



Minutes of the Strengthening Local Relationships Liaison Meeting (SLR) held on 4th November 2020

Venue – eMeeting

In attendance: Cllr Nick Beaumont [NB], Cllr Peter Morgan[PM], Cllr Rob Banks[RB] (LDC), Rob Stevens [RS](East Sussex Highways), Ian Johnson [IJ] (ESCC), Cat Ford [CF] (ESCC)

		Action
1.	Apologies • Cllr Paul Burford	
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2019 • minutes agreed as a true account of the meeting	
3.	Matters Arising previous meeting – RS confirmed that ESCC Highways was only responsible for Southdowns from the Station Rd junction up to the roundabout. It remains unclear who owns and is responsible for the roundabout and the short access link to the primary school. CF will investigate.	CF
4.	Riddens Lane wrt Planning # LW/18/0472 RB declared an interest as a resident of Riddens Lane. The question was around safety and the road capacity for 2-way traffic if the proposed development was approved. IJ had received a written response from the ESCC Transport Development Control Team in answer which was read out to the meeting. This has (post meeting) been forwarded to RB When detailed (Full) planning is applied for then a traffic management plan will be created and will be a condition of the planning approval if given.	IJ 5/11
5.	B2116 east of Plumpton Lane RB asked if there would be any further road safety actions following the accident last autumn when a Plumpton College bus went over the edge of the carriageway and rolled over. IJ stated that the edge of the road had been resurfaced and an Edge of Carriageway marking had been painted. That is the extent of the work with no further action planned. RS noted that a line of cones had been left on the edge of the carriageway, but these had disappeared over the past months. RB asked if Potholes west of the Plumpton Lane junction, towards the College, could be repaired and further reported that there are Potholes on Plumpton Lane, south of the White Bridge. RS will take a look, adding for information that the area around the junction of Plumpton Lane and the B2116 is inspected as part of a monthly maintenance schedule.	RS
6.	Road Safety – South Road IJ reported that the stretch of road where the accident occurred, near the new build on South Road, had been inspected by his department but that there were	



	no plans to change any road marking or signage.	
7.	<p>School Crossing</p> <p>IJ suggested that the Parish Council could have red road markings painted on that section of Station Road to alert drivers of the school crossing. This would have to be funded by the Parish Council. The PC would first have to request a feasibility study but that we could extend the scope of the study to explore other ways road safety might be improved on this section of Station Road. RB requested that this issue be kept on the agenda as a standing item.</p>	NB
8.	<p>Vehicle Speed Indicator Signs.</p> <p>Following his advice at the last meeting in September 2019, IJ reported that ESCC Highways policy on the licensing of these signs had changed in January 2020 and made more flexible. Post meeting IJ has forwarded the document VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS (VAS) – WORKING PRACTICE to NB</p>	IJ 4/11
9.	<p>Village Gateway</p> <p>NB asked about the process for installing Village Gateways – a means by which a village boundary could be made more prominent in the hope that drivers are made more aware of the need to slow down. IJ stated that ESCC Highways would continue to own and maintain the village name sign but any infrastructure around it would be the responsibility of the PC. A license must be obtained from ESCC highways for any sign to be erected along the highway.</p>	NB
10.	<p>Update on Highways case numbers</p> <p>Letters have been posted to the residents re: case #507578 and #505562 requiring action. Due to Covid restrictions, ESCC are giving residents more time to cut back their trees and hedges but RS will follow up.</p>	RS
11.	<p>Overhanging Vegetation on Station Road/Smithys Close #'s 5 and 6</p> <p>CF reported that the owner of this piece of land has been identified and they are awaiting a response.</p>	CF
12.	<p>Date of Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 5th May 2021 @ 10:00 	
<p>These minutes are in draft form and subject to any agreed amendments, will be ratified at the Meeting on 5/5/2021</p>		