

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Highways and Footpaths Committee
held at the Parish Office on 11th April 2019 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Cllr C Collier (Chairman) Cllr Sue Briscoe Cllr John Chapman
Cllr Martin Bishop Cllr Jane Langford Cllr Neil Haughton

In attendance: Mrs C Lamb (Clerk), Mr C Moses (Amenities Officer)

H19/01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – to accept apologies
Cllr R Jones and Cllr B Ayling

**H19/02 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – to receive declarations of interest
and written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests from
councillors on items on the agenda and to grant any requests as appropriate.**

None received

**H19/03 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -The
meeting may adjourn for a period up to, but no longer than, 20 minutes**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**H19/04 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES – to confirm as a correct record the
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018 (circulated).
Minutes to be taken as read.**

Minutes from 3rd December 2018 were confirmed as correct and signed by the
Chairman.

H19/05 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – (that are not already on the agenda).

H18/34-1 The plaque had been purchased and would be installed by the Amenities Officer to the
gates of the Micro-plot area.

H19/06 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE ON ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mr Moses presented his report to the Highways and Footpaths Committee.

- a. ACTION LOG – had not been circulated but all contained in Amenities Officer Report.
- b. AMENITIES OFFICER REPORT (including Allotments) – received and noted

The Amenities Officer gave the following updates to his report:

- The noticeboard at Pikeshaw had been vandalized. It would be repaired at a cost of £90.
- The dog-bag dispenser on the footpath from Purley Village had been vandalized, ripped from its setting and thrown into the neighbouring field. It had been retrieved and would be installed again with more concrete.
- The Trade Bin had been hired for Mapledurham Drive. It would be delivered on 10th May 2019.
- The Amenities Officer was awaiting quotes from the Tree Surgeon for works needed at Pikeshaw.
- There had been fly-tipping at Pikeshaw. A resident had reported it. It would be removed.
- Amenities Officer was still waiting for a start date to upgrade the street lights in Goosecroft Lane. There had been an issue with sourcing a part.

H19/07 TO RECEIVE FURTHER REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING (if any)

- a. HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS – Cllr Briscoe was trying to arrange a date for herself and Cllr Langford to meet with Elaine Cox from WBC to discuss the access issues with the Thames Path in Blount's Meadow.
- b. PIKESHAW –
- c. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE –
- d. FLOOD MANAGEMENT – A permanent Lock Keeper was starting to work at Mapledurham Lock and would be living at the lock, also.
- e. BUS SERVICES – Concerns were raised that the number 16 bus route was still being blocked by parked cars. It was noted that to have any action taken by WBC about parking, residents would need to report incidents to WBC to build up a case with WBC Highways.
- f. STREETLIGHTING -
- g. LITTER – Residents were intending to do regular litter picking again during 2019.

H19/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE LAST NAG MEETING (if any)

No new issues to raise other than those already raised. The next meeting would be on the 29th April 2019 at 4.30pm in the Purley on Thames PC Parish Matting Room.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Policing Team have a new Facebook page 'TVP West Berkshire' that enables residents to keep in touch with the work the local team are doing day to day.

H19/09 RESOLUTIONS

H19/09-1 To agree a response from the Parish Council to West Berkshire Council on the Definitive Map Modification Order WB062

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would not support the application on the grounds that there is already an adequate footpath network and this proposal is unnecessary as the permitted footpath and the definitive footpath provide sufficient access to the river and Pangbourne. It was noted that the Parish Council would welcome changing the permitted footpath to a definitive footpath and the addition of a cycle path along this route between Purley on Thames and Pangbourne.

(5 support, 1 abstention)

H19/09-2 To consider any comments to submit to order WB061 (Pangbourne Parish).

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council had no objection or comments on this application.

H19-09-3 To consider a request from a local resident to support a campaign in the village to try to reduce the amount of dog-litter left on the footpaths and verges in the village.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposed campaign. It was agreed that involving local children should be an important part of the project. The committee supported the educational objectives of the stand but proposed a location outside Bucknell's Meadow would have a greater impact as it would catch people walking from the village and down Mapledurham Drive.

The Committee asked to be kept informed of the campaign and to see any proposed posters or further activities. It was also noted that permission for the stand would need to be given from the land owner of Mapledurham Drive.

H19/10 BUDGET 2018/19 – Noted.

H19/11 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS COMMITTEE AGENDA

To ask for an update, from WBD Cllr Rick Jones, when the resurfacing of the A329 at the top of Purley Lane will be completed.

Date of next meeting: Highways and Footpaths, TBA