

Notes of **Strengthening Local Relationships** meeting between  
Battle Town Council (BTC) and East Sussex County Council (ESCC)  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Teams (hosted by ESCC)

**Present:**

**BTC:** Cllr G Favell (GF)– Chaired  
Cllr J Gyngell (JG)  
Jane de Garston, Assistant Town Clerk (JdG) – Note taker

**ESCC:** Ian Johnson (IJ) Traffic & Safety Manager  
James Kelly (KJ) Highway Steward  
Corrinne Black (CB) Customer Services Manager  
Luke Gillman (LG) Customer Services Manager  
Cllr K Field (KF) County & District Councillor

**1. Apologies – None**

**2. Approve minutes from previous meeting** Notes from the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September.

It was noted the pictures of the bus stop on the Abbey Green are still outstanding, due to home working, JdG to obtain as soon as possible.

**3. Ongoing concerns with blocked drains at Marley Lane – JK advised the drains in this area have been jetted and one gully was replaced due deterioration. It is hoped this is now resolved.**

**4. Ongoing concerns with blocked drain at the junction of Telham Lane/Hastings Road leading to flooding on the junction – JK reported the issue is silt washing onto the top of the drain as the gully is clear. JK advised the drain is regularly checked. JG enquired if BTC staff could clear the drain but as this is on the road side of a busy junction it is not felt appropriate.**

**5. The large potholes along Marley Lane and the A2100 – JK reported the length of Marley Lane from Coronation Gardens to Highwoods car park has been patched so pot holes, meeting criteria, will have been dealt with. The surface by the Highways England yard at the A21 end of Marley Lane has been checked but does not meet pot hole criteria.**

**6. Issues with flooding caused by drainage outside the post office/shop in Netherfield - JK advised this is being investigated by the drainage team. Action: James to obtain an update.**

**7. Concerns regarding the condition of Footpath 75 (A report may already have been made so an update may suffice – CB advised she was not aware of location or reports of FP75 as this would be dealt with by Rights of Way team.**

**8. Gritting of footpaths during recent ice and snow – If a request is made will areas be gritted? - CB advised an area can be requested for inclusion in a gritting route for consideration. Footpaths are not gritted due to financial restrictions but grit bins are provided for businesses or residents to access grit. CB reported there are approx. 20 bins across Battle and she will circulate the location map.**

**9. Update on the fencing project at Caldbec Hill – CB reported this is currently with RDC. It is unclear if this is for a planning consideration. Action: CB to request an update.**

**10. Any Other Business –**

**KF – Complaints about the damage to verges & pot holes in Tollgates**

The developers of Tollgates are damaging the verges with large lorries and the road can be gridlocked with traffic. JK responded the contractors are due to be spoken with but as RDC did not take photographs of the verges before the works commenced there is no way to present the condition changes.

**Action:** JK to check potholes/road surface

**KF – Parking in bus turning circle at Marley Gardens**

Can the turning circle be included in the CPE review?

**Action:** IJ to send parking request form to KF

**JG – Requested an update on Battle Hill crossing**

KF advised £30,000 has been allocated to safety improvements but it is unclear what aspect of investigation or works this will be for as there is no safe 'landing space' for a crossing. IJ advised this is with the Economic Strategy Team.

**JdG – With BTC undertaking the verge mowing contract are the contractor maps available?**

CB advised these will be available and will be sent to BTC

**11. Date & Time of next meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 2.30 pm**

Meetings could continue via Teams as this reduces travelling commitments for members, and will be agreed nearer to the meeting date.