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

**Minutes of the Meeting held at the John de Bohun Room, Woodlands Centre,
Rustington, Thursday 28th February 2019**

Present:

County Councillors: Dr James Walsh (Chairman, also ADC) Cllr Roger Elkins (East Preston, Ferring & Kingston, also ADC)

Parish Councillors: Geraldine Walker (Kingston), Elizabeth Linton (East Preston), Carole Robertson (Ferring), Steve Mountain (Angmering) and Roger Davies (Lyminster & Crossbush)

Officers: Nadine Phibbs (Ferring Parish Council Clerk), Carole Ward (Parish Clerk Rustington), David Lambert (WSSC), Sarah McKnight (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 Deborah Urquhart (Angmering & Findon, also WSSC), Alison Cooper (Rustington) & Derrick Chester (Littlehampton Town Council), Terry Chapman (ADC) & James Stewart (Arundel)

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 18th October 2019

The Sub-Committee **AGREED** the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th October 2018. and signed by the Chairman presiding as a correct record.

3. North Littlehampton Infrastructure Scheme Update - Lyminster Bypass

Northern Section (WSSC)

Ms McKnight reported, following a short delay due to a request for additional information, it is expected that the Planning Committee will be make their decision on 26th March 2019.

In relation to the Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO), these will be published once the planning process is complete.

The finances are now in place and the work is expected to commence late spring 2020 with a construction period of 15 months.

Southern Section (Persimmon)

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It was reported that eight Contractors are currently tending for the project and that the tenders are due back on 8th March 2019.

The work to prepare the site has commenced and the project is due to commence late May 2019.

Mr Mountain advised that the Head Teacher from Cornfield School has raised concerns of the road proximity to the school and has requested a meeting with WSCC and the Contractor to address these concerns. Ms McKnight will arrange the meeting and contact Mr Mountain direct.

Dr Walsh also acknowledged that safer routes for children travelling to school by foot or bicycle from Toddington Lane new estates to Summerlea and Rustington Community Primary schools are needed. Ms McKnight will look into this matter.

Ms McKnight will forward the programme for the A259 improvement scheme, the A284 Lyminster Bypass (North) and the Persimmon Schemes (Lyminster Bypass (South) and Fitzalan Link) to the Clerk for circulation to sub-committee members.

The Chairman thanked Ms McKnight for her report.

4. Improvement Schemes Updates

(a) A259 Improvements Consultation Update

Mr Lambert reported that the site clearance from Station Road Roundabout to Haskins has commenced and the site clearance at the Wick end of the project will commence later in the year.

The Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) are still pending and forthcoming key decisions are due to be made by Cabinet. The work is expected to commence August 2019 with a construction period of 18 months, however due to the utilities programme, there may be some movement on this date. Drop in public sessions will also be arranged.

Mr Mountain raised a concern in relation to a pathway near to Cornfield school and if it is a public right of way. Mr Lambert will investigate further.

A concern was raised in relation to the school crossing to the Angmering School on the A259. Mr Lambert advised that during the construction works, the traffic management plan will include suitable school crossing facilities.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lambert for his report.

Ms McKnight & Mr Lambert left the meeting

5. Manor Retail Park, Angmering

(a) Provision of Bus Service

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Mrs Ward confirmed that the No. 12 bus service that has in the region of 1800 people using the service each month, will continue until at least the end of the year. It is hoped that the service can be secured for future years.

Mr Mountain advised that Stagecoach has committed to providing new routes for the No. 9 bus to service the new developments within Angmering village.

6. A259 Rustington-Bypass - Planning Applications

Mr Whiffin reported that the Highways Department has approved the access and that the two developers need to come to an agreement as to how the M&S food store, Toby Carvery and the Care Home will utilise the access.

It was acknowledged that the development is subject to a judicial review.

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

(a) Angmering Traffic Calming Scheme

It was reported that following a site visit that remedial and minor additional works are required.

It was reported that the plans for the Chandlers Site are ready for submission. The proposal will include a retail store, Parish Council Office, public conveniences and housing.

(b) Resurfacing Works

Mr Whiffin advised that six million pounds of funding has been received from DFT (The Department for Transport) for maintenance to highways, additional highways works and bridge safety works.

Mr Whiffin advised that there is a large programme of works which he will forward to the Clerk to circulate to sub-committee members.

Mr Whiffin spoke about the online report option (Love West Sussex) and advised that every report will be inspected by WSCC.

8. Any Other Urgent Business

In the absence of Mr Stewart (Arundel), Dr Walsh reported the follow:

The Arundel Mayor & Mr Stewart are meeting with Gary Markwell on Friday 1st March to discuss traffic issues on Ford Road (speeding, HGV's, congestion, looking forward to A27 bypass issues). Main issue is HGV's and speeding.

20mph zones will be implemented in Arundel centre and residential roads from early March by WSCC Highways.

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Arundel Town Council disappointment that our TRO related to camper van parking on Mill Road and London Road has been taken off the list. This is an ongoing issue with at any time over 10 camper vans either just left or being lived in on this road. There must be a solution.

In the absence of Mr Chester (Littlehampton Town Council), Dr Walsh reported the follow:

Mr Chester would like to thank the WSCC officers for making further progress on the achievement of the northern section of the Lyminster Bypass and the WSCC Cabinet and Council for finding the additional capital funding required.

Mr Chester suggested that when the Lyminster Bypass & Fitzalan Link Road are completed much traffic will be entering in & out of Littlehampton in a different way and it seems the ideal opportunity to review the way traffic moves in & around the Town and accesses parking etc to see if any changes are desirable. This new link road & bypass is a major change and a huge investment and he would like us to make sure we use it to best effect rather than assume that a quicker link in and out will automatically deliver economic benefits for those parts of the Town currently in decline. A masterplan linking this scheme to identified future development sites and desired changes such as the seasonal pedestrianisation of Pier Road would help us to map out our regeneration opportunities.

The above will become an item for future agendas.

Mr Chester emphasises the importance of liaising with our commercial bus operator Stagecoach well in advance of the North Littlehampton development, Bypass & Link Rd being completed in order to work with them to see how the number of people being served by a regular public transport service can be expanded.

Mr Whiffin advised that ADC has applied for the Coastal Community Fund for public realm improvements in Littlehampton Town Centre. The decision is expected to be made in April.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd May 2019 2.00pm at the John de Bohun Room, Woodlands Centre, Rustington,