



Gerrards Cross Parish Council

South Lodge East Common, Gerrards Cross, SL9 7AD
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Minutes of the Highways Committee

Meeting held 8.00 pm on Monday 1st March 2010 at South Lodge

Present: Mr C Brown (Chairman), Mr I Gordon, Mr N Moss,
Mrs L Campkin, Mrs P Fea and Mrs A Mitton (Assistant Clerk)

1 **Apologies for absence** – Mr D Peters **Action**

2 **Actions were reviewed from the meeting on the 1st February 2010.**
Extra lighting in Marsham Lane. It was felt that the cost of additional lighting would be disproportionate to the number of residents it would serve. It was agreed to get the foliage around the existing lamp post near Diss Park cut back to allow this to be more effective. **DCHP**

3 **Paul Snell BCC Highways.**

Pot holes are a major concern. PS advised that it is important to report potholes to Highways on Call (HOC) so that they could be logged and inspected. If they are not reported there is less chance of them being prioritised. More effective to telephone report rather than doing so on line. Only Category 1 holes are being prioritised at the moment (at least 40mm deep and 400mm wide). About 100 potholes a day are being filled across Bucks and Chiltern areas at present.

Flood notices. BCC will put up flood notices if floods are reported to HOC. There should be an inspector in attendance within 2 hours even at weekends. Some areas have permanent notices.

Gritting of roads. Gritting vehicles have set routes to follow in the case of bad weather as set out in the BCC schedule. There was an issue with the levels of stock during the recent snow which meant that only primary routes could be covered.

A40/Windsor Road intersection. The road markings are due to be renewed shortly. It was hoped that this would encourage drivers to position their vehicles correctly to prevent them blocking other drivers and causing hold ups. PS will look into the possibility of improving the traffic light signage to prevent confusion for drivers unfamiliar with the junction.

Marsham Lane and Mill Lane bridges. Pedestrian warning signs will be erected soon.

Heusden Way. A decision is expected on 2nd March re stopping up order.

VAS signs Fulmer Road. Paperwork has now been found by BCC and they have been approved.

Old road signage post stump near New Pond. PS to investigate if this can be removed for safety.

Old BCC street light stump in Packhorse Road near Percy Davis

jewellers. This has been replaced with a new column. PS to chase up removal.

4 Lighting

CB attended the Overview and Scrutiny Commissioning Committee meeting at BCC on 23rd February. He has concerns that BCC are considering switching off additional street lights and many of the ones which have been switched off already were those due for replacement in the near future. There were also concerns that if areas are liable to flooding in switch off areas, this was extremely hazardous for drivers at night. There was speculation as to whether this may have been a factor of the recent serious accident that occurred on the A413 at Gerrards Cross.

LED lighting columns for Parish. It was agreed to discuss this possibility with the new lighting contactors in April.

DCHP

New street light in South Park Crescent. Ask new lighting contractor to quote in April

DCHP

5 Highways

Paul Snell advised that Costains will be providing advance notices for drivers relating to the planned roadworks in Packhorse Road in the coming months. The next Costain/GXPC liaison meeting will be on 3rd March, where the traffic management arrangements for this period will be reviewed on site.

6 Tasks Updated.

7 Finance

None

8 Correspondence

Letter from Network Rail re the proposed footpath at Mill Lane Bridge. Network Rail would require ongoing financial commitment for maintenance from the Parish Council as well as written confirmation that funding would be available for any future insurance claims before they would consider the Parish adopting the area. It was agreed to put pressure on County Councillors to persuade BCC to reconsider adopting this land.

DCHP

9 Date of next meeting 8.00pm Tuesday 6th April 2010,

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date