One Tree Warden informed the committee that they had attended a very informative meeting on Tree Warden's forum and requested the item being placed on the next full council agenda.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 20.55pm

13-23/24 STREETLIGHTING  
The members of the committee spoke about the streetlights and how they would go about assessing updating the streetlights. The current streetlights are outdated and not cost effective. Cllr VC suggested setting up a working party to address this. Cllr DC suggested getting a survey done by Streetlights. **It was UNANIMOUSLY agreed to recommend to Full Council about setting up a working party.**

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#### TREE UPDATE

Cllr VC gave a detailed update on the trees. Cllr DC asked when the last tree survey was completed. Cllr VC stated that the council has tree surveys done every three years with the last one being completed in 2022. There is a tree on the edge of Mannings Heath green which was felled and will need to be replaced. Cllr VC suggested a Pink Chestnut. Cllr VC also stated that she and Cllr DC will be conducting a survey of the asset register around the parish and will look at the trees at the same time. Cllr CK suggested that other Cllrs and the Tree Wardens should also be asked to suggest a tree that would enhance the village.

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#### GRASS CUTTING

Cllr VC gave a detailed update on the grass cutting. She confirmed that WSCC had not put the grass cutting schedule on the website as of yet. Cllr VC will update the members at the next full council. Cllr WB enquired about incorporating Carbon Busters rewilding. Carbon Busters will need to make contact with WSCC separately, the Clerk will forward the contact details on. Cllr VC mentioned about the bulb and seed planting for the community. Item to be placed on the next full council agenda.

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#### WINTERPIT LANE

The Clerk informed the committee that comments had come in from a MOP prior to the meeting stating that the parked vehicles are damaging layby. The vehicles are parking overnight which was not permitted. Cllr WB asked about the consequences of moving the vehicle on to another area within the parish. Suggestions were made to write to the owner and ask them not to park there. Cllr CK requested that the Clerk contact WSCC Highways to enquire on what the Parish Council was able to do about it. Cllr DC will forward any photographic evidence on to the Clerk.

**ACTION: THE CLERK AND CLLR DC**

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#### WSCC HIGHWAYS

##### 17.1 Feedback from WSCC:

Cllrs CK and VC mentioned that this was dealt with under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2023 meeting.

##### 17.2 Update on Actions:

##### 17.2.1 Crossing at Mannings Heath

Cllr CK suggested going back to WSCC Highways and to ask what progress WSCC are at and for any feedback to come back to council. Cllr CK mentioned that he had suggested a method of deciding on the way the crossing could be agreed had been sent to WSCC Highways and if any comments had been received back. DCllr DL suggested to the council to investigate looking into a community highways project. Items included but not limited to could be speed limits and speed humps as well as further traffic calming measures and monitoring. Cllr VC suggested updated the council's action plan/business plan. Cllr WB suggested looking at Lower Beeding and what they have been able to achieve.

**ACTION: THE CLERK**

##### 17.2.2 Crossing at Monks Gates

##### 17.2.3 Champions Gate

Cllr CK stated that the junction is not within the curtilage of Nuthurst Parish and suggested the council make contact with Cowfold and West Grinstead Council's to propose a united front and hold a meeting.

**ACTION: THE CLERK**

##### 17.2.4 Drains

##### 17.2.5. Speed Limits for Copsale

Cllr CK mentioned that Copsale is the only location within Nuthurst Parish that does not have any speed limits under 60mph. Cllr VC suggested asking Roger Cato to redo the Speedwatch stats and provide them to the council. Cllr WB asked whether this would fall under a community highways scheme, the clerk confirmed it would. Cllr DC will speak with Speedwatch and report back to council.

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#### Finance Items

The Clerk presented three cheques for signing and informed the committee of each invoice. **It was UNANIMOUSLY agreed to sign the cheques and recommend to Full Council approval for payment.**

