

HENSTRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

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Approved Minutes of the special meeting of Henstridge Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th October 2014

Present

Councillors Paul Brighten, Jim Fitch, Geoff Jarvis, Mike Petheram, David Rabone
Clerk Ian Treece

**There were 3 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.
The meeting started at 19:00.**

The Chair delayed the public session until later in the meeting to allow the views of the Council to be expressed before the public were invited to comment.

1. Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair the meeting elected a chair for this meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that Geoff Jarvis be appointed Chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

Apologies were received from Jean Oswick, Simon Cullum, Carolyn Nichols, David Nichols and Sue Place.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the reasons for apology as provided.

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 06.10.14.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes without amendment.

5. Traffic Issues in Henstridge

At its meeting on 6th October 2014 the Council resolved to hold a special meeting of the Council to discuss in more detail its views on a paper on traffic issues presented to that meeting and to re-consider the revised scheme for traffic calming measures in Henstridge as prepared by Somerset County Council (SCC), with a view to deciding whether to accept the scheme or to seek a different scheme and/or other traffic measures in the Parish.

Mike Petheram presented the findings from the Parish Plan Working Group relating to traffic matters.

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Geoff Jarvis summarised the findings and how they related to the two options for traffic calming measures that had been produced by SCC.

It was agreed that the Council's priorities for traffic measures in the Parish were as follows, in priority order:

- (1) Pedestrian safety: focussed on 2 main areas – the lack of a continuous footpath/pavement through the narrow part of Stalbridge Road between Vale Road and Furge Lane and the lack of any footpath along the southern part of Stalbridge Road to join up with the footpath on the other side of Landshire Lane and the county boundary.
- (2) Speed of vehicles: focussed on 2 main areas – in the proximity of the primary school (addressed currently by the temporary speed restriction) and entering Henstridge from the Stalbridge direction.
- (3) Width of carriageways and tight bends: focussed on the section of road between Vale Road and Furge Lane, where the carriageway width is insufficient to allow 2 vehicles to pass in opposite directions, the blind S-bend by Vale Road and the blind bend at Yenston by Manor Farm.
- (4) Parking: problems with parking by the village store in Henstridge, the lack of off-street parking in areas such as Woodhayes and the area of Yarlington housing at Yenston.

The Council was also of the view that:

- (1) The temporary speed restriction outside the primary school should be made permanent in some way, whether this was through a permanent speed restriction, with associated traffic calming works, or the installation of a pelican crossing to replace the existing zebra crossing, or some other arrangement.
- (2) A decision on the traffic calming proposals for the southern end of Stalbridge Road was dependant on confirmation of the position of landowners adjacent to the highway regarding the release of land for either a visibility splay or a footpath. In the absence of the visibility splay, the Council were minded to support a variation on the original traffic calming scheme but would ask SCC to investigate the inclusion of a footpath linking to the existing footpath to the south of Landshire Lane, signing to achieve priority for outward bound traffic and, possibly, speed humps.

The public were than invited to make comments on the issues discussed.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to:

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- (a) write to the owners of Roundhill Lodge to clarify their position regarding the possible release of land;
 - (b) write to the owners of the other pieces of land adjoining the highway north of Roundhill Lodge to ascertain if they would be prepared to release land for a possible footpath and, if so, on what terms;
 - (c) communicate the Council's views to Somerset County Council Highways and request an extension of the deadline for a decision on the traffic calming scheme until immediately after the next Council meeting on 3rd November;
 - (d) seek Somerset County Council Highways' views on the need to have a minimum width of 1.8m for a footpath, on what additional traffic calming measures would be necessary to create a permanent 20mph speed limit outside the primary school and on the desirability of installing temporary traffic control measures between Vale Road and Furge Lane to evaluate the impact;
 - (e) collate the results of these consultations for the Council's meeting on 3rd November.
6. **Date of Next meeting** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd November 2014**. All items for inclusion on the agenda and all items to be listed under issues arising from previous meetings must be received by the Clerk by **9.00am on Thursday 23rd October**.

The meeting closed at 20:00.

Agreed and signed by the Chair _____

Date _____