



*Draft Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 28
September 2023*

In attendance: Cllrs Ann Osborn (Chair), Sophie Kemp and Bob Harvey. Co-optee: Robert O'Donovan. Clerk: Sophie Martin

1. APOLOGIES for absence
John Thompson, Mark Wilson
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST
3. MINUTES OF last meeting
Agreed as circulated.
4. OFFICIAL WELCOME to new member, Cllr Sophie Kemp.
5. BIODIVERSITY PROPOSAL (see overview attached / online) – moved up agenda.
AO and SK had a meeting with Maggie Morgan from FoLC and agreed there needs to be a strategy on how we encourage biodiversity in the area.
The LPC needs to talk to other local stakeholders who are, or could be working positively for biodiversity and talk to residents.
Proposal for a round table or various round tables of different stakeholders, such as landowners and farmers, AONB, Woodland Trust, County Council, FoLC/NT, Golf Club, Schools etc.
SK believes there could be some nice activities at a household level that people feel they can be a part of. Grassroots level is important. R'OD thinks that we would get a more positive reaction from residents, e.g. hedgehog doors etc.
SM suggests online survey of residents in terms of what's in their gardens etc, which could then be repeated in a year or two to establish any differences..

What will be the benchmarks and how can we achieve them? Initial action is to find out what is already being done and take it from there for further discussion.

Leisure Routes – cyclists, riders, walkers.

SK would like to look at the creation or adoption of existing leisure routes to promote positive use of the local countryside, which helps towards the protection of green belt from development.

Suggestion is to put together a list of existing leisure routes and review other lesser-known paths, such as Yew Tree Way, Tandridge Border Path.

SM suggests we collate a list of the routes that are already published on other sites etc, and create a dedicated Leisure Route page (with QR code) on the LPC website.

SK would also like to focus on other areas in the parish, such as Staffhurst Woods, that would benefit from easier access pathways.

RO'D raises the question of legislation coming into play in November 2023 regarding biodiversity in potential areas of development. RO'D to forward any background information to the group. SM will also forward this to Planning Committee.

6. LNP PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

6.1. Footpath update and further suggestions for this financial year.

There have already been a number of activities this year, including 3 gates for to assist an easier walk across the south of the parish (Guildables/Tenchleys).

LPC (AO) has also worked with Tandridge Access Group for the funding (by Cameron McIntosh) and installation of easy access gates across the Glebe Fields from Detillens to Granville. LPC funded additional aggregate to make the path to the gates easier to use.

6.2. Ironstone and pavement steam cleaning

Having undertaken a small patch test, conservation specialist, Brian Williamson & Daughters has been asked to quote on cleaning the ironstone cobbles from Stanhopes to The Bull. AO to ask Brian for an estimate of the lifetime of each clean.

JW has talked to Christopher Reynolds about replacing ironstone kerbstones.

6.3. CCTV in Limpsfield high street

No updates. CCTV in Limpsfield would most likely piggyback from Oxted's, CCTV system installation, so for further discussion once that is up and running.

6.4. Vehicle gate to protect Glebe Meadow

There has been crime/ASB down by Glebe Meadow – low level theft from Limpsfield Fitness and drug use in the meadow/in the carpark.

AO proposes reinstating a security gate at the bottom of the carpark where the original boom gate used to be. This is supported by the local PCSO who also recommends CCTV and security lights.

Quote for gate – 6m wide steel – to be made and installed has been received for £1,585 +VAT. We would expect the church to make a contribution – to be discussed at LPC October meeting.

6.5. Any other suggestions? none

7. PROPOSALS FOR NEXT YEAR

7.1. To include EV charging point(s) – to keep in contact with TDC in terms of strategy for the area.

8. ON DEMAND BUS SERVICE (Surrey Connect). This has now launched. AO has asked if it would therefore be possible to look at reducing the scheduled bus service? Cameron McIntosh has said that SCC would not entertain the idea of reducing the scheduled buses and that the new service is in addition to scheduled buses and replaces Dial-a-Ride. Members agree we would need to see how the service fares over the next year or so and if the parking review measures, once implemented next year, make a difference to the congestion in the high street.

9. AOB – none.

Meeting ends 6pm.