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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at The Littlehampton Town Council, Manor House on
Thursday 18th October 2018**

Present:

County Councillors: Dr James Walsh (Chairman, also ADC) and also ADC) Deborah Urquhart (Angmering & Findon, also WSCC), Cllr Roger Elkins (East Preston, Ferring & Kingston, also ADC & WSCC)

District Councillors: Terry Chapman (ADC)

Parish Councillors: Geraldine Walker (Kingston), Elizabeth Linton (East Preston), Carole Robertson (Ferring), and Alison Cooper (Rustington) Roger Phelon (Angmering)

Officers: Nadine Phibbs (Ferring Parish Council Clerk), David Lambert (WSCC), Sarah McKnight (WSCC), Ben Whiffin (WSCC) and Daniel Purchase (WSCC)

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

Apologies were received from Ian Buckland (Littlehampton Town), Bryan Curtis (Poling Parish Council), James Stewart (Arundel Town Council & Sean Smith (Findon Parish Council)

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th May 2018

The Sub-Committee **AGREED** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th May 2018 with following amendments:

Attendees, Town Councillor, Terry Chapman is not a Town Councillor

Attendees, remove Elizabeth Linton, East Preston as a repeat

Minute item 5, add to clarify; North section of the bypass WSCC & south section of the bypass Persimmon Homes.

3. North Littlehampton Infrastructure Scheme Update - Lyminster Bypass

Ms McKnight reported, following consultation with parish councils and land owners, the full planning application for the northern section of the Lyminster bypass will be submitted in the next 2 – 3 weeks. The progress of the application will be monitored but it is expected that planning will be granted February 2019.

In relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process, it is anticipated that these will be challenged and it is expected to go to public enquiry.

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The work is expected to commence late spring 2020 with a construction period of 15 months.

A question regarding the funding and that due to the delays and environment concerns, will there be an increase in the proposed cost of the project. Ms McKnight confirmed that there will be an increase in the cost. WSCC are looking at funding options and although not confirmed they are confident that funding will be available.

At a public meeting in February 2018, it was advised that the project will be delivered in 2020, however due to delays the project will now commence 2020. Updates are provided on the WSCC website. It was acknowledged that this project is in the WSCC Forward Capital Programme.

In relation to the southern section, Persimmon Homes enabling work to commence early 2019 as planned with a construction period of 12 months.

The Chairman thanked Ms McKnight for her report

4. Improvement Schemes Updates

(a) A259 Improvements Consultation Update

Mr Lambert (taken over from Mr Bathmaker) advised that work to prepare the site, removing vegetation, tree felling, fencing and utility works will commence January 2019

It is not anticipated that there will be any issues or public enquiries with the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process.

The project has the funding in place and is on schedule. The work is expected to commence May/June 2019 with a construction period of 18 months.

Dr Walsh welcomed Mr Elkins as the appointed WSCC Cabinet Member for Highways & Infrastructure.

(b) East Preston slip road

At the last two meetings it was reported that the slip road at the south side of the roundabout at East Preston adjoining the A280 has been removed from the proposed scheme. The preliminary reasons for this are due to the safety aspect for pedestrians and that there is no evidence that the slip road would benefit the scheme. This will be monitored.

Mr Chapman raised concerns that the traffic coming from Worthing is already backed up and with the addition of new housing in the area there are more vehicles using this stretch of the A259. It is inevitable that this will continue to be an issue and urged that this decision is reconsidered. Both Ms Linton & Ms Walker reiterated these concerns.

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5. Manor Retail Park, Angmering

(a) Provision of Bus Service

Cllr Cooper advised that Rustington Parish Council has made arrangements to provide the No. 12 bus service and that over 2000 people are using the service each month.

Following the planning approval for the M&S food store and Toby Carvery, the s106 money from this development will provide funding for a bus service.

Cllr Robertson advised that Ferring is well served with an excellent bus route to Worthing, but there is a distinct lack of services if wishing to go to the retail parks in Rustington.

It was advised that talks continue with Stagecoach in relation to the subsidised routes ie, 700 and if new routes have been considered. It was acknowledged that due to new developments the demands for bus services has changed.

Ms McKnight agreed that she will discuss this issue with Stagecoach.

Ms McKnight & Mr Lambert left the meeting

6. A259 Rustington-Bypass - Planning Applications

Mr Whiffin advised that there was nothing further to report.

In relation to the planning approval for the M&S food store, Strategic Planning Highways had raised objections which were overruled. It was also acknowledged that ADC Planning Officers had recommended for the application to be refused.

It was agreed that the development remains a concern and that it should remain as an agenda item.

