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**Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee
Highways and Transport Sub-Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held at the Roger Montgomeri Room, Woodlands Centre,
Rustington, Thursday 24th October 2019**

Present:

County Councillors: Dr James Walsh (Chairman, also ADC)

] District Councillors: Grant Roberts (ADC)

Town Councillors: Chris Blanchard-Cooper (Littlehampton)

Parish Councillors: Alison Cooper (Rustington), Geraldine Walker (Kingston), Elizabeth Linton (East Preston), John Oldfield (Angmering)

Officers: Nadine Phibbs (Ferring Parish Council Clerk), David Lambert (WSSC), and Ben Whiffin (WSSC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Sub-Committee to the Meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Elkins (East Preston, Ferring & Kingston, also ADC), Deborah Urquhart (Angmering & Findon & WSSC) & Dan Purchase (WSSC)

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd May 2019

The Sub-Committee **AGREED** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd May 2019 and signed by the Chairman presiding as a correct record.

3. North Littlehampton Infrastructure Scheme Update - Lyminster Bypass

Mr Lambert advised that Sarah McKnight (WSSC) has now left the project team. Helen Richardson (WSP) will oversee in the interim. Ms McKnight's replacement commences in the post in January 2020.

Mr Lambert reported that the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) are being prepared ready to be advertised and are subject to the award of the contract by Persimmon Homes which is imminent.

There has been negativity from landowners in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and it is expected that there will be a public enquiry.

The work is expected to commence January 2020.

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4. Improvement Schemes Updates

(a) A259 Improvements Consultation Update

Mr Lambert reported that following the CPO consultation period there has been eight objections and there will be a delay due to a public enquiry. The public enquiry will commence 26th November and last for five days.

Mr Lambert advised due to the delay the project commencement date will now be August 2020. The work is anticipated to take 21 months.

Mrs Linton asked if the project could be started at the locations that there was not an issue with COPs.

Mr Lambert advised that there was no benefit to this as access to all of the land is required particularly for utilities which are on the full stretch of the road on both sides.

It was acknowledged that the advance warning signs are now out of date. Mr Lambert advised that these will be removed within the next two weeks and new signs will be erected once the project commencement date is confirmed.

The Sub-Committee asked for a press release to coincide with this information. Mr Lambert agreed to this request and confirmed that the press release will be cc'd to the Parish Councils.

It was confirmed that the poor road surface and pot holes will be repaired in the interim.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lambert for his report.

Mr Lambert left the meeting.

5. Manor Retail Park, Angmering

(a) Provision of Bus Service

It was advised that this is an item on the Eastern Parishes agenda.

It was agreed that this item will remain on the agenda.

6. A259 Rustington-Bypass - Planning Applications

It was agreed that this item will be removed from the agenda.

7. Town /Parish Council Issues – Progress Reports from WSCC Highways

(a) Resurfacing Works

The patch work in Rope Walk has now been completed.

Any required resurfacing works should be reported to Mr Whiffin for the Spring Programme.

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(b) TRO requests/progress

Mr Whiffin provided members with the TRO progress report (*copy attached*) and confirmed that any TRO requests that score less than 10 will be removed from the list.

Mr Whiffin highlighted the TRO for Lashmar Road, East Preston. After a brief discussion, the Highways & and Transport Sub-Committee recommend this TRO for JEAAC approval.

(c) Service Levels and Improving Local Places and Spaces

Ben Whiffin gave a presentation with OHP slides (*presentation attached*)

8. Appointment of Clerk for 2020

After two years, Nadine will be stepping down as the Sub- Committee Clerk. James Walsh volunteered the Littlehampton Clerk.

9. Any Other Urgent Business

Mrs Cooper raised the issue of speeding vehicles along Ashwood Drive in Rustington which goes through the Church Farm Gardens Private Estate and suggested that signage to advise vehicles that people are crossing could be erected.

Mr Whiffin advised that this would be a general enquiry to WSCC and may benefit from support of the Church Farm Gardens Resident Committee.

Mr Oldfield referred to the traffic calming scheme through Angmering and acknowledged whilst this has been successful there is an issue with the speed hump in the centre of the village that there is a loud thumping noise as HGV's travel over it. Could there be a restriction on HGV's travelling this route.

Mr Whiffin advised that there has already been a safety audit and to apply for a TRO they would need to demonstrate that 3% of all traffic are HGV's. He also suggested that once the road widening on the A259 is complete this may reduce the issue of HGV's travelling through the village centre.

Me Whiffin also suggested that there is a possibility of a 'not suitable for HGV's' could be erected. Mr Whiffin & Mr Oldfield will liaise with each other regarding this matter.

10. Date of Next Meeting

2020, to be confirmed by the new Sub- Committee Clerk