

**Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting minutes held on Friday
12th January 2024, 11:30 am at Sparkes Pavilion**

CLLrs Present: G Pharo (GP), (Chair), J Cheshire (JC), J Langley (JL), K Williamson (KW)

1. **To receive and accept apologies** and reasons for absence in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 S 85 (1).
2. **Disclosure of Interests**
In accordance with the Localism Act 2011 to receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct

There were no disclosures of interest.

To consider granting any dispensations.
There was not requirement to grant any dispensations.

Reminder - Any changes to register of interests should be notified to the clerk.
3. **Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.**

There were no members of the public.
4. **Exclusion of the Public**
To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed. 'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'

There was no requirement to pass this resolution.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting** to be considered for approval and signed as a true record – The Highways, Safety & Verges Committee meeting held Friday 8th September 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Friday 8th September 2023 be signed as a true record.
6. **Matters for discussion.**
 - a **To discuss the following the traffic calming project and agree any actions required.**

The committee resolved to encourage the 20 is plenty voluntary speed around the village.
KW offered to write to residents in Lower Street and offer them stickers for their bins.

A resident has, of their own volition has some 30mph speed limit signs for bins printed. It was agreed that the two campaigns could work in tandem as the 20mph is voluntary.

The committee agreed that the traffic calming campaign would need to seek the support of local residents and that a questionnaire should be developed to give all residents the chance to put their views and ideas forward.

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To discuss the protection of the verges and agree any actions required.

There was a discussion about the different verges in the village. The desire to protect the verges from cars parking on them, in particular the wild flower verges which have been looked after for the last two seasons to encourage native wild flower growth. There was a discussion about the lack of appearance of wild flowers so far. JL explained that the process would take several seasons. The clerk explained that the verges were seeded with additional native seeds in the Autumn to help. It was acknowledged that the weather had played some part in slowing the process.

Resolved that the committee would requested that the budget to look after the finger posts be delegated to it. The committee would request a budget for the purchase of chestnut posts to put on the verges to be protected.

To discuss communication with ESCC, agree a date for an SLR meeting and invitees to the meeting. To agree any further actions required.

Resolved the clerk is to contact ESCCHA to request an SLR meeting.

7. To agree a date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held Friday 15th March at 1130 am in Sparkes Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 12.53pm