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

(a) Resurfacing Works

Mr Chapman asked in relation to the marked road in Church Street, Littlehampton. Mr Whiffin advised that the markings would have been done by the safety team to identify the works required.

Cllr Linton asked in relation to the scheduled works in Sea Road, East Preston. Mr Whiffin advised that the work has been delayed and will now commence 31st October.

It was acknowledged that the Angmering traffic calming scheme has been successful, however a concern has been raised that vehicles are driving around the calming on the grass verge at North Drive. Ms Urquhart advised that there will be an overview review of the scheme. She will advise Angmering Parish Council when this will take place.

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This item will be kept on the agenda.

Cllr Walker advised that Kingston Barn residents have made their own border out to the road and have covered the fire hydrant. Mr Whiffin advised that this is currently being looked at by his colleague who will contact the residents direct.

Cllr Cooper raised concerns in relation to the traffic build-up of vehicles entering Rustington Village Centre from the east and west and asked if the traffic light sequence could be restricting the traffic flow. Mr Whiffin agreed to investigate this issue.

Concerns were raised regarding vehicles entering the pedestrian area of the High Street, Littlehampton. Mr Whiffin advised that this is currently being monitored and a possible solution is to install appropriate street furniture.

Mr Whiffin confirmed that there has been no Community Highways Scheme application submitted for Clun Road & Courtwick Road, Littlehampton.

Concerns were raised in relation to speeding vehicles in Horsham Road & Southfields Road, Littlehampton. Mr Whiffin advised that it is difficult to find a solution to speeding vehicles on the mentioned roads and that this is a police matter.

Dr Walsh reported that a motorbike has been long term parked in the pedestrian area of the High Street, Littlehampton. It was acknowledged that as this vehicle is legal and that the police and WSCC cannot remove it. Mr Whiffin advised that to solve this issue, a TRO for prohibited waiting would be required.

Mr Whiffin spoke about the online report option and advised that every report will be inspected by WSCC.

(b) Maltravers Road, Littlehampton

Maltravers Road & South Terrace have been resurfaced and new white lines painted.

Cllr Elkins & Mr Chapman left the meeting.

8. Community Highways Scheme – Update

Mr Whiffin & Mr Purchase have visited Windmill Drive, Rustington and spoken to a number of residents regarding the concerns of speeding vehicles and near accidents. Mr Whiffin suggested that a TRO application will allow for speed loops to be positioned collecting data of the traffic movements. This information can be shared with the police. The police can also provide slow down signage.

The traffic calming scheme in Sea Lane, Ferring has been successfully delivered.

The new footway scheme from Swanbourne Lake to the Black Rabbit, Arundel, is still in the feasibility stage. Officers will update Arundel Town Council in due course.

Refuge in Rife Way, Ferring has passed the scoring process and will be considered.

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Zebra Crossing in Sea Road, Littlehampton has been deferred.

The general consensus is not to consider the request for a signalised Crossing in The Street, Rustington as there has been little community support and this proposal will cause an issue with the bus stop.

9. Traffic Regulation Order Applications - Progress Reports

TRO's Mr Whiffin circulated a list of the proposed TRO's.

It was confirmed that TRO requests can remain on the list for two years and that TRO's are considered at the CLC meeting where WSCC Councillors will make the final decision.

It was advised that the two top requests (Selbourne Road & Angmering Way) will be recommended for approval by WSCC Councillors.

Mr Purchase confirmed that he will only support the request for Angmering Way.

Concerns were raised in relation to the TRO process and suggested that other council's processes could be investigated. Particular concerns were raised into the option to group requests if they are within a reasonable distance to each other. It was suggested that the request for Broadmark Lane & B2140 Sea Lane could be grouped together. Mr Whiffin did confirm that the old process did allow this if within a half a mile. Mr Whiffin will look at the above request, Broadmark Lane & B2140 Sea Lane and report to JEACC.

10. Appoint a Clerk for 2019

The current Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee Highways and Transport Sub-Committee Clerk, Mrs Nadine Phibbs will agree to Clerk in 2019 on the condition that the meeting location returns to Rustington.

Mrs Phibbs will Contact the Clerk at Rustington to arrange.

11. Any Other Urgent Business

Dr Walsh advised that in relation to the A27 Arundel bypass consultation, in spring 2019, Highways England will be arranging a further consultation.

Mr Whiffin raised the issue of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) using Ford Road, Arundel, and in particular a recent incident between two HGVs. Members felt that there was little available in terms of highway interventions and that the A27 Arundel Bypass would have a beneficial impact on the matter.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The Clerk, Mrs Nadine Phibbs will confirm the date of the next meeting